

Fri. 12. 11. '26.

The only notable event of the day was a meeting held to consider the present diet. The school authorities reported that jawari bread & tea<sup>w supper</sup> were found to disagree with many of the boys and caused them indigestion. After some discussion it was decided to substitute "Sar" for tea in the evening. It is a preparation of Kosham sugar & some other ingredients and said to be a cheap, tasty, and digestive soup to be taken with bread.

Mama was entrusted <sup>with the preparation of</sup> his new dish this evening, but it ~~not~~ did not come up to expectations at his hands, and hence from tomorrow Baba has appointed Moaji to prepare <sup>it for</sup> him. Cricket and Al-a-Pala<sup>gando</sup> were played in the evening before and after supper respectively.

Baba had a private 'talk' with some of the members in the night when He conveyed that the real reason for bringing about all the changes at Secunderabad was due to His intention of leaving the place shortly. Chanji was allowed to leave for Bombay tomorrow on account of the telegraphic call that <sup>he</sup> received from his family.

Sat. 13. 11. '26.

Chanji left for Bombay while Ruswanji who had been to Poona returned to Secunderabad this morning. The choice sweets brought by the latter provided a fine treat to all. There were plenty of

meetings today. The first of it was held in connection with water-supply complaints of some members and Padri was instructed to see to it as best as he can under the circumstances. The subsequent three meetings were held in the afternoon mainly on account of Nasaji and few other members complaining that the food prepared these days was very ill-cooked and so on. At first many important changes were made in the cooking staff, but at the end the existing arrangements were allowed to remain unchanged ~~but~~ <sup>save</sup> for an additional assistant that was given to Baba for the kitchen work, and all the discussions and meetings held above it were like digging up a mountain for a mole-hole!

The new supper dish, the 'Kotam-Sai' was prepared today under Nasaji's supervision and found greatly improved. Before retiring for the night a few games of Sta-Polas were played when milkless tea was also served to all as a light refreshment. According to the notice issued early in the day, Baba went over the Hill for the night at nine fifteen o'clock, where he was to stay for four or five days and then leave for Bombay on the 28th inst.

Sun. 14. 11. '36.

Baba remained over the Hill throughout the day. The usual routine work was gone through by all. Some sweets brought by Rayaji provided a lively change to the mandali.

A cricket match was played by the boys in the afternoon.

Mon. 15.11.26 Although He was supposed to remain over the Hill for a few days, Babu unexpectedly came down at eleven o'clock in the morning. But it was a sorry sight that greeted Him! ~~so~~ ~~hastily~~ Bodanji and Behramji were found to be in the war-paints. The two worthies were trying to square up their differences through a hot exchange of uncomplimentary remarks between themselves. Before at Baba's advent the matter was soon brought to a peaceful conclusion but all the same Shri felt much for such a dispute as this.

Further as a mark of His great displeasure Baba ordered that henceforth Sakhya Macher will ~~not~~ serve food to all the mandali irrespective of any caste consideration and all must take their food in the Granthi and nowhere else, otherwise to go away and leave Him off!

At one o'clock in the afternoon again a meeting was called to discuss this new order, and Kisan who was the only member who did not agree to the new arrangement in the morning, was brought round and agreed to follow Baba's word inspite of it going against his sentiments. Then the topic turned on Ajio having got a son on the 13th inst., and Baba asked him to provide the mandali with a treat in mark of the pleasant event. Ajio replied that since he had left all his affairs in Baba's hands it was Shri who ought to move in the matter as He thought best. Thereupon Baba agreed to give a tea party to all shortly, and after this the discussion naturally turned upon marriages. During some stray remarks on this subject Baba conveyed that marriages were a great essentiality to life and ~~so~~ that was the reason that many of the Sadgurus like Goutam,

Mohomed, Tukaram and Uraoni Maharaj were married. Only those Masters who were God-realised before marriage, remained single ever after, like Christ, Shankaracharya and Himself. Then Baba suddenly asked ~~of them~~ all the members as to who wanted to marry amongst them? But none came forward. Before the meeting dispersed Baba finally added that Kaval & Kisan will get sons.

Baba again retired over the hill for the night at 8.30 P.M. and after half an ~~one~~ hour the mandali also took to beds.

Due. 16. 11. '26

### The 'Samundar'

Baba came down and joined the mandali at 11/30 this morning. It being Kartaki Chaudashi today Baba enquired of the Hindu mandali as to who were observing a fast amongst them. With the exception of Kaka none were found to be fasting. Shri remarked that He would fast for all, ~~as~~ He had not touched food or even water since yesterday noon.

In the evening Kaka's family performed a special Arti & Puja in commemoration of the holiday. Baba had a passing fancy to nickname almost all the mandali members today, with such peculiar but very humorous names as Sikandar, Dalindar, Bori-Bunder, Grinder-Plunder, Wonder, Bunder, Cylinder and so on. He did not stop at this but selected one for Himself! And Samundar (Ocean) was indeed a befitting name for Shri. Orders even were passed at first to use these names from

lounges, but in a subsequent meeting the same  
was cancelled. Today Baba 'talked' of leaving  
Hyderabad on the 25th for Bombay & Lonavla and  
also of returning back at Hyderabad on 4th December.

Baba again went over the hill for the night.