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Wednesday - 1st June 1927

Early morning, the parcel of Persian books ordered from Bombay for Rashid was opened. Shree sorted out books from this parcel as well as from the bundle of Persian books brought from Ashrama (selected out of the Rustomji Stock). Then he appointed Mr. Rash. to teach Persian Grammar 3 hours a week - & Rashid to teach Persn. Text - one hour daily, using his Text books alternately. (a typical example of Shree's personal interest, exertion as Supervision in every minor details).

I was then asked if an office peon was required to look after, clean, arrange all office articles etc. and appointed Shankarnath, as such - a boon to the Office

To-day was the Marriage day of Valubai's daughter in Arangaon, where Shree's party were invited for special meals. Accordingly, the procession started, with the Native band, with Shree in front, and the Mandali with glass plates, following. It was a typically peculiar sight - this "Fakiri procession" - Arrangements at Valubai's house were nice, but the closed

and Narrow rooms, with only ONE door, & a window in front, particularly in this hot season and at Nova, reminded one of the "Black Hole". It was horribly hot. "Arti" was sung, after the usual "Pay ceremony" by the host, and then the "lunch" — the menu Articles were peculiar — Mango juice with Macroni, Bhaji, Vada, Papad, Bhakar etc. — And all gave ample justice to it. Shree said that he had come here, simply been of Val.'s devotion alone (भक्ति-भाव) for Shree. The party returned after "Pan-Supari" at @ 11.30

Then again, Milk tea was given to all at 2 pm, at Mr Ashrama, with the Sweet (आश्रम) The tea was very tasty, tho' too sweet.

Ramu arrived at 3 pm. (after 10 days' leave)

(Shree asked J. to give immediate replies to letters of Bal.-Khod.-others.)

Mr Satha's family paid a visit to-day, and all stayed before Shree for more than 3 hours. During general talks, Shree pointed out (to one Mr Jasawalla — Mr Satha's brother-in-law, a P

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a boiler-inspector at Rajpur, a very loving Sincere Bhakta) that B. Jas. has lost 2 of his last fingers, which, he said, were actually eaten away by worms. B.J. used to put on the worms accidentally falling down on the ground, again on the ground, and didn't mind either the severe pains or the loss of these. So also, did Shree suffer from a boil inside the internal portion of the mouth which gave much trouble & severe pains sometime, yet he did not care. - Happy are all Saints even in greatest sufferings" etc.

At Night, there was a little down pour of rain, again to-day, and presented an aspect as if much rains would be forth coming. This was a confirmation & a further proof to the one already given on the 28th by the first down pour of rain, repeated again to-day i.e. on the 1st, as promised (to Padri on 25-8-27). The weather was cold throughout the Night. a terrible wind blew, as if to shake the building from their very foundation.

Thursday - 2nd June 1927

Usual Thursday Visit.

Mr. Sh. was given leave (for his marriage on 6th Inst. at Malegaon) and one Science graduate teacher - Mr. Bhadke - was put in as a substitute, during Sh's absence.

After 10 a.m., a general discussion was carried on in the P.'s office, re: education, Pandya suggesting that education had spoiled Indian family trades & traditions etc. Shree however remarked that education anyway is better than ignorance. It is & does much good, if not pecuniarily, mentally - It is a step to advancement, progress & betterment, & he would any time, & anywhere say & declare that Education is & does Good. The System may be defective, even bad, yet you can't blame the one for the other (System for education itself) - Arguments were exchanged between Mr. Pan. & Sklay, who gave a nice rate to Pan's arguments as to that improvement could one show in the work of a "Bhangi" (cleaning & removing the Nuisance & refuse) even if a Bhangi be educated - say a B.A.

Bhau Saheb gave a nice treat of Bhajan - from 4 to 5·30, as usual. Shree then went to the Ashrama, returning after @ an hour & a half.

At 7 p.m. the New 400 C.P. Petromax lamp was lighted, in the presence of Shree, & the Mandali & School boys (after the usual cocoanut-breaking ceremony), amidst the hurrahs of crees of ॥-॥-॥-॥ at the first powerful glow of light. There was a very strong wind blowing, this evening & Shree warned beforehand that if anything happened to the lamp, He would clear off in the opposite direction etc - his usual typical threat.

Usual story at night.

