

Sun. 23.5.26.

Baba came down as usual. Besides the Sunday Puran and bhajans, debating lectures were made by some of the elder boys under Baba's instructions. At 4.30. in the evening Baba and a party of 14 members left for Rohri village to participate in Nagarkar's relation's marriage ceremony. At the village of Dhere, enroute, Baba asked the car to be stopped and told Arjoon to go and beg for food at the village doors. The latter did

so but he could not succeed in receiving any alms. However a poor Indian Christian offered to provide ~~that~~ the food, and actually brought some Lhal and rice at the motor lorry. Baba partook a few handfuls and returned the remaining food to the same man who had brought it. Then the party approached a local marwadi's shop who offered Baba some pickle. Sri accepted the same and distributed it to the mandali with breads that were with them. After the ~~so~~ novel supper the journey was proceeded with. They reached Raburi just at the nick of the time when the actual marriage ceremony was about to be performed. Baba and the party came back to Pheraburli by 9.30. when He went over to the hill and the rest retired for the night.

Mon. 24. 5. 26. One of the visitors to Baba today was a bearded musselman who ~~was~~ has been falsely posing as a spiritual personality of late at Ahmednagar. According to the rule that a man with a defective eye sight cannot see but crooked, the hypocrite naturally did not feel Baba's sublime Personality and on the contrary was fool hardy enough to suggest to Baba a 'cure' for the inmates of leper asylum in return for Baba's help in getting a motor car cheaply repaired at Khan Sabib's garage !! The fellow was rightly taken to task for the effrontery as well as hypocrisy. The incident was

to the notice of all the mandali through a special meeting when Shri also dwelt at length on such humbugs ~~which cause~~ and their ways of defrauding honest but careless people. Baba also paid a personal visit to the Garage at Almud-nagar upon learning that Cawaji had been greatly taken in with the hypocrites' crooked influences there when he - Cawaji was given a sound 'lecture'. Baba went to the hill as late as 10.30. tonight.

Tue. 25. 5. 26.

The only notable event today was a special meeting that Baba called together after supper, to consider the alarming report of the medical officer which said that an infectious eye disease was strongly prevalent specially amongst the boys. The discussions resulted into a unanimous proposition that a separate little hospital should be brought into for the diseases of the eyes and which also sanctioned by Baba.

Sat. 29. 5. 26: Shree Maharaj's  
56th. Birth-day

The schools were closed for three days from today in connection with the above birth-day celebrations which were observed amidst <sup>scenes of</sup> great enthusiasm and animation. The special feature of the day was a common general feast

that was offered to all those who came without any distinctions being observed. This public dinner programme necessitated a great bustle from the early hours after midnight at Muherabad. The busy time passed judged from the fact that the Dhal rice and a vegetable dish ~~was~~ were all completely made ready by 5'0' clock in the morning! as soon as the mandali were awakened up at 4'0' clock in the morning that the cooking work was began in right earnest. It was continued till late in the afternoon just as people began to pour in. The system of preparing the Dhal and rice in smaller quantities was adopted to avoid wastage since the number of persons expected was quite uncertain. Although the expected numbers did not turn up, still about three to four thousand people were fed to their satisfaction from 10 in the morning to 4 in the afternoon. All the institutions and premises bore the signs of jubilation with profuse bunting and floral decorations. The Sai-Darbar was specially decorated with great pains by Arjuna, <sup>and</sup> others. Baba was ~~bathed~~ at 7.30. given a ceremonial bath at 7.30. followed by the usual Ati Puja ceremonies.

At 9'0' clock Baba distributed the freshly prepared tasty Dhal-Rice to every one of the mandali with his own hands. Sailor's birthday also being the same day, the mandali had an additional treat of a very liberal supply of Jalebis and milk tea in the after-

noon which Sri distributed then, in that connection.

From 4 in the evening Puran was commenced by Gur Angal in the Sri Darbar before a crowded audience of eager listeners. Exactly at 7 o'clock the 'Birth' ceremonies were gone through with great devotion and enthusiasm. But the 'Palkhi' procession that was started at 8.30. witnessed the wildest enthusiasm and hustle bustle. It was taken round to the Hill and back, followed by a very large crowd of cheering and joyously exclaiming devotional souls! Between 9.30 and 10.30. when some beautiful fireworks were displayed on the play-ground after which Baba retired over the Hill and the mandali took to their beddings.

Sun. 30. 5. 26.

On account of the holidays the boys were not awakened earlier in the morning for their usual studies but at 6.30 today. Besides the usual Sunday Puran by Gur Angal which was delivered for two hours in the morning a sports programme was gone through in the evening. Special decorated 'mandaps' were stretched temporarily near the play ground to accommodate Baba, the ladies and visitors. Obstacle race, Sack race, three legged race and running races were the special features of the happy occasion which terminated very successfully late this evening.