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Dated 3/11/49.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Grant - Vaishnava Theological University, Mudabari — Declined.

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His Holiness Swami B. H. Bon
Founder-President

VAISHNAVA THEOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY VRINDABAN

RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Vrindaban (Mathura), U. P.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 8 OCT 1949 EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH U.P.

The 3. 10. 1949

To The Hon'ble Minister for Education,
Government of Madras, Madras.

ADDITIONAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 7 OCT 1949 EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPTT. 7743

Subject: Research scholarships for V.T. University Research Institute for one year.

Sir,

(2) I beg to enclose herewith a copy of the Scheme and Constitution of the All-India Vaishnava Theological University, Brindaban. The Research Institute of the University was opened by the Hon'ble Education Minister of U. P. on July 29, 1949, and a copy of the report of the Inaugural Ceremony is enclosed herewith for your information.

(K) 2. You will please note that the Govt. of U.P. have acquired a plot of 84 bighas of land for the purposes of the University, and have also offered Two Research Scholarships of Rs. 100/- each per month.

3. The Govt. of Assam have promised to sanction Two Research Scholarships of Rs. 100/- each per month, and one Chair for Assamese Vaishnavism of Rs. 300/- per month. Similar grants have also been assured by the Govt. of Assam.

4. We are also corresponding with the Central Govt. and other Provincial Govts. for similar aids.

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His Holiness Swami B. H. Bon
Founder-President

VAISHNAVA THEOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
VRINDABAN

RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Vrindaban (Mathura), U. P.

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5. The South is the blessed land of the great Acharyas. We, therefore, pray that the Govt. of Madras may kindly grant to this only Theological Research Institute of India —

I. Three Research Scholarships of Rs. 100/- each pr month for researches on —

3×100/- 300×12 3600/- (a) the Philosophy of Sri Sankara;
100×12 (b) " " " Sri Ramanuja;
100×12 (c) " " " Sri Madhava.

720/- II. Two Professorships of Rs. 300/- each pr month for (a) Advaita and (b) ~~Sri~~ Dwaita Vedantas.

We pray for the above-mentioned grants-in-aid now for one year only (1950-51).

Yours faithfully,
B. H. Bon,
President, V. T. U.

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Lr. Ms. No 3350, Edn dt- 3.11.49

To

The President,
Vaishnava Theological University,
Vrindaban, (Mathura), U.P.

Sir,

Sub:- Grant-Vaishnava Theological University, Vrindaban- Declined.

Ref:- your letter dt-3/10/49.

I am directed to state the Govt. of Madras regret that they are unable to make a grant to the Vaishnava Theological University, Vrindaban, for the

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In view of the present financial stringency

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institution of Scholarships and Professorships, in view of the present financial stringency.

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Education Department.

From

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

Rc.No.3078 L4/49 dated 15-11-1949.

Sir,

Sub: Grants-in-aid to the Vaishnava Theological University - Vrindaban, U.P.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of the letter No.B9/1597 dated 30-10-1949 from the Founder-President of the Vaishnava Theological University, Vrindaban, U.P. and to recommend a grant of Rs.2000/- per annum to the University.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Copy of letter Ref.No. B-9/1597 dated 30th October 1949 from the Founder-President referred to above.

I beg to enclose herewith a copy of the application we had submitted to the Hon'ble Minister for Education, Government of Madras, on the 3rd instant. I had interviewed your in this connection, you will please remember, being asked by the Hon'ble Education Minister. I beg to appeal to you to kindly recommend to the Govt. our prayers for 3 scholarships and two Professorships, which was not really a large demand on the Presidency Revenue. I had also seen and discussed with the Hon'ble Shri Gopal Reddi, the Finance Minister. He also assured me of his support to our prayer for Govt.'s grants.

May I mention here how greatly delighted I was to have met you and knew of you and your attitude towards our humble but earnest endeavour to train up a band of really broad-minded scholars who may be properly utilised in the educational institutions of the country to teach our young students with a spiritual background. I think, we could wholly agree with you in your views. The vast body of the Hindu monks, who are practically useless today to the nation, could be of immense value if they were highly educated with a practical spiritual understanding of life, and if they would take to the teaching profession in schools and college, they could exert a great influence on the young mind of our youths. We are not wrongly fanatical in our religious outlook, but we do believe that education without any faith in a higher spiritual aspect of life can only degenerate our people into utter atheism and thereby dangerous to the posterity and to mankind. A God-fearing, moral and cultural education may best be imparted by trained religionists. We may, therefore, rely on your whole-hearted support to the great task we have ventured to undertake.

Thanking,

(True Copy) ----

for Director of Public Instruction

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Grant - Vaishnava Theolggical University, Vrindaban, U. P.

C.No.90547/49 P.C.

From the D.P.I.Rc.No.3078-L4/49 dated 15.11.1949.

Memo.No.90547/2/49-1 Edn., dated 30/11/49

A copy of Letter Ms.No.3350 Edn., dated 3.11.1949 sent to the President, Vaishnava Theological University, Vrindaban, (Mathura) U.P., is communicated to the D.P.I. declining to make a grant to the University. ~~The Director is informed that the Govt. decline to accept his recommendation for the sanction of~~ a grant to the above University.

To
The D.P.I.
2 spare copies.

The Govt. do not propose to modify the order contained herein.