Friday - 3rd June 1927

Nothing particular - except Prof's visit to Nagar in the afternoon to see the D.S.P. with ref. to Lathe's case proceedings. He waited there for a very long time & was on the point of returning when the DSP arrived - the matter discussed & everything arranged. Then the DSP enquired as to Shree's workings & lectures & said that a friend of his - the Son of Mathew Arnold, who is much interested in the Spiritual line & its Studies, & who has come over to India to study Buddhism. Prof. asked the DSP to send that gentleman over to Shree - etc

(R. — General discussion on Shree's workings, particularly his circle, & Bailey, who is said to be the first recipient of something supernatural from Shree. Yet very unfortunate of the Circle - a Sample - Shree = train, Baby = tracks, Guru = Dr., Bel = guard, Sadashiv = Coupling etc. etc. — others = carriages. who = God knows? Now, when once seriously ill was hurried & promised by S. Baba that He would try then best to take him in the P. — Bait = Sud.)

Saturday – 4th June 1927

Nothing particular – At a meeting held in the afternoon in the Office to discuss arrangements & going to Aurangabad to-morrow, – who to go etc. In the middle of this discussion, three asked adi to go out & Call aloud the God of rain to send rain – this every adi took it lightly, went out & Called out as he was asked – slowly – He was asked once again to Call out aloud – which he did – and to the surprise of all, Terrible wind began to blow. Soon after adi left here, and in the evening there was a down pour of rain, and the Storm clouds presented an aspect of a heavy downpour – threatening tomorrow's visit to Aurangabad. Altho' start was to be taken early at 5 a.m., no particular instructions were given to the members, who went to bed with almost no hopes for going in the morning

Sunday - 5th June 1927

The weather had become cool as a result of yesterday's rain, and it was still cloudy. Yet three came at early morning, and exactly at 6 had been in the Motor while all were asleep. On this orders, all were awakened

Monday — 6th June 1927

The first half of the day passed, without any particular incident worth Notice. Then at c 2 p.m. the Topics of a Scarcity of rain being opened, three asked Waman (Vaidya) & then to Vishnu, to go out & cry aloud, calling "Rain to come down". It was horribly hot and the Sky absolutely clear, yet Strange to note that at c 4 p.m. clouds began to gather, then wind, then thunder, and then there was a very heavy shower of rain — the beauty being in the large drops (like ...) — as if to respond with equal force to the cries of a man with layer upon layer (Waman). There was an entire change in the weather thereafter, yet strange again to note, the rain subsided, from 6, absolutely stopped c 6.30 till late at night — the interval being checked and kept clear as if for the party to attend to the Marriage ceremonies & celebration of procession etc. in darkness, for c an hour. The players of the music — particularly the drummers (...) showed same dexterity & skill in beating the drums, which

Shree & the party approached. After the procession was over at @ 8 pm. Shree & the Mandali stopped at Mr Ashram - had tea there. Some stray discussions. Shree at first spoken of "one - Rahidas - having surrend. everything to Mat. one day, and going crazy after Mat. put the blessed hand on his head ch. ch. Crile - sat-sang.

The same case happened here - the old Parsi gentleman, a relative of Jahatta, who had been coming to see Shree every morning and who had created and increased as warm devotion to Shree - having gone crazy. The Parsi was introduced to Shree afresh on the Navpat day - at Satta's - & his very first visit had confessed how unremarkably, to the extent that he commenced coming to Shree's darshana every morning - on foot - never at 4 am. It was also reported that he had no sleep even at night, particularly after seeing Shree. Some 4-5 days back he came as usual, & surrendered everything to Shree - his watch, his chain, even clothes - and Shree blessed him placed his hand on his head - After going home that day, he began to show signs of crazing -

he threw off his clothes, & almost naked, began to throw stones at those that went near him for explanation or persuasion. She was taken to her relatives in Bombay, where it is now reported, she goes about naked, or almost in rags, abusing & beating those that come around (like a hungdole).

This expression of one's feelings in such undesirable way is no good. The feeling & the overflow should be controlled, checked and gradually brought to submission. Then alone would one be enabled to come in the Meija (मौज). Otherwise such behaviour is nothing but an empty show — which when subsided would give no earthly benefit to the man, nay it would put the unfortunate man in an awkward light of position before the world, where people take him to be "one out of his wits" — & should he be fortunately checked in the beginning, well & good. Otherwise, he would really go mad, & put by his own relatives people into an Asylum: Such flow of feelings does arise to those who are "premi" but that should be controlled, & not exhibiting undesirable acts & movements (like Wan Sab & Kishen — both of whom are now quite happy with their wives & family in spite of so much gross show etc.)

Tuesday — 17 June 1919

Nothing particular — except Shirin going inside (Ha) 3-4 times & staying there. Shirin's boil (Gun) on the mouth seemed to give much trouble.

A boy (Hum) of the Ashkana having placed some mischief with one of the teachers (Mirza) reported. Shirin punished him, in a typically impressive manner — asking each of his Ashkana companions to give him a slap, which seemed to affect him much.

