

Sun. 17. 10. 26.

The day began with a crusade against bugs and general cleaning in the Mahan with all its resubstant hum-drum and animation amongst the mandali. There was plenty of sport today. Baba again played hockey with the boys and then Atha Patk in the morning. In the afternoon a keen cricket contest was hold in which Shri took a leading share and which was said to be held specially for the two visitors R & D of the old mandali who have come to see Baba today. At night a mad dog was seen about the colony when Baba ordered him to

to be given poison and killed, of course after warning the parties concerned to see take precautions so that other persons and animals were not harmed through it.

After some gramophone playing Shri retired over the Hill at nine o'clock.

Mon. 18.10.26

Sweets and jalebis were distributed or rather a general loot was organised of the same amongst the mandali. The consequent rush and struggle after capturing as much as possible of the sweets gave rise to many funny incidents including Champi's clean somersault in mid-air.

Between 3 and 4.30. in the afternoon cricket was played by the mandali. At five o'clock Baba and a party of fourteen members (previously selected) went to Bhingar where Shri was specially invited.

The ceremonies conducted there by Gath Madhav amidst scenes of great rejoicing and enthusiasm proved a huge success. The rush of those who wanted to pay their respects to Baba was so great that Shri and the party had to leave the place very soon to avoid some people being crushed in the great stampede and on-rush. The funniest incident of the affair was of a man who was drunk and yet got into his head to give a military salute to Baba. In the intoxicated state he kept on standing facing Baba at a distance with his hand raised sweetly to his forehead in a salute for more than 20 minutes.

It was only when Shri chanced to look in his direction and ~~signed him~~ returned his salute that the man took down his hand. Remarking upon

the incident, afterwards, Baba 'said' that for all their faults and ~~low habits~~ intemperate habits He liked these so-called low caste people such as the Mahars and Drangis as they have no doubt regard and humility to a degree in contrast to the so-called cultured yet proud and haughty people. "It is humility and regard that appeals to me most" added Shree with the usual slate writing.

After the return from Bhingar, Satha's brother was found to be waiting for Baba with a basket of sweets. The same was distributed amongst all immediately.

An Atā-Patā match was played with keen interest by all including Baba in the night from eight to ten o'clock when tea was also served to all. Some of the members who had voted for the game were still found to be chit-chatting amongst themselves after quietly slipping out of the play ground namely Behramji, Adji, Ramji, and Doob. At the end of the game these were taken to task and as a punishment were asked to observe silence from 10.30 to 6.0 o'clock the following morning. After a few minutes however the same order was applied to the whole of the mandali that is not to utter a single ejaculation during the hours mentioned above. A queer but light punishment indeed, considering the main period of silence was to be passed in sleep! Baba as usual went over the Hill for the night but rather late today that is at eleven o'clock.

A Boon, And A Treat!

Dec. 19, 10, '26

The morning passed away in usual routine save that Baba discussed and explained some of Hafiz's verses to Doct^r Adi & Ramji for a couple of hours. However a new life was infused amongst the mandali when the bell ~~was~~ rang ~~vigorous~~ vigorously at three o'clock in the afternoon. In less time than it takes to write, this, one after the other, all mandali members flocked in ⁱⁿ the Ansham. All those assembled were informed to ask for any boon from Baba, for ~~that~~ ^{this} day only, with a promise that the request supported by a majority will be fulfilled by Shri. All were then supplied with pieces of papers to put in their 'wants' in writing. Minutes of great excitement and guessing followed. When all had finished putting in their desires in folded chhito in a heap before Baba, one by one they were unfolded and read out. Some of them are reproduced here.

Truhon's: Baba should speak today.

Sailor's: Baba should eat today.

Bekramji's: Forgiveness for all sins.

Chanji's: A lecture.

Ramji's: A cup of tea, a packet of Buns & a cigarette.

Rustomji's: Tea & tasty sweets.

Doctor's: A cup of Milk tea & meals immediately.

Besides there were some requesting money, service but the majority expressed ^{the desire for} a treat whether sweets, meals or tea parties and hence Shri wrote:

Today being the last-day of my taking meals (as I have to commence my 100 days fast from tomorrow the 20th inst.) and as it is the general desire of the majority to enjoy a treat and that I should eat too, I grant the same. I shall partake of the

of the food providing all cooks different dishes with their own hands by 8'o'clock in the evening.

This decision was received with a deafening cheering. Besides a treat, it held forth the excitement of a novel recreation. Immediately different groups were formed, the chief being those under the leadership of the expert cooks in the mandali such as Syedsahab, Masaji and Bomanji to prepare different dishes, and they were supplied with all the necessary utensils and ingredients.

The following three hours were passed with great enthusiasm and joy in cooking the foods with all its consequent hum-drum and excitement. The result was indeed very commendable as will be seen from the following:

Syedsahab & Party -

Rice, curry and Bhajyas.

Bomanji & Party -

Pulao and Bhagwan stew.

Masaji & Party -

Different vegetable dishes.

Mohon & Party -

Bread

Kaka's party -

Bhajyas

Ranjoo & Doctor made a mess of themselves in trying to fry chillies which were eventually all thrown away. All were served with the different tasty dishes, personally by Baba, seated in the Sai-Durbar. The dinner thus proved a huge success and full justice was given to the food amidst singing and 23-03 repetitions

by the mandali. Baba also partook of the food as per the promise. Then from nine thirty to ten thirty Ata-Patas were played in the full moonlight after which all were served with rich coffee specially prepared for the occasion by Pessu.

Baba went over the Hill late at eleven thirty o'clock. The only other important event of the day was a notice from Baba asking all to stop paying respects to Him until further orders.