

Sat 18-6-27.

Baba enjoys a Holiday!

Baba went over the hill this morning at eleven o' clock in company of Doctor, Ramji and some others and remained there till about eight in the night. Most of the time was passed by Shri in playing different indoor games in the Tantis premises particularly Ping-Pong with those who accompanied Him. Special meals comprising of assorted and delicious dishes were provided to all both in the noon and in the evening besides tea and dairy eatables at 4 P.M.

The Next War.

In spite of the apparent purpose of enjoying a quiet day all by Himself in coming over the hill Baba formed a nice plan for the Ashram. In view of so many boys who are expected to join the Ashram instead of spending a large sum in building new premises near the existing Ashram in the bungalow, Shri discussed the question of removing the institution over the hill and utilizing the big Tantis premises. Necessary and suitable alterations to the same were then decided for and De Gharai was entrusted to carry out some of the works. In the course of some remarks Shri also passed some hints about the future that there will be

a terrible war in the world in the near future that will eclipse the last great war in all its horrors and devastation. America will take a leading part in this bloodshed which will be so colossal as not to allow for the disposal of the dead and it will be then that He will manifest himself as the Avatar.

Doctor caught mapping

Besides the above two incidents, the 'holiday' was also responsible to induce Doctor to promise to come and stay with Baba for fifteen days every month. This unexpected event came about in a very simple way. The supper was found to be so very tasteless that Doctor remarked "If we could get food like this always I would like to stay with Baba" and no sooner he spoke these words that Ramji passed them on to Baba. Shri instantaneously agreed to provide doctor with such food daily and asked him to stay. At first Doctor tried to squeeze out of the contract but Baba conveyed it was like going back on his promise and words and after some discussions Doctor agreed to abide by his first words. As if to seal this promise tea was served to the whole of the mandali at night.

Rudolfi who had been to the city in the noon came across Mr. Elison whom he had given Shri's lectures to read and found him greatly interested in them. "Simply wonderful" were the words with which Mr. Elison conveyed his opinion for the speeches which he requested to retain for two days more.

Sun. 19-6-27. Tank Transformation.

Almost the whole of the day was again passed by Shri over the hill in company of all the mandali members who could spare time to remain there. But along with various games and plays and nice things to eat, some hard work was also done by some of the mandali in breaking through an opening for a door at the base of the tank. Besides the mandali two hired labourers were engaged on the work and yet only two stones could only be dislodged as a result

of the whole day struggle with crow-bars so strong is the masonry work of the tank found to be. And no wonder since the premises was originally a water reservoir serving a huge military encampment during the war time.

Tues 20-6-27.

Doorway Completed.

Shri again went over the hill at nine this morning with all the available members in the mandali and got the work of ~~me~~ breaking open an entrance into the tank resumed. Some of the visitors viz Rustam Hingor Satha and Dusserwanji were also asked to lend a hand to the work. And as a result of the joint labours of all an opening large enough for a door frame to be fixed was managed to be made for the first time to the tank which greatly changed the appearance of the quaint building.

Tues 21-6-27.

Baba went over the hill twice, both in the morning and in the afternoon and personally supervised the alteration work to the tank. The second openings on the western side of the tank was also completed today. Arrangements for the Guj III Standard were made in the school today for the two new Parsi boys in the Ashram.

At night discussions were held on the reported objection of the Persian authorities against the fourteen boys who are on the way to India to join the Ashram and their detention at Bandar Bushire. Necessary instructions were then given by Baba to the Ashram authorities in this connection.

Rustumji & Rangoji went to the Registrar's office in the city in connection with Syed Sabib's relatives dispute with the authorities about some monetary affair.

Wed 22-6-27.

Cricket Match.

The new coir-matting was spread over the newly prepared cricket pitch at 10-30 this morning. The school was closed for half the day, and an interesting cricket match was played from 12 to 3-30 in the afternoon.

All the boys of the Ashram and teachers were invited to witness the game.

Tea Party.

In the evening at five thirty Shri and Mandali went to Thakay's place in the city and enjoyed a tea party arranged by the latter in celebration of his recent marriage. While returning a tyre of the motor car burst and while ^{Adi} went to bring another one from his garage Baba came to Kaka's house on foot and waited ~~at~~ sitting on a heap of mettle lying near the gate!

The Pets of God.

After returning to Hyderabad in the course of stray discussions Shri conveyed many little explanations on various subjects. Comparing the powers of Yogi with those of the Perfect Masters - Adepts - Baba said the former were like children's toys. Then referring to the recent advent of a young yogi at Ahmednagar Baba said "What harm is there if people go and pay him - the yogi - their respects. Never hesitate in approaching a saint. Try to see as many saints and spiritually advanced persons as you can and as often as you can. Respect them, salute them. This will bring you nothing but good. But think twice before following them or their instructions. Keep aloof of their words and orders. To see or come in contact of a real Vali or Maha-Yogi is very beneficial. Valis' are the pets of God and at times the impossible is made possible by God through their blessings...."

Thur. 23-6-27.

Besides the usual Thursday visitors to Baba there was a Paris gentleman very peculiar to look at and extremely funny to talk with who came to see Him with a tall talk for spiritual advancement. He said he was a locomotive fireman having renounced the world and was now in search of a Guru. At almost every sentence he would pipe out a peculiar or the polite form of yes in Gujarati. However with a silent lecture on renunciation ~~Baba~~ which Baba said meant giving up the

Praya which was not an easy accomplishment. Baba asked him to go to see Upasi Maharaj, Kalyan Maharaj, Babaji and Dhuniwala Baba and still if he could not settle down anywhere to come here.

Baba and some of the mandali had been to Chintamani Rao's place in the city for the dinner which the latter had specially arranged for the party. After dinner Shri graced Kaka's place and took tea, returning to Hyderabad at about 3 P.M.

In the evening Shri accepted the invitation of the local Mandir devotees and went there with the mandali to witness the Saptah ceremony. Arti was recited here by all, and after accepting tea, the party came back to Hyderabad at nine thirty in the night and retired for the night.

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Fri 24. 6.

Shri looked much tired with the botheration of the daily duties and supervision of the various departments yet He took a lively share in the ~~city~~ cricket match played this evening by the mandali and put in the fine score of 52 runs on His side. Baba also played a few games of draught at night before retiring at fifteen past nine.

Sat 25-6-27.

Dhakay and Changji were severely taken to task by Baba for some slight irregularity in their daily duties. The pair was warned to be very careful and alert about their duties and not to allow the slightest indifference or irregularity to creep in their works down to the point of changing the date in the office calendar!

There were many visitors to Baba including Devarath from Satara. Strange enough Anserwanji today looked almost his oldself again and even desired to go and see his brother and sister. Shri allowed him to leave Hyderabad but once again enjoined upon him to live peacefully at home and took his promise to respect this order.

It rained again this evening.