

Fri. 26. 6. 25.

Baba spotted a couple of boys in the untouchable section of the school not having properly washed their mouths this morning. As a punishment they were asked to go home for the day and to be very careful about cleanliness henceforth. Some boards have been prepared announcing to the public that Baba will be observing a vow of silence for one year from the 10th of July and during which period he will not talk with anyone under any circumstances. It has also been notified that Baba will not speak with outside visitors from the 1st of July as from the 1st to 9th He will exclusively attend to the mandali and the colony people in giving final instructions before becoming silent for such a long period.

Some discussion, as to the possibility of ~~going~~ ^{Baba} letting out some sound, ~~by Baba~~ while rebuking some one from the mandali, who may commit a grave blunder during the silent-period, took place. Someone even suggested that to avoid this Baba should keep a kerchief round his mouth! Baba assured all that nothing of the kind will be necessary if once he decided upon keeping mum.

Sat 27. 6. 25.

Examinations were held today under Baba's own supervision of both the sections of the school in the morning and evening respectively. The results were found to be very satisfactory.

About 75 boys and their teachers of the Rashtriya school at Ahmednagar came for Baba's Darshan today, when they also recited some fine Bhajans.

Sun 28. 6. 25.

Mr Abdurrahman of Sonakh entertained Baba and mandali with his choice Ghazals soon after his arrival here this morning. Baba has asked Rustomji to arrange to get some indian hand corn grinders so that he and some of the mandali may pass about half an hour daily in 'grinding-labour.'

Excellent arrangements have been made by Arjoon and Rustomji for the prize distributions to the successful school boys and mandali in the recent sports and examinations held the other day.

The school room ~~was~~ is gaily decorated with flowers and bunting, a tempting display of the prizes and a well arranged seat for Baba. The function commenced with a short but suitable little lecture by Vishnuo Master and singing by Abdurrahman. The prizes were begun to be distributed by the Sports Director Rustomji under Baba's instructions. He made the beginning by garlanding Baba as the winner of the Donkey race. While Baba presented the prize to the Director himself with his own hands. The gay occasion terminated with tea and sweets distributed to all those present.

Mon. 29. 6. 25.

Once again Behramji had to play the part of the Knight of The Scissors when under Shree's instruction he shaved scores of untouchable boys today. In the course of the evening Bhajans, somebody came and informed that people were beaten and robbed between the colony and the city by some robbers. Immediately Baba asked the mandali to accompany him with sticks etc to the spot. At a distance of about a couple of miles the party came across the place, as was evident by marks of violence and the spread of scattered and crushed vegetables. The party promptly set upon searching for any traces of the victims and the robbers, but both had by that time vanished into thin air. After a vain search in the neighbourhood the party returned back to Inherabad. The police patrol of Arugadu who was with the party picked up a diary that was found lying amongst the scattered vegetables. Anna was reported ~~to~~ not having returned as usual with the daily bazar although it was nearly 10. P.M. which caused anxiety all round in the mandali. Baba sent for that diary from the Patel and upon close examination it was found to be Anna's property! This conclusively proved as Anna to be one of the victims too. Hence Baba started once again with a few of the mandali on foot for Nagar to enquire about Anna. The party came ~~to~~ walking to the station and from here took to tongas and came to Anna's house. As per suspicion Anna was found badly battered on the head and face but which was found bandaged

after due medical attendance. After reassuring Anna and his family people and after enquiring about the other victims who were reported to be well looked after in the local hospital Baba and party came back to Meherabad at about 3 A.M.

Tue. 30. 6. '25.

Consequent to the public notices of Baba's observing silence with outsiders from the 1st there was a record crowd today for Shree's Darshan. Baba often talked about Anna and showed great concern for his progress throughout the day. In spite of going to sleep very late last night, Baba was up and moving about cheerfully as usual from early in the morning and also took his usual morning bath.

Wed. 1st July '25.

On enquiries Baba found out that some of the untouchable boys had their parents and houses in a very difficult position. Baba arranged and promised to the parties concerned a monthly supply of a certain quantity of corns and food. Behramji & Rustumji have left for Poona by the evening train under Shree's instructions while Baboo has come from there since this morning.

In the afternoon tea and Bhajyas were distributed amongst the boys and the mandali. The tea party was greatly appreciated by all.

Thur. 2. 7. 25.

Akshadashi was duly observed today.

The boys were given a bath and then served with "Faral" light food specially prepared for the purpose by Bepoo Brahmin. Both the sections of the school were closed and a "public" holiday observed.

"Faral" was again provided to the party observing fasts in the evening. An interesting Kirtan was also held when the Kirtankari Bua ~~to~~ discoursed upon Garsinh Tukli's life.

Fri. 3. 7. 25

Owing to the fasting observed by all throughout the day, yesterday, food was prepared and served to all as early as 8 o'clock ~~in~~ this morning.

The Mahars invited Baba and party for tea in the town. All were escorted to the place of invitation in a procession headed by the village music. Marwati Patel arranged ~~to~~ tea for the Maratha mandali while Baba and the rest took the same which was prepared and served by the Mahars.

Sat. 4. 7. 25

Grinding!

The 'grinders' have been fixed along in a separate room and the following have been ordered to grind daily a certain quantity for a certain time as per individual capacity: (from today)

1 Pushtuji 2 Behramji 3 Grach 4 Kelhus 5 Goshon
6 Arjun 7 Vishnuo 8 Marwati Patel 9 Bepoo Ghale +
10 Bepoo Brahmin. Baba has fixed up a certain hour for himself ~~to~~ grind with his own hands along with the mandali. Anna has pulled through the

injuries he got the other day at the hands of some robbers and is to stay every night here from today. Paid labour has been engaged from today for shaving the boys and washing their clothes to ensure more cleanliness amongst the boys.

Baba got the boys about him in the evening and passed about a couple of hours in making them confess before him their past acts of sinful conduct and getting promises from them for observing utmost ~~cleanliness~~ cleanliness and purity of character in future after explaining them with apt examples & interesting quotations the need of character and pure living