

19th August '26 Again cricket was played today in the afternoon for some hours. At the interval the usual Thursday tea party was held at Kaka's place.

In the evening Mr. Dugal read the Puran to the mandali for an hour. Today Baba gave out many interesting explanations for as many as four times in the day. There was a discussion too about the Test matches going on in England between the Australians and Englishmen when Baba greatly eulogized the English players and specially Hobbs and Sutcliffe.

20th August '26

Dr Karwal gave in a tea-party to the mandali in the afternoon, when many delicacies were specially prepared in ghee for the occasion by the good old Doctor and his family members. The party was greatly enjoyed by all. The Doctor was thanked on behalf of all by two of the mandali members in lecture who delivered short lectures befitting the occasion in English & Urdu. A singing party was held in the night specially for the two visitors after which all retired for the night at 10 P.M.

21st August '26 The Ladies' Cricket Match!

After tea this afternoon at 3 o'clock Baba arranged a cricket match to be played by the ladies amongst themselves. The match was played in the compound of the Ladies' quarters for an hour when the male mandali

were not allowed to be present there. Baba worked up as an umpire while Kake the only other male-member played the part of a scorer. The party lead by Mrs Rustonji won the game, the captain herself putting in the highest score of 26 runs to her side.

The two visitors left today. A hearty send off was exchanged between them and the mandali when the train passed along Ichera bad.

22nd August'26

### A Novel Punishment!

Early this morning at 8 o'clock Baba called together the mandali and enquired into the circumstances under which one of the school boys absconded from Ichera bad since last evening. The Director, monitors and all the teachers were held responsible for the boy's disappearance which Baba conveyed was due to their negligence. As a punishment Baba made them all take quinine powders with the instructions neither to gulp it in nor to spit it out until further orders !! However when the unfortunate (or fortunate?) members showed signs of no longer being able to keep on the bitter powder on their respective tongues Baba cancelled the order and allowed them to take sugar & sweets to remove the bitterness.

In the afternoon for the first time the boys played out a regular cricket match.

At the pleasure of getting a son today

Pandoba brought in a big bag of leshy "Choda" which was distributed by Baba amongst all.

23rd August '26

The coconut day was observed today. The boys were given a holiday, and they were as usual bathed by Baba and the mandali. At 2'0" clock in the afternoon Gulab-Jamuns, Jilebi and tea was distributed throughout Hyderabad. In the evening at 5 P.M. Baba was taken to the Hill in a procession where a special Asti was recited by the ladies. After that coconuts and flowers were thrown into the pond. Following these ceremonies Baba retired into the Tank-premises along with the mandali members and passed sometime in "conversing" with them through signs and writings. All of them came down ~~at 6.30~~ Baba and all came down from the Hill by 6.30. The "Janooee" ceremonies of the Brahmin boys including Kaka's sons Baban and Bansi were duly performed at the hands of Baba today.

At 8'0" clock there was a meeting of the Circle Committee to discuss domestic problems.

24th August '26

The first thing this morning after the mandali had finished with paying their formal respects to Baba they were all presented with "Jalebis" and "chuda". In the night at 9'0" clock an open air meeting was held in the moon-light.

when Baba allotted the extra duty of carrying water to the Dukhan and other places to some of stout and stronger members in the party.

25th August '26.

In the early hours this morning before even the mandali had finished up taking tea that Baba suddenly ordered all to take up the work of extension to the school premises. Besides all the available mandali members some paid carpenters were also engaged in, to do the necessary alteration in the roof suitable to the extension. Baba not only supervised the work but also took part now & then in some work and kept on goading the mandali to speedy ~~operation~~: Thus great changes came about today in the school premises and the work which in the ordinary course would have taken so many days was finished up to the ~~for~~ satisfaction of all parties within one day! Inspite of the heavy work Baba also played a game of cricket at 3 P.M. while no sooner than he returned from the field that some very eager visitors came to see Him.

Without showing ~~any~~ the least signs of any fatigue Baba "talked" through signs & writing for an hour with these visitors.