There was some Bahai discussion in the evening (with Rang-Pan) re: Shirin's lectures courting in the past, particularly at the Lafayette at Baku.

Yesterday — there had been to Mr. Abbas, a young Sangsari, who had been on a pilgrimage since he was 8 years, and desired to go on 5 years more. He belonged to a

Wednesday 8th June 1927

Nothing particular to report during the day. At Night, the party went to Arayaon to witness a Marriage Ceremony & Festival & while returning, stayed at the Ashram, played Ability-Fate & Tire, had tea, and then returned at @ 10 pm. While returning She abruptly gave some nice hints as to Her future working & TIME etc. (1)
(vide - Separate Notes of the day)

Thursday 9th June 1927

Usual Thursday visitors. & Bhajan by Bhen Sahib, in the Office. To-day, She gave Nice explanation during general discussions, thrice. (1) at @ 10-30 when Anna reported the Arrival of a "Chamatkari Yogi" in Madras, who could play with Several cobras by his bodies etc, who had been to Ceylon etc. On "Powers - Good & Bad" — Then (2) While discussing & settling the Scuffle bet. Gurt. & Manoj on "Her Special Method of working" etc & (3) Some hints & advices to Mr. Sathe family on "TRUTH - virtues of Husbands & Wives etc" (vide Separate Notes for all these 3.)

Friday 10th June 1927

— The Memorable 10th June —

The Morning marked the arrival of a party of Hindu ladies from Mysuru (mot's mother, and's mother-in-law, some other women relatives) They were asked to wait (with all Devotion) till Shree called them.

(1) Then, Shree & the party went to Mysore (at @ 9.30 a.m.), to attend in the "Muny" ceremony at Dr. Sathe's. Unfortunately, the arrangements Shree did not suit Shree's dignity & position, (the Pusta Lekhy of charsex.), and the Mandali didn't think it advisable that Shree should stay there; the all returned with a very short trip. While returning, Roy a invited Shree & the party to his place for tea & a treat, (as they had none at Dr. Sathe's, & desiring Shree should not return empty) and Shree accepted the same, Roy a gave a nice treat to all — a good recompense for their hard labour.

On arrival here, after having a peep here & there on the School for a few minutes, Shree went in (the L. dept.) and came out after @ 2 hours, & then Gave a darshan & visit to the party of ladies who had arrived the last day waiting since morning under the tree without the darshan. Meanwhile, they had waited cheerfully of course with a keen desire

of Thine darshan, as early as possible. Yet, they didn't feel the Stay of time were Cheerful. Thee was pleased to see it, as He had specially tried their anxiety.

In the afternoon - Mr. Godbole, the retired Asst. (2)
Commissioner Central Division, paid a visit to Thee with a Sincere desire of His sacred Darshan. Asked what he desired he expressed a keen desire for Nothing else but Thee's Blessings - Grace. He further explained that he had now retired from service, had Nothing Materially to anxious for as he was well off every way. But he wished Now to lead his life - the few years that are Now left to him - during retirement - rest - in perfect peace & divine meditation etc, which, (peace of Mind) he sincerely believed, he couldn't have, except thro' the blessings & grace of a Saint (Guru) etc, & which he craved for, & for which purpose he had been here. Thee said - (& repeated the same several time whenever asked during Conversation) that "He shall have Thee's Blessings & Grace". He was so pleased & satisfied at Thee's words & repeated assurances, and said he will always visit Them Thee whenever he comes to Nagar from Poona, where he now stays

I don't think so. not necessarily

To-day is the much remembered day of 10th June (some thing important Must happen) (did happen) The first two are already described. Other 3, are as under

(3). The Allahabad Special (late "Punjab Mail" – 6351) arrived from Nagar to-day after a very long time, being required for general work of God's gardening, and Shree had the first trip with from Nagar to Ashram, & return, a joy-ride which she enjoyed almost exactly after one Year (Shree moving about enjoying a ride in the same 6351 this time last year).

