

Wed. 23.12.25.

It was arranged to hold a Puran in the afternoon, but later on in the ^{morning} ~~day~~ the Puranic-Bud sent word that such arrangements must be made that the untouchable people must not hear him recite the same! At this message Baba cancelled the function and informed him back, that he was welcome to his views of religion at his own place, here ~~there~~ all people were treated alike and such distinctions could not be tolerated. ~~had~~ Although the Puran was not held the Bua had come in the evening and took Baba's Darshan. The day ended amidst the usual happenings.

Thurs. 24.12.25.

Birth Day Of Christ!

Since ~~they~~ the very dawn the visitors began to pour in today. After his usual early morning bath Baba began to interview them, but at the same time the Hospital Dharmashala and the school did not miss His daily rounds. In the former, all the patients were individually enquired of their progress, requirements and comforts similarly all the Dharmashala inmates were put the same searching and comforting questions one after the other by Baba with his usual signs and slate writing.

~~The same activities~~ The school staff and boys both were enquired of about personal and school matters very kindly and patiently in suitable

ways. At eleven o'clock the party were taken by Baba to
Gur Sikhans place for tea where besides the physical
stimulant they were treated to a wholesome spiritual
food for reflection through lengthy discourses on interesting
points. For a few hours in the afternoon Sarsaram the
blind entertained all to ~~some~~ sweet Shajan recitations
to the accompaniment of ~~playing~~ excellently rhyming harmonium
and tabla playings. In order to keep awake till 12 to
observe Christ's birthday the party was asked by Baba to
pass the time in giving short lectures by turns after supper,
- when special arrangement was made for the occasion.

The last turn in this connection was given to Ajoba. He
was under Baba's instructions donned with a big plain
white Kapri ~~from~~ which reached his feet and had a big
wooden cross about 8' in his hands. With this imposing
dress and symbol he was asked by Baba to explain to
the Mandali all about Christ in a short speech.

After Ajoba's lecture a couple of Christian gentlemen
that had come with a party of boys from Nagar were
made to speak a few words suitable to the occasion
followed by some hymn singing by the boys. Lastly after
the Ath sweets ^{were} distributed by Baba with his own hands
and the august occasion came to a successful termination
~~at~~ long after midnight.

Fri. 25. 12. 25.

Christmas Day!

A perfect holiday atmosphere reigned supreme
over the ~~colony~~ colony since this morning. All the
colony residents, including the Mandali, school staff & boys
Sharmashala inmates, Hospital patients and all other
staff was liberally treated to Shira, Phajja, and milk tea
for breakfast after being called together near the Tukan
Then till 11 o'clock Aha-Pala games were

played with great enthusiasm followed by a usual dinner and permission to sleep and rest between 12 to 2 P.M. From 3 to 6 in the evening a lively programme of sports was indulged in when suitable items for all the young and old boys and the mandali were gone through respectively.

After that, for some time Baba got the mandali before him and through signs and writing conveyed a reminder and warning for all to be very careful and strict in controlling anger and passions.

The last programme was a Kirtan delivered by a Bua from Ratuagiri from 8 to 10 in the night.

Sat 26.12.25.

The only unusual event today was a meeting of the mandali that Baba had called together between 12 to 3 when different questions of water-facilities for outsiders and arrangements of proper attention being paid to visitors was discussed at length and a new plan adopted. See page 197.

Another Kirtan was ^{held} given by Shankar Mahar after supper; the subject matter of the lecture was 'Gora-Koonbhar'. Also see page 197.