

Thurs. 14. 10. '26.

When Baba came down in the morning and took his seat in the school he was much disturbed with the advent of visitors and hence ordered that save the school staff and ^{his} personal attendants none to enter the school premises henceforth. At about ~~the~~ eleven o'clock Baba abruptly rushed out of the school as if in great excitement, and going towards the Ladies' Quarter suddenly sat down for sometime near the drinking water pots kept for the Mandali.

Baba again went over the Hill in the noon and returned from there at 4 P.M. when Bhavsaheb's usual Thursday Bhajan was going on since three o'clock and the Mandali were waiting for him to go to Kaka's place for tea. However the latter were asked to play a cricket match and the tea was served to all on the play ground. (Only

the other day some one of the mandali had been heard to remark 'how pleasant it would be if tea were served to all on the grounds during the cricket-play!') But the play was far from a good time. The umpire's decision was challenged during the game and quite a dispute arose amongst the players. So much so that Jal retired from the field in protest. Hot discussions between the contesting parties continued even long after the game was over. However Baba intervened in the dispute & reconciled all the parties advising all to treat ^{such} trivial matters lightly and appointed Rucktmaji & Jal as captains of the two groups for ^{the} future.

Baba went over the Hill at 8.30 P.M. for the night.

Fri. 15. 10. '26.

As usual Baba came down for the day and ~~mixed~~ amongst the mandali. In the afternoon Shri discoursed on 'Love' for sometime & held the mandali spell-bound during that period with deep interest. A special notice was circulated amongst all, telling them ~~not~~ only to approach Baba for Darshans twice in the day and no more. Once when He came down for the first time in the day and the second time when He finally retired over the Hill for the night. Besides all were informed not to talk with Him directly but through those who were allowed to do so by way of an exception and that this rule was to be enforced strictly on the visitors too.

Dusserah Holiday.

Sat. 16. 10. 26.

This auspicious day commenced rather unfavourably. The first thing in the morning, there was a meeting called by Baba when He dwelt at length on the mismanagement in the school affairs, such as some boys having had free fight amongst them recently without there being any body from the school authorities present there to check them then.

Rustuji was warned to see that all affairs were conducted as peacefully and thoroughly as during His - Baba's - own supervision otherwise He 'said' if He next heard of such misbehaviour He would wait for meetings and conferences but would ~~at~~ put a stop to the whole affair all at once. "If you are all tired of it say so and I will close up all the institutions" He added, and then questioned directly Arjun, Vishnu, and Gustinji. The latter showed some signs of indifference at which Baba again asked them as to why they prominently raised their hands to continue the affairs in the last meeting? They replied, ^{that} they still favoured the idea of going on with the affairs as they were, but as long as they were ordinary human beings there could be no guarantee of there being no trivial mistakes on their part, although they were sorry for it. Thereupon Baba pardoned them all but nevertheless gave a serious warning to be very careful hereafter and allowed the things to go on as usual.

The game of Hockey was introduced from today amongst the "A division" boys when Baba

played Himself with the boys. At one o'clock in the afternoon Baba was given a bath by the mandali near the Dhoni & then conducted in the Sai-Darbar where the Arti Puja ~~at~~ was gone through with, with great devotion in connection with the Dussehra festivities.

After this Baba went in the garden about His Zhopdi and plucking out some flowers came back in the "Darbar". He made out two garlands with His own hand from the flowers that He had brought and placed one each on Swi Maharaj's and Babujan's photos respectively and put the two photos on the decorated coach that was specially set up there for Himself by the mandali.

The mandali were instructed to carry round the coach in a procession in the evening.

Following these ceremonies at the suggestion of Baba a cricket match was played by the mandali when Baba personally took part in the game and played ~~on both~~ on both sides of the contesting teams. The game proved very successful and both the parties made a good show in batting.

At 5.30. all were served with tea and sweets and after half an hour's rest the procession was started. Amidst scenes of great enthusiasm and rejoicings and with the accompaniment of various music and Bhajan parties the sacred "coach" was taken up over the Hill where again some religious ceremonies Arts and Pujas were made. The procession came back as late as 7.30. in the evening. During the return from the Hill Baba was "chaired" all the way back by the mandali. Baba and twenty members selected from the ^{mandali} ~~party~~ took supper at Kaka's place followed by a tea party and gramophone playing.

One of the records played, prompted Baba to give in a interesting explanation on the "Spiritual Path" which was said to be very difficult, & the one who stumbled in it was sure to find himself isolated and faced with self-help alone. Because in the path others cannot ~~the~~ help the faulty as it would put the former, themselves, in difficulties thereby. The details of Baba's discourse on the three aspects of existence viz Body Life & the Mind are narrated in Chanji's lecture notes. After the tea party at Kaka's place Baba posed some time ~~with~~ with the Ladies and then went back over the Hill at 9.30 P.M.

In a meeting of the Circle Committee that was held today Naval was appointed as Asst Superintendent of the colony.

On the whole a very happy day was enjoyed by all today.