(4) Another novelty of the day was the arrival of a New Muhammadan boy, Gulam, who bold & clever for his age (7 years) to have ventured on a journey from far off to Shree, all alone, having been harassed & persecuted by his parents & relatives, who seemed to have no mercy for a small child like him, as could be seen from the marks of severe, rather hard-hearted beatings by them, on his hands & body etc. Asked how he happened to come over here, he explained he heard of "Mahababa" Mame as a benevolent helper & succour of the poor & the needy etc., and ventured to run away to Shree to escape the persecution of his parents etc. The

Seemed to smart for his age, particularly his speaking, & clever replies & vivid description was wonderful. (May be - below par, as hinted by three). He was left here. It gave a best amusing treat to all at Night, when he rigidly refused to sleep on "Summies" (Cots) & would slide down on the bare ground even during sound sleep, when removed from there on to the summies, specially spread, and made the Mandali to run about on all four corners to spread summies on all sides & remove - place him on the same. But he would not. It was even finally decided that Kaik should take him to his own beddings & sleep with him. & as was reported by Kaik the next day. He gave his mind trouble during the whole night. However, it went on alright

(5) Atya-Patya game was played tonight, near the School building, in the powerful light of the 400 C.P. lamp, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all, as the Ashram boys & members too were declared (after Tea) to participate in the game, which proved very interesting, and to complete the nice programme, special Milk tea was served to all after the game - The tea prepared tonight tasted splendid.

Saturday, 11th June 1927

Bakri-Id day

To-day, being the Bakri-Id day of the Muhammadans, the School was kept closed half a day. The Muhammadan members and Abad, (Young Kar-o-bar) were asked by Shree to take bath, have their sacred Hima (in the Bazar) etc. & observe all the religious rituals possible. Besides, in commemoration of the day, a tea-party, with sweets, was given by Shree at 3 pm. to all the boarders as well as School boys. Shree also gave New dresses to the boarding boys at School on this their Great Holiday. Shree's regard for people of all religions, their holidays & religious rituals etc. was never partial. Consideration for the observance of all religious rituals on Holidays, & keep a sacred admiration & love for their religion was His special characteristic, He himself was quite beyond all these formalities & rituals etc.

Rashid (Alah) showed some disregard for the observance of discipline & orders by Shree, but, not executed by Bal, & his asstts. at the Ashram, and also expressed a worldly wish to leave here

at first, to which Shiva sadly assented, and actually made arrangements to send him off to Mr. Watt. Somebody from the Mandali was to go with him upto Bombay, and bear him in the train for Mr. from there to-morrow (the 8th), but God knows how the tides turned in the evening, when, asked by Shiva in the Ashram, as to where he intended leaving here, & where he desired to go, he expressed a desire to stay, to the surprise of all. Shiva would be only too glad to keep him, but he now exacted a promise on sacred oath that he (Ras) will henceforth behave well & obey all orders (by Bai, & Bai. others), which he willingly gave, and he was kept. Thus, what once appeared undesirable & unpleasant ended in a happy result. Yet, how early! how smoothly!

To-day's mail brought letters & applications for admission to the Ashram, from Persia by some influential party who, on reading the advertisement for the new Ashram, being impressed by the same, had expressed a desire to send boys here from their ends. A reply was ordered to be given to them by Mr. Kaikh.

Rup. & Vasto mother went by the evening train. Rup's son Ein expressed his own willingness to stay here in the Ashram as was kept here by Shree.

The day has been cloudy, and the weather was very chilly in the evening, with strong cold wind blowing.

Attya Patya was played at night near the School hill 10 p.m.

Sunday 12th June 1927

To-day being a holiday, Attya Patya game was played in the Morning for @ an hour before ka. At @ 10 a.m. Shree abruptly came in the office, & commenced discussion on the Ashram, to be extended, as a large number of boys was expected. The discussion was then extended to Mahabaleshwar Ashram to be permanent, decided etc. re: water arrangements, permanent building for Ashram to be on the hill etc. (Full detailed notes of the day)

Visitors - Anna, Madhu Raya & others paid a casual visit - had discussion with Shree etc.

Mr. Nus. was brought from Bombay by Dr. Jaswalla & friends (as per instruction by Shri). He was taken privately to the hut, given advice & orders to be quite silent, & not to make an exhibition & show of what he felt inside. It must be kept Secret. Altho' this had nothing to do with TRUTH, however, Shri would see to his Spiritual advancement, as he found Sincerity & a desire & actually suffered for that. The teachings of Lord advised all his followers to "Make others happy", while he (Nus.) by his fuss & show was disturbing others, & thus making them unhappy - against the teachings of his own for that, which was indeed, why Mr. Nus. promised to act according to Shri's advice, to be silent, unmolestedly, & happy (not - morose & serious) too. Sending him off, Shri called Dr. Pr. (Sathai's brother) & told him to take Mr. Nus. home, and bring him here to-morrow, a day after, or whenever he seemed creating disturbance & annoyance. Shri will then see to his staying here, & making him quiet, which will be necessary, as Shri hinted from the boy beginning that he won't be alright soon, but None should be informed of this - Kept private. Not should any worry for him. He shall be alright, but it will take him

Another note-worthy incident of Pheer's foretelling powers could be judged from the following incident — that when he went inside the L. depott as usual 4 @ 2 pm., he "spoke" to Jal that he will come out after the rains stop. It may be noted, that there were no signs of rains, much less falling, the sky being clear. However, within a few minutes of Her going in, clouds began to falter, & shower began to pour down & stopped exactly before 3, when Pheer came out (this usual time of 1 hour of carry out).

