

1st-November '26

The early morning again saw the mandali busy digging out the remaining pillars of the ~~former~~ school premises with all sorts of ~~low~~ instruments that came to one's hand. After the interval of tea when the mandali resumed the work, they were soon recalled and discussions took place with Baba about those who seemed to be unwilling with their new duties. A ~~new~~ settlement was reached ~~at~~ out again and once more all were explained distinctly the new rules & system properly.

The examinations results were presented before Baba in the noon, who although does not seem to be very active in the general management these days, did not fail to find out mistakes & errors committed by some of the works inspite of all their best care and attention.

At 1 P.M. the bell rang out again, this time it was for the solution of another puzzle viz: $\frac{21}{21} \times \frac{21}{21} = \frac{21}{21}$ which Baba had asked the mandali to try to solve on the 27th inst. This was also found to be unsolved by all inspite of the mandali's best attempts, although Mohan, Dhake, & Rustomji were

given some marks by Baba ^{who} ultimately gave the answer himself for the puzzle as explained in Chanji's note book. A cricket match was played in the evening when all were served with milk tea, but at the same time those who had not come on the field at the appointed time punctually were called too. After ten o'clock a private meeting took place between Baba and some of the selected members from the Mandalis when the new arrangements were discussed and Baba also showed his displeasure at the frequent repetitions of mistakes and mismanagements in the Mandalis' work of late.

Tues. 2.11.26.

The day began with rather an unpleasant incident. Mrs Rustumji walked away suddenly towards Phagar this morning. In spite of best attempts to pacify her including Baba's personally going after her on the cycle (!) proved of no avail at the time and she went away to Khureso quarters. However in the evening she came back and once again it was decided ~~for~~ for her to stay here.

The demolishing work is going on fast, and the Sai-Durbar is taken in hand from today. Some boys below II standard Gujarathi were given promotions today and new monitors were appointed. The day on the whole looked gloomy with all the changes going on and to create some liveliness a cricket match was played in the evening. There was also a tea party after supper followed by a ^{five} lecture by Sri on Love and Gift (vide Chanji's notes). Mr Master of

Bulsar paid a sudden visit to Baba today. He was shown round the place and Baba also granted him a private interview in the evening with all of which he seemed to be very satisfied and pleased.

Wed. 3. 11. 26.

Demolishing of The Sai-Darbar was completed today. There was a private meeting when the Devali programme was all settled in details and all public functions in this connection were omitted. The usual sports were held ^{in the evening.} ~~today.~~ Mr. Master left for Salsori under Baba's orders.

Thur. 4. 11. 26.

Baba came out as late as eight o'clock this morning. After taking His seat in the school Shri asked Vishnu to prepare the P. list and Khosla & Indira to adjust the teams for cricket matches for mandali & the boys both. The usual bath was given to the boys in the noon after which all went to Kaka's place for tea.

There were discussions on the new system as well as on the reported sudden death of Dastoor the cricketer of In. C. C. fame at Karachi when Shri remarked:

See what life is. There is no knowing when it will ~~and~~ come to an abrupt end, there is no guarantee for it, hence do your ~~best~~ utmost in keeping company and catching ^{hold} of a Master's feet in fact surrender yourselves completely to a Sadguru!

Returning to the Anokhan, a meeting was convened and those members who in spite of keeping bad health were taken to task for not informing Baba with the same as per special orders in this connection. They were pardoned for the same but all those not

keeping good health were asked to stand up. The majority of these were found to be suffering with indigestion. A special powder very bitter in taste was then administered to all by Baba in his own presence. Those who could not retain it and vomitted out were readministered a second dose! Thereafter votes were solicited in favour of Dhal + Rice or tea (milkless, of course) + bread for supper. Fourteen favoured the former and ~~eleven~~ eleven preferred the latter. Baba brought about an excellent compromise by ordering both of them alternately every ~~evening~~ evening for ^{the} supper.

Then came the question of providing additional help to Bapu Brahmīn for the additional Dhal-Rice cooking for the supper. Baba called in the Hindoo members to volunteer for the job first, but none amongst them came forward while Bal and Dinkoo refused flatly to participate in the kitchen department. Thereupon Baba "said" that as the Hindoo members were not coming forward he will be ~~obliged~~ reluctantly compelled to put in non-Hindoo on the job and in that case then they - the Hindoo - should not take any objection in eating the food cooked by non-Hindoo. Still none of the Hindoo responded. Besides Sailor also asked for an extra hand for water work in the place of Bapu Ghela gone away. And for this job too none of the Hindoo mandali came forward, hence after due warnings Baba ultimately decided Saka to be the assistant to Bapu in the kitchen and Malidoo Inbar(!)

to help sailor in the water work. Besides for the first-time the restriction against non-hindoo drawing out the water from the well was done away with, and henceforth all the mandali were set ~~at~~ free to use the well equally with the Hindoo members !! Only a few days ago, when an attempt was made to do away with the caste restrictions, the Hindoo mandali had created a strong opposition which resulted into many hot discussions and upon which Baba had caused the controversy to be dropped.

While now thanks to Baba's masterful handling of the situation, the Hindoo members themselves were willing parties to the same change although under different circumstances. That, if they now persisted to observe the restrictions (in absence of paid labour) they themselves had to bear the brunt of the troublesome arrangements of distinction!

However in the evening the Hindoo members waited on Baba in the form of a deputation and tried to get the new system changed, and the restrictions re-established. When cross questioned by Baba none of them seemed to have any personal objections to this change but their main argument was that the ^{general} Hindoo public would think ill of Baba in doing away with the restrictions! Of course this objection was over ruled by Baba who added "You people may become anxious for me when I make you Kajjis - not now" and confirmed the new arrangements. The attitude of this party also suggested that they were not

in favour of the present state of affairs about
Baba, that of sports and games and so on
instead of religious observations. In this respect
however Baba ~~conceded~~ conceded their point
and ordered that henceforth all the games
and plays be stopped & instead Aris be made
thrice in the day including the Kalsad Aris
at four o'clock in the morning. But this latter
ordal was advised to be begun from the 7th inst.
although one Aris was immediately repeated
by all on the spot - as per the new programme
of Aris repetitions.