

From Nadirshaw's (Chamjis)

Diary.

Mon. 19. 7. 26.

A Gruesome Tragedy!

In the morning we had a ^{general} meeting to hear a case against one of our Dharwashala residents, who was accused of trying to induce a young woman (also the resident of the Dharwashala) to go with him to Nagar. The charge was proved with proper witnesses and searching cross-examinations when Baba ordered the local Police-Patel to take him to Nagar and hand him over to the Police. The latter handcuffed the man and began to take him away as per the orders.

However after the two had gone a little distance they were called back and after due warnings the trembling culprit was pardoned away by Baba. As usual in the evening from 7 to 8 P.M. Mr. Arsal explained the Purans to all, after that we had a little music. Following this the Circle-Committee sat for an hour discussing the some proposals. At about 9 P.M. news reached at the colony that a murder was committed on the road to Nagar about ^a mile off. ~~It was~~

The news seemed at first incredible yet Baba at once sent a party of the Mandali post-haste to the spot to render assistance as at the most it was supposed that it might prove a casual scuffle of some way-farers with robbers. Consequently the party when they came upon the scene they were not at all prepared for the ~~scene~~ gruesome

sight. Just a mile away from Incherabad at the spot known as Kala-Wada they actually came across a wanton and dastardly murder. In all there were three persons lying about in the Dullah. One of them was beyond the grasp of any help as it seems he died instantly with an apparent slash of some sharp instrument or blade.

The other two who seemed to have some life through the faint groans uttered by them were however no better to look at.

One of these had actually a portion of his brain protruding out of his fractured skull! While the ugly blood marks and pieces of raw flesh were literally strewn about the place! It was a terrible atmosphere of death ~~and~~ death and destruction. Rustanji who was one of the party at the sight of the horror took very prompt steps. He at once repaired to the Ry station and after informing the Police brought in a Gharri to the spot of the murder. The Arugam village Patil who was also with them was left to look after the dead body pending the arrival of Police while the rest returned back to Incherabad with the two wounded persons whom they brought to the Hospital in the Gharri that Rustanji had specially got from the station for that very purpose.

At the sight of those battered and bruised persons drenched all over

with blood quite still was created at Ineharabad
Baba at once ordered the Doctor and those
of the mandali in charge of the hospital to
take prompt and needful action in the
matter. The wounded were soon put on
beds and the injuries were all dressed and
attended wherever possible under the
circumstances. Some of the Police officers
also came to Ineharabad late in the night
to look up the wounded and particularly
thanked Rustomji for his prompt and
useful activity in the matter.

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The D. S. P. himself came to Ineharabad
after inspecting the actual spot and took
away the wounded in a motor-lorry to the
Hospital at Ahmednagar. After that P.M.
Baba called a general meeting of the mandali
when after some discussions some were
appointed as watch-men at night, to remain
alert and watchful throughout the night &
then sleep ^{great} throughout the day. After that
the usual routine was begun again and
all took to their respective duties and activities.

At 4. P.M. we had tea and Baba gave
us a fine explanation on dead-bodies which
considerably cleared away the horrible impressions
of last night that were so long floating before
the eyes of all. Baba also greatly appreciated
the leading share taken by Rustomji in
reaching relief so promptly to the injured

and attending to the other needful actions
such as informing the Police and bringing
the Gharry etc without loosing his presence
of mind.