Roller was precisely asked to be rolled on the new C pitch which (rolling) quite improves the state of the pitch.

A stroll to Arangam after meals (by the usual dose) but no sooner had we sat down on the ground for a quiet chat, the bell was heard ringing, and we had to return & finish going a early (8.15 before the usual hour), as there had delivery of Atya pataya, which was played till late at night to 3 pm. Tea was served after the game, and all retired for sleep at @11

Heavy rains poured down throughout the night; and there was an entire change in the weather.

Monday - 13th June 1927

Sh. returned after his 10 days leave for his marriage festivities etc. and the Charge (of Pi) given over to him. The confusion caused during his absence in tracing books etc. was brought to his notice & he explained that he knew what (books) he had in stock etc.

Shree's Aunt (B. Mai) arrived this Morning from Karachi. Quite abruptly. Shree took her to the ladies' deptt - had a conversation with her. She was then asked to be taken to the Ashram to meet her 2 Sons, with Mataji - & returned by the evening train for Bbay.

To-day, there was a small accident at the Ashram. A tile from above the roof fell on a boy's head, and made a wound which bled as could be expected. Shree felt much for this, the mood was changed, and Bro. was severely taken to task for this negligence etc.

To add fuel to fire Jiu Musu was brought here again from Nagar, by Mr. Jasawalla & his friends, with a complaint of some trouble created by him at home, & a request to Shree to keep him here. She was accordingly kept here, he himself too having expressed a desire to stay.

After settling his affairs, Shree gave a nice piece of advice to the party of the Parsees - accompanying Mr Jasawalla, his better family ladies) on - the Essence of TRUTH - Realisation - Mind - Sat-Sang - Prayers or Ceremonies & Rituals of Religion" etc etc. (vide Separate Notes of that)

After the party had gone, Shree entertained himself with instructions to look after his arrangements every way. Roller-rolling on the Ground was supervised for @ 6-30 p.m., & then after meals & Arti, Atya-patya was again played to night with tea served in the end.

Tuesday - 14th June 1927

A discussion as to who should explain all the boys of the Ash the special instructions given by Shree was carried on, and it was eventually decided that Rud & Kait were to accompany Shree every night to the Ashram at 8 p.m. from the 1st July 1927 to explain Shree's instruction to the boys - Mr. Rud. & Maneth Guj. is tied in Persian. Teachers for teaching Persian boys may be called after the boys came (application of a Moghal teacher already received)

Mr. Bhusha Inerwan (?) of Poona, expressed a keen desire to see Shree (letter f. Baby). Besides, refer was to-day made to Sri H. B. Ardemalla heavy expressed his willingness to come to Shree in connection with the mental defect a disease of his daughter, which in spite of his trying at a number of places was not cured, but for which he would be willing to come over here if Shree called him over. Importance being laid by the members on this information - the desire & willingness of such well known persons to come over to Shree, He, as usual, showed a cold regard for this, repeated his worted remarks "Many, many will be coming. Persons of great prominence, and actual leaders will be coming - at the proper time - automatically & uninvited. Then why worry for these now? Let the time come. If, however, any be coming uninvited - if then are accord, welcome" etc.

Then again, in the afternoon, a narration by Mrs. Kotwalla in "Jame" (6/13-1-27) of a German lady, by name Herline Hamfstein (German) (?German) was read out, as it threw some light on Mat Gandhi, & his working, position & deserving as a "Mahatma" as the world termed him.

While it (the narration) reflected much credit on the German lady,

for having sacrificed her everything (family, money etc.) for her sole desire to get some spiritual knowledge & advance in the life; it clearly declared that Gan. was not at all a Mahatma. He was a wonderful man, indeed, but not a Mahatma, in the real sense & spirit of the word (for he was not realized). And she explained the reason of her disappointment - that it must come to that. For, she came with a keen & sincere desire to "know" something (truth) from mat. Gandhi, whom she believed, from public reports, to be a saint, which he was not. Besides, instead of knowing something of truth from the Ahmedabad Ashram (of Mat Gandhi), the regular class of Khadi & Swaraj; day & night, much actually have disgusted her, and quite naturally, she returned disappointed, & all her hopes frustrated, and sacrifices lost to no purpose. But she will be benefited. For, the disappointment will do her much good (spiritually - for the worst now take to worldly affairs, & will try with her own effort to get some knowledge in this, from as many sources as are available & possible, & that will one day bring her in connection with some real saint, who will guide her aright).

