

Fri. 5. 11. '26.

The Devāli holiday programme of sports for the ^{remaining} school boys was duly carried out today, and sweets were also distributed to them. Munchisohet came to see Baba this morning from Bombay. The sweets brought by him were distributed to all with milk tea in the afternoon. When Saroh was reported having ^{broken} one of the orders, Baba caused his flute to be reduced to pieces as ~~an~~ a punishment. Baba took with him some members for supper at Kohā's place.

At night - the boys were given liberal supplies of fire works which they enjoyed fully out - in the compound. Ali twice missed, a serious accident ^{to him} today; once while demolishing the gear of Sai-Darbār and the second time during the fire-works lightening, when a ~~big~~ rocket just whizzed past his nose. All went to bed at 9.30.

Sat. 6. 11. 26.

The third day of the Divali holidays was passed off pleasantly with sweets, sports and amusements for the boys as already arranged.

The mandali had to ^{finish} ~~work~~ at the remaining work of demolishing the Sai-Durbar premises in the morning. There was rather an unpleasant discussion with Baba ^{in the evening} when some of the mandali raised objections to the Kaked Arti in the early morning. Baba at first heard all they had to say in the matter & then conveyed his great displeasure at those who were trying to argue against his own express order. And as a mark of displeasure issued orders that henceforth none were to pay him respects. As to the Arti, the same was cancelled but the order to get up at 4:00 clock every morning from tomorrow was left as standing & instead of the Arti all were ordered to observe complete silence for two hours between 4 & 6 in the morning. All were asked to observe these orders very strictly and those found sleeping or dozing after 4:30 p.m. were threatened with the punishment of a cold douche.

At this all offered regrets to Baba for interfering in his orders and asked for permission for the Arti but Baba remained firm in his decision and did not make any changes 'saying' He did not want things done from people who were unwilling to do it. After these discussions Baba took some members with him at Kaka's place for supper.

At nine thirty o'clock all were allowed to go to sleep.

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Sun. 7. 11. '26.

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All were made to get up at four o'clock in the morning according to the new order, which was duly put into force at the hands of Syed Sahib who had to ring the bell. The following two hours were quite a novel experience for all. Save for a few who went out for necessities, the morning chill compelled the majority to sit up in their respective beddings well wrapped up with blankets.

For some time before the Petromax lamp was brought in to stop the members taking a nap in the cover of the darkness, the atmosphere reminded many of a deserted grave yard, on account of grim silence observed by all. The long two hours were somehow passed by all in trying to express ~~their~~ and exchange their thoughts through signs.

At six o'clock the 'Silence' was ended with a ringing cheer of 'Inher Baba-Ki-Jai' and then the usual routine was followed.

The chief work of the Mandali today lay in sorting out the different materials of the various demolished premises and particularly of The Sai-Durbar, such as corrugated sheets, timber etc and making them into different heaps. Preparations for a public auction of these and other surplus stores ~~have been~~ ^{were} made and the day of the auction was announced today to the public through printed hand-bills. It was also the last day of the Diwali holidays and a programme of sports was gone through by the boys very enthusiastically. Padri had for

some reasons gone out of temper in the morning and wanted to go away. He actually went and sat under a tree on the road. Some slates then passed between him & Baba and of course very soon he was brought round and became his old self again. Baba remained without any food or drink throughout the day and did not look to be in a proper mood.

Mon. 8. 11. '26. The Auction.

Bapu came to see Baba this morning from Poona with five sweets for the Devali. The same were distributed amongst all and made a good breakfast. He related to Baba how Travele suffered a loss in the cycle business which he did contrary to Shri's instructions.

It was today a momentous day in the ~~other~~ history of Tacherabad. The colony buzzed once again with noise and visitors. But contrary to a divine atmosphere the hum drum was entirely of a different nature. Business ~~was~~ in its true sense, with all its petty baggling, intrigues and bargaining was in full swing.

It was the Auction day. All the building materials and surplus stores was disposed away, and thanks to Khan Sahib Raikhasrao's untiring efforts handsome value was realised for it under the circumstances.

Baba kept himself most of the time in the school premises (formerly hospital) and remained only on water till the end of the day. About 4 P.M. Baba came in the Trabant and conveyed a short lecture on Love. He also had a conversation

through writing and signs with Dhabe whom he advised to stick to him till he spoke.

A meeting was held at night when the scarcity of water in the colony was discussed.

It was decided to stop giving water to Gustidji for his gardenings and the mandali was asked to take only two buckets each for bathing purposes every week, while all washing was ordered to be done with the new well waters.