

## A poor little visitor.

A poor little blind mussulman boy hardly seven years old was one of the visitors to Shri today. In spite of his small age, Ghulam, the name with which he introduced himself looked to be exceptionally sharp and clever. He seldom faltered or hesitated in replying to the severe cross examination that was taken of him. In a clear ringing tone and simple but touching words he described the cruelty and tortures that he had suffered at the hands of a cruel and merciless step-mother. His general slovenly condition and the many marks of ~~his~~ tale-tell violence on

his body amply bore out the story that the little fellow so easily and pitifully rattled out. Replying to the last question as to how and why he happened to come to Tucherabad, Ghanlam said he walked all the distance here from his village seeking guidance from the wayfarers as he had heard that Meherbaba is very kind to the poor and the oppressed whom he helps them in every way. And Ghanlam was not disappointed but perhaps found something more than he had bargained for, as Baba did not only allow him to remain here and ordered for his food clothes and comforts to the authorities concerned but fondled him embraced him and a patted him for a number of times as lovingly and fondly as only his real mother could have done to him! Naturally Ghanlam soon became very free and quite at home with Baba and proved himself a regular chatter box. At night he caused no little amusement to the mandali by rolling out of the bedding that was provided to him, every now & then and sleeping on the bare stone slabs, when Shri asked Rawsheb to take him on his own bedding and let him sleep by his side so as to avoid the little <sup>fellow</sup> slipping out at in the course of the night!

The last unusual item on the day's programme was a game of Atya Patyas which was heartily indulged in by Shri and the mandali after supper by the light of the new Petroleum lamp. The Tucher-Askaram boys were also greatly amused as they had been invited to witness the match. At the close of the play all were served with special milk-tea.

Sat 11. 6. 27.

Id-ul-duha

or The Bakari Id.

The holiday was duly observed here. The school was closed. The muslimans in the mandali took both had a change of linen and offered their Id prayers in the Makam. The musliman boys in the school were presented

by Baba with new dresses while a tea party was given to all including the Ashram boys in the afternoon when sweets were also distributed.

### The First Revolt In The Ashram.

Perhaps finding the Ashram discipline to be too hard for him Rashid K. Irani, a boy from Karachi disregarded some of the rules and when he was taken to task for it declared to leave the Institution. Shri willingly consented for the withdrawal and instructed for arrangements to be made to send the boy to Karachi this very evening. One of the mandali actually became ready to accompany him to Bombay and see him off safely in the train for Karachi. However at the right moment to the surprise of all Rashid came round all by himself soliciting pardon and requested to be allowed to stay. Baba again granted his request but took his promise on a sacred oath that he will never again repeat a similar scene as well as observe all orders and instructions to the letter.

### Enquiries from Persia.

Amongst the applications and enquiries for admission into the Incher Ashram <sup>received today</sup> these were some from influential parties in Persia. The literature recently distributed about the Incher Ashram in some parts of Persia seems to <sup>have</sup> attracted much attention in certain quarters there.

Rupabai Kerani and Vishnu's mother left Incherabad this evening for their own places. The former's son, Dinshaw ~~of~~ showed unsolicited willingness to join the Ashram and was therefore allowed by Baba to stay here.

The day was cloudy throughout while it was very chilly in the evening still a game of Aṭā Pātā was played by Shri and the mandali near the school till 10.P.M.

Sum. 12. 6. 27.

## Ashram Extension.

The school being closed today for Sunday, a game of *Ath-Pala* was again played this morning for about an hour by Baba and *mandali*. At ten o'clock Shri suddenly came into the Principal's office and began discussing plans for the extension of the Ashram as a large number of boys is expected to come. The topic also extended to the future development of *Dachherabad* and its chief problem of water supply. Some hints were also passed by Baba with reference to a permanent building for the institution over the hill.

### Mr "A"

Mr *Jusserwanji* referred to as "A" on page 311 was brought into Baba's presence from Bombay by Mr *Jasawan* & friends as per Shri's own instructions. Baba ~~took~~ <sup>had</sup> *paide* near the *ghopdi* and advised him to control himself through lengthy explanations and arguments concluding which Shri conveyed ".... although your outburst has nothing to do with truth but as you are sincere, have suffered, and long for it I will see to your spiritual advancement. Don't forget to remain contained otherwise you make others unhappy while to "make others happy" is the chief point about the teachings of all great *Gurushers* including *Jorader* himself your own prophet...." The gentleman for the time being was greatly impressed and composed and even promised to remain silent and peaceful at home. However Shri advised *Satha's* younger brother to bring him again and also gave some further instructions in private.

### A Remarkable Remark.

While going into the *ghopdi* this afternoon at two o'clock Baba passed a casual remark to *Jal* that "He will come out when the rain stops. But at that moment there was not the least sign of a shower as the sky was bright and clear and the sun was shining brilliantly. However within a few minutes of Shri's retirement clouds began ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> fathening overhead and very shortly it began to rain. The shower lasted for about an hour and stopped

just by three o'clock when Shri came out of the ghopdi at the usual hour!

A game of Hla-Pala at night before retirement followed by a tea party has now almost become a regular item in the daily routine. The play tonight was continued as late as ten o'clock.

Mon 13-6-27.

~~Shri resumed charge of the Principalship today~~

The ten days leave granted to him for his marriage having expired, Shri resumed charge of the Principalship today.

Baba's aunt Banoo bai abruptly came to see him from Kerachi this morning. Shri conducted her to the Ladies Quarters and patiently heard her say. She was also shown round the Ashram and allowed to meet her two sons who are here. She left for Bombay in the evening.

Bunashit and Pundoo were severely taken to task <sup>by Baba</sup> on account of a tile accidentally getting dislodged and falling inside the Ashram hall causing slight injury to one of the boys. Just at this very moment Gur Hussarwanji was again brought in by his relatives who said that in spite of his promise that he gave to Baba yesterday he was not behaving well at home. Shri decided to keep the oldman here for some days and entrusted him in the care of Dadaachanji. Baba also gave a fine speech through his usual signs on various spiritual subjects particularly addressing the same to those who had come with Hussarwanji.