Publicity Fame & Following – Explaining further, these all activities by Saud that, there is always a wide publicity given to such political & Social leaders, which is not given to others. Otherwise there are thousands & thousands of unknown yet Silent Sufferers – real jewels – more wonderful than a thousand Gandhi & Petit put together, Sufferers who could fast for ten times longer period than Ghandhi, without any fuss & more cheerfully too. Yet, it is the way of the world that if a Petit or a Ghandhi were to observe a fast for five days, the papers of the world would make a sensation over it, simply because they are politicians & are in the public eye. While, one more real & sincere, a better sufferer than these, would be in oblivion, for he is not known to the people. And if was a such sensational publicity that the poor German lady was misguided & enticed towards India & Ghandhiji, for both of which she will now write very strongly. She should have been to Maharaj (at Sakoli) instead, & she would have gained much – fulfilled her desires. For, Mah. would have explained & convinced her about Truth & Realization (even keeping an interpreter)

But unfortunately for her, she went to the wrong man & place for fulfilment of her desires which were much higher for these to satisfy. Setting aside all questions of Spiritualism, what a poor opinion she will have had for the Mirk unsanitary surroundings and the dirty ways of living of the Indians — which she had a very sad & disgusting experience. (A comparison with Shree's principles of purity, cleanliness here, which were most strict disciplinary — leaving aside the Spiritual profiles. In that respect too, Abbas arrangements, particularly those of the Ashram were Unique — Splendid, and worthy of any up-to-date modern institution of its kind — rather better. Had she been here, she would have had, at least a strong impression of the Nice arrangements here, everyway. If nothing Spiritually. — But leave that.

"Disappointments are Good. They do much good. Shattering of the brains is desirable. It stops so much thinking, altho' the desire does not vanish. It wears its own way — painfully, slowly yet steadily, from other directions & is sure to gain its end some day — even after a no. of disappointments — by coming in Contact with One real — Perfect One — who could guide him aright.

Wednesday – 15th June 1927

Shree had been to the Ashram since 10. a.m. & remained there for some hours – till 6 in the evening. Many changes & due arrangements were made there. Mr. Bo. & Rev. both taken severely to task – in his usual fashion – for indifference, and were pricked so much that they both got desperate as to "pack off" – But after the Storm, came the pleasant Quiet – everything being settled & smoothed wonderfully.

During the time that Shree was at the Ashram there was strong rain for about 2 hours, drenching everything, and making an entire change in the atmosphere. The flocks of goats & sheep sought shelter in the School veranda, front & aft, and the Nun was actually buried alive under these so closely packed up to one another for warming themselves. Nun was taken out with much difficulty, and it was very strange, he was absolutely unhurt, without even a scratch – although actually covered above by their feet. One half a dozen of the goats were reported were drowned & carried away by the floods – due

to heavy rains. (Some 2-3 saved in Ah'abad, too from dying of cold & chill, being unable to move or even to get up). The rain – the first down pour – was plenty, much more than expected, and never heard of for the last 3-4 (decades?)

Visit by Kh. Saheb at the Ashram, where he had a long chat with Shree. He showed much enthusiasm & love than usual, warmly greeted Shree and went late at Night at @ 9 pm. with his family.

The rain subsided at @ 6 pm., when Shree came to the School: after @ 8 hours stay at the Ashram. At @ 7 pm. a party of Hindus came for Shree's darshana in hostel. The party included Sm. , Chairman of the Local Board & his friends. He had come with a view to ask Shree's blessing in the next election of the seat of the Council, vacated by Sm. Forode. Shree had already given word to Sm. Chitale; however he said that he would try for a Next (Second) chance.

The dispute at Pateto was reported to Shree. It was for peculiar of the villagers here who hardly came for Shree's darshana – yet always came – appealed to him for settlement of any dispute whenever arising – which Shree always settled to take factum.

Thursday - 16th June 1927

Usual Thursday Visits.

The couplet of { हरी परमात्मा ઈશ્વર - God } selected for prayer, by the Ashramites, and the board prepared for same

The Anniversary of Zoraaster
ઝરથોસ્ત્ર ઈરાની

Heavy rains throughout last night, the members in the Mates had actually to shift from one place to another, as the roof was leaking. The rains didn't stop till @ 6-30 a.m. and all were actually waiting for the same to stop - to go to the School. Ben therefore sent some umbrellas for the members, who were then called to come to the School, where the School principal & Asst. both were taken to task for being late. Excuses would not do. Their presence must be prompt.

