

Tuesday
14-6-27

Spiritual Lectures to the Boys.

After some discussions Baba decided today that Rustuji and Kalkhacoo should accompany Him at eight o'clock every night to the Ashram to serve as interpreters from the 1st of July so from that day He would commence conveying special spiritual instructions to the Ashram boys.

Prominent Visitors.

When one of the mandali referred to the reported keen desire

of Mrs. Dinkar Merwan of Poona in approaching Shri as well as the willingness of Sir H. D. Adenwala to come here if he could get relief for his daughter who was suffering through a peculiar maledy Baba did not show any concern about it and in the course of a remark conveyed "..... many prominent people, leaders and even celebrities would come to Him in the course of time at the right moment without being invited far short of a promised relief..... why worry about it at all now.... anybody ~~who~~ ^{whether} a somebody or nobody who comes of his or her own accord is welcome here"

Publicity and Fame

In the afternoon there was a discussion between Baba and Mandali over an article in yesterday's game jamshed by Mrs. Kothawala about a German lady who was disappointed with Gandhiji. Believing Gandhiji to be a real Mahatma in the sense of one advanced on the spiritual path she had the German lady was said to have come to him at a great sacrifice but she was naturally soon disappointed. In the course of the discussion Shri conveyed "Publicity and fame were not ^{the} proper standards to judge the really great ones..... mere political and social workers generally become so famous as to be looked upon by the world as great men and celebrities while there are thousands and thousands of real workers and silent sufferers more wonderful and greater than a thousand Gandhi and Petit put together who comparatively remain quite unknown to the world..... these silent workers are real jewels and can fast ten times longer than Gandhi without creating a fuss about it and that too undergo the fasting very cheerfully..... yet it is just like the world that if a Petit ~~or~~ or a Gandhi fast for five days a sensation is caused all over the country and screaming head-lines appear in the papers..... it was because of this sensational publicity that the poor lady became misguided..... had she been to Tqaperaj at Sakori she would have gained

much.... but disappointments are good. They do much good.... 'shattering' of the brain is necessary. Disappointments lessen much 'thinking' and though unknowingly yet slowly but steadily lead one into the right channel ultimately bringing the party concerned in contact of a Perfect guide."

Wed 15.6.27.

Eight Hours in the Ashram.

Baba remained in the Ashram from ten in the morning till six in the evening for eight hours at a stretch. And He was almost all the time busy there making and improving all sorts of arrangements. The workers there today naturally had a very ^{hot} time. Behramji and Pundoo specially were so tired and tried that at first both of them held their hands up and wanted to pack off. But just as easy it is for Baba to send a person into a temper as it is to make one all smiles and consequently long before Baba returned from the Ashram, the pair came round and became their ^{old selves} selves again.

Helping the Mute.

There was a record rainfall this morning & afternoon for a couple of hours. It is said that such a strong and violent shower was witnessed at Aranjam for the first time after many years. So much so that about half a dozen sheep were lost by the local shepherds, still no less than three or four of goats and lambs were saved from dying at Gherabad. The latter were found in a pitiable condition lying in the surroundings unable to move in the strong downpour and almost half dying when they were removed under shelter and made comfortable. The humorous point about the rain today was that at the first shower a large number of sheep came rushing into the school verandah where the old man Gussrawaji was sitting quietly in a corner. The onrush was so sudden that the gentleman did not even get time to clear off and was almost buried beneath the mad stampede.

However he was rescued in time before getting any injury.

Mr. , chairman of the local board was amongst those who came for Shri's Darshan this evening. He prayed for Baba's blessings for success in getting elected for the Council. Khan Sahib Irani also came to see Baba late in the evening and remained talking with Shri till nine in the night.

The local villagers these days generally keep themselves aloof from Baba's very near contact but all the same if there happens to be a dispute amongst them they run straight to Shri with an appeal for an intervention and settlement. Such a dispute was referred to Baba today.

Thurs. 16.6.29. The Joint Prayer.

The following couplet was composed by Baba to be jointly recited by the Ashram boys daily at the appointed hours:

Hari, Parmatman, Allah;

Ahormuzd, ~~God~~, Yazdan Hoo

It was raining very heavily all through the night and the mandali was put to great inconvenience by shifting their bedding from corner to corner through the leakage in the Gakan roof. Even in the morning it was only when Baba sent some umbrellas that the mandali could come to the school for the duties but they were severely reproached by Shri for the slight delay. However the school was opened as late as eight o'clock this morning as the Ashram boys were conducted down the hill each under the cover of an umbrella. In the course of stray remarks Baba conveyed an explanation on Rain and its origin.

Mr Dastoor

Amongst the visitors this morning to Baba were Dr Ghani from Lanavla and Mr K. J. Dastoor, M. A. LL.B. from Bombay. Besides having Shri's Darshan the last named gentleman solicited Baba's blessings and advice about some financial difficulties. Shri promised to help him providing he stayed here and did some literary work

under Baba's instructions besides lending his services to the school. He was asked to think over the proposal and consult with his relations before coming to a decision.

Baba personally washed away the mud-marks from the compound verandah today. In spite of the rains there were the usual number of visitors to Shri from Ahmednagar. A tea party was enjoyed by all in memory of 'ghar tosh tva Disco' at night.

Fri 17-6-27.

Shri again stayed for about six hours this afternoon in the Ashram. It was very cold this evening. Baba played a few games of draught at night before allowing all to retire for the night at 9 P.M.