Owing to disorder due to heavy rains, the Ashram boys were called late at @ 8 a.m. - all to be carefully covered, & brought under the shelter of Umbrellas provided for the purpose.

The heavy downpour of rain caused Shree to "speak" on the Subject – of Rain & thence to the relevant issues, as to who sent it – God, Maya, Satan – the Creator, Created, Creation etc. etc. (vide – Special Notes of date). In the Midst of this lecture, the Arrival of Doctor (Ganny – from Lonavla) was announced & he too stood amongst those who hitherto listened to Shree's lecture.

A Parsee Gentleman – Mr. Dastur, an M.A. L.L.B. – came this morning with a desire of Shree's darshana & some private talk. The Gentleman seemed to be in some financial difficulty & sought Shree's help, which Shree offered & promised to get him relieved of his troubles, provided he promised in return to stay here & do the work Shree entrusted him (of writing out in good descriptive English, Shree's undescribed Secrets & writings etc. as also teaching the Ashramites for One hour daily, and gave him time to consider & consult his parents & then reply.

at night

The telegr. for Passing-out stopping of 14 Dean boys at Bush. by the Minister of Educ. Decision — Decided to send telegr. to the Minister in details as the name of the Left. — the proposal to telegr. Resth. Gh. — another Minister cancelled — Resth. Gh. to act without the help of anybody a very independent —

The Resth. affair — Enquiry of his work — His giving out — admission — advice Dr's work given up — accepted — asked to work under Fr. (Crawford) — refused — ordered or asked to go away — Fr. — After a talk — Accepted heavy B's word — under Fr. — The fainted again — Be — Mad — not a person etc. settled.

Tues.

Bombay, 22-6 192 .

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New Reg. 3rd st. commenced — Pa's complt

R/- accepted — given them on his charge — [illegible]

The new Cow battery opened — Match betting

asked to be stopped was the period after 10-30 — a

match arranged — School closed for half a day

— Boys teach to witness the match — Match f.

12 to 3.30 — Very interesting game —

Rust. Vinyar family walk by the evening

Kat. arrived in the afternoon.

Bd. sent up before hand to arrange f. the

tea party — the party went at @ 5-30 — at Bd's —

Tea & fruits — the inevitable kettle —

Tyre burst — Ada's all plans for the tin-car

gone to ashes — On foot at Kakas — and Pa repaired

bought the new Chev. body —

Shree on the Shore — & Tore at the gate of Kaka's

pettle which pleasing sight — many of Tent! Boy.

etc —

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Lecture — very interesting — [illegible] from [illegible]

Topics — better — adepts in Egypt — with tremendous powers — not known even to his own wife — Great adepts 13 in the world — Their powers like Indian Yogis — like Yogis — They are under direct orders from Lady — like R. — Europe — what they do not understand but know everything — certain powers given — they have — not really in — [illegible] after words — Secret communion to body in [illegible] — Power this Spirit — they are [illegible] — [illegible] — etc — America — here in the O. — [illegible] — etc

Secret working — Smile — Coat — Shirt — outer — internal — or left covered under pants — etc.

The young Yogi of Theosophy — One in the line — go to him — have darshan — go to any saint — have darshan — you will be benefitted — (but don't listen to fellows) — ~~[illegible]~~ Vakils are [illegible] of God — touch of Guru — a boy — God has [illegible] to do the work of a pot — other the other pot advantage — do what has it — Besides they can do as much adv. as they have worth — [illegible] — [illegible] — [illegible] — [illegible] — why not tell them — don't — [illegible] great reason — Ri [illegible] — [illegible] — [illegible] — [illegible]

Thursday —
~~Bombay~~, 23rd June 192[illegible].

Usual Thursday visits

R/- A Parsi Foreman (quite a little —)
comes the morning with a desire for the dark
— the history, his peculiar manners — Given
up everything — (1235) — desire to see Mr. Pure — ch
advised to go either to Mah. or to Bal. or to Kar. or
to the Chinnavalle Cave — if here on water under
a tree — car. to be clean — warm — dress
in the cell for bath — on the hill — cave well for
Shri's advice — what was — this is his 1st — Mem. — yoga
be free up — very difficult etc — think over — go
about & if not settled closer the cave —

Insp. a fair behaviour peculiarly — on the fates —
[illegible] to women [illegible] — pure in

charge of Mrs.

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Sheer a party to Chettaman for meals
at noon — the 6 Kafa ~~for~~ tea — return at
3 pm —
— a Shower of rain 5 d @ 3 —
Blanket for Bhyan — 4 to 5 —
his talk family visit — Dr Jan going to do
To Arunjan-mandir — Sapta — tea —
the arti — return @ 9-30

Friday
Bombay, 24th June 1937.

Nothing particular during the day.
R/- except a Q. Match at 4 pm.
Ice-cream for bathers distributed to a few -
4 to 6-30 match. Sha. contributing 52 in her
style - exhausted & then the bathers up.
all sides - yet happy - Sin at Night -
& sleep early at @ 9-15 -

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Saturday 25th June.

Nothing particular - except some slight disturbance by Mrs. expressing a desire to go to see her brother Lester - (a peculiar hole) - she was advised to go home be quiet, the promised - willingly & consequently given - Mrs J to accompany - Observe Bombay - mus: slept - rains in the evening - Considerable number of visitors - Dr. Marathe, again came to day - had a desire to come over here after a month & so.

Sh. - Dad. taken to task for irregularity - slight indifference even tried to do - everything right date - trip tip - Calendar dates & arch. etc

Sunday
~~Bombay~~, 26-6-27 192 .

R/- Matriculation History of England and India with elucidation By B. J. Vakil M.A. -

Morning - 7 a.m. Milk tea (rusk & butter)
To the ashram @ 8 - Bhagat - Anti - Prasad -
To the hill for bowling open of the other side gate -
- Visitors - Went to the ashram 2 to 4 -
Hockey 5-6-30 (Went too playing)

Mem - The Sepoy finally hanged. He gave a fresh letter with where - 26 mutiny - suffered only for @ 6-7 yrs @ 150 people treated + additional fever cases -
a wonder - not with appeal yet

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Monday — ~~Bombay,~~ 27-6-27 192 .

The Election campaign — the issues in Aragon & consequences which of — Aurobindo & Shri —

R/- People's verdict regd. Thorat, Sen & Cave —

(Brood over & Chitale — let us see what comes out)

— Re: Bapu's & Mahendra's boys models created by the Bawa Kutan Kari — B. & Dada & advice not to worry spoil the boy's future — B. will see to everything. (even marriage etc) — Let people speak — they only speak, do nothing so don't listen etc

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Tuesday
~~Bombay~~, 28 June 192/.

Prof's Birthday — Shree in the Matran early morning.

R/- Milk tea & Rava in the morning.

Cottya-pattya game was arranged to be played 6.30 to 7.30 but was abandoned owing to wet grounds & chilly weather) School started at @ 8.30 —

4th Bar. came with mail for Bombay - now clear 7th July. open for him for 1½ — Time-table to be arranged & fixed. Rain taken on 3rd July. Books received & distributed.

Work on the hill, for the Astra & the tubes then & the necessary additions & alterations nearly completed under Dr Bed.

Stores & kitchen removed to the new Tata Shed - nearly - 2 rooms being vacated.

G. Thalch at @ 4 p.m. Shree's Tiffin.

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Anti-sin — meals pleasant —

Arti-cers — Greets pleased — S. Bear's box of
books for Arthur library opened — Nice selection
Sean books kept for School library —
Discussion on Bis letter re: Duke Marwan —
(Comy here as their said on 11th) — re: pubblication
of McAthur's Passion pamphlet with Jyoti's
in Jaunce — astonished at the news of Passion boys
Comy here — What @ the folly? discussion —
other general topics of Duffers day voyage —
heavy seas — Mandale's experience, sorry for
A Bed. as well as boys. — Adieu

Wednesday

Bombay, 29- 6 27 192

Wrote a letter to Mr Tuns re: Asheem - its

R/- arms - teachings etc. - Preparations for

the opening of the Asheem & the Lill in full

swing - The Maker boys quarrel, bright

begin shine - Man. & Kho to Poona -

the quarrel increases upto 6 pm -

Stockey - again the Maker quarrel discussion

angry - Maker drawn away - Arti -

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Holiday — (Opening of a school on the hill)
Morning attyo footballers near the school — then
to the hill for sports — the teachers — the fun —
the A Market — (etc etc) — meals —
rest — the apples of the footway — cleft by a
committee of 4 — typey left off for want of hands
clasp knives to cleave it as chis — the market & the
advice — (fr. the funny A Pakyo —) milk & cake sheets
on the hill — Bhajan — Days — the peculiar force
(lifting of the stones etc) — the cake — the ashram
boys found lifting stones — the new & comy devis —
as the crossing, the rail trolly, & rest by way respect —
meals — ash — early to bed —
Rest. b. p. to when with the apples tomorrow

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