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E.& P.H.(G.2)

Grant - Vaishnava Theological University, Vrindaban -

C.No.77439/49.

From the President, Vaishnava Theological University, Vrindaban (Mathura), U.P., dated 3-10-1949.

Extract of ~~Endrx~~ orders of H.M.(Edn.& Law) d./- 7-10-49

"Examine this please".

In June 1948, the President of the Vaishnava Theological University, made an application to this Govt. for a recurring grant of Rs 1,000/- per mensem and a non-recurring grant of Rs. 1,00,000/- for the establishment of a Chair for the Comparative Study of Southern Vaishnavism in the University. The request was considered in detail and at last the Presdt. of the University was asked to renew his application when the University began to function. Again in January 1949, the President of the V.T. University addressed this Govt., requesting for an early decision on the question of grant for the University. The case ~~xg~~ was again considered and with reference to the orders in circulation of the former H.M.(Edn), he was informed that this Govt. could not make any grant for the purpose, especially in view of the financial stringency. ~~prevailingx~~ 2. The President of the University has now renewed his request for a grant for the University. He states that the University has been inaugurated on 29.7.49 and he has forwarded copies of the Scheme and Constitution of the University and the Report of the Inaugural Ceremony. He mentions that the Govt. of the U.P. have acquired a plot of 84 bighas of land for the University and have offered 2 research scholarships of the value of Rs.100/- each per mensem, that the Govt. of Assam have promised two research scholarship of Rs.100/- each per mensem and one Chair for Assamese Vaishnavism of Rs.300/- per mensem, and/he is corresponding with the Central and other Provincial Governments for similar aids. He requests that this Govt. may

make ~~a grant for the following~~ the following grants for one year,

in 1950-51:--

(1) Three scholarships of the value of Rs.100/- each per month; ~~and~~ for the Philosophies of Sankara, Ramanuja and Madhwa; and

(2) ~~One~~ Two Professorships of the value of Rs.300/- per mensem for Adwaita and Dwaita Vedantas.

The financial effect of this proposal would be an addl Annual expenditure of Rs 10800/- ~~Non recurring~~, ~~There are no special reasons for a reconsideration of the previous decision in the matter. In view of the financial stringency which still continues, the request of the President for a grant for the University during 1950-51 need not be considered encouraged. He may be informed that in view of the financial stringency which continues in this Province, this Govt. are unable to make any grant for the purpose in 1950-51. Finance may see the case for remarks prior to circulation~~

RS 12/10/49 This for consideration whether, in view of the decision of Govt. communicated as recently in February last, the matter should be Reopened now. If so, the Director's remarks may be invited on the Request. Finance may see the case, before circulation

Orders may be taken in circulation in TS 10-10-49

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MR 12/10/49. M 13/10/49

S/Fin 14/10/49

Finance (Exp-A)

Fin Spl 14/10

E+PH(Gr)

Lr.No.17439-Gr/Ef-1 dtd 14/10/49

Please see the note of E.P.H on pp 1-2 above. With reference to similar requests for grants from the Andhra Historical Research Society, Rajahmundry and the Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Poona, finance have recently advised against the sanction of grants in view of the present financial stringency. Attention is in this connection invited to Fin Memo. No 57293-A/PWR-3 dated 12-10-49 regarding the

Separate file maintained by E+PH

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 67844 14 OCT 1949 FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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implementing a ~~measure~~ for ~~the~~ all round economy in expenditure in 1949-50 and 1950-51. In the circumstances the President of the Vaishnava Theological University (U.P) may be informed that ~~this~~ the request for grants for scholarships and Professorships cannot be considered for the present.

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Rs 21.10.49

Finance may advise against the proposal for grants in 1950-51 and thereafter at Rs 10,000 p.a. Fin Spl 21/10/49

24/10/49 E+PH(Gr)

[This Debtl. note on p. p1-2 ante and Fin Debtl note on p p2-3 ante may be perused]. In the circumstances ~~this Dept may agree with the views of Fin and it is for orders whether~~ the request of the President of the Vaishnava Theological University for grants for scholarships and Professorships may be negatived and the President of the University informed accordingly. May be circulated to Ex+H(E+L). for orders with reference to this minutes on page 1/ante.

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H. M (E & L)

With reference to the orders in circulation above, the draft letter below is for approval.

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VAISHNAVA THEOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

(Registered)

[Scheme & Constitution]

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धर्मः प्रोज्झितकैतवोऽत्र परमो निर्मत्सराणां सतां

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BRINDABAN,

MATHURA.

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Vaishnava Theological University,

VRINDABAN. (Mathura)

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Memorandum of Association,

Registered under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860.

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Members of the Syndicate :

[*Of the 15 Members, seven represent the different Vaishnava Schools inclusive of the President, and the other Eight are Vaishnava Grihasthas of public eminence.*]

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1. His Holiness Swami B. H. Bon Maharaj, *Founder-President.*
2. Shri S. C. Roy, M. A., I. E. S. (Rtd.) *Vice-Chancellor.*
3. Dr. Panna Lal, I. C. S. (Rtd.) *Pro Vice-Chancellor.*
4. Dr. B. N. Ghosal, M. A., Ph. D., *Registrar.*
5. Dr. G. N. Vyas, Rai Bahadur, *Treasurer.*
6. Dr. O. B. L. Kapoor, M. A , D. Phil., *Controllor of Examinations.*
7. Dr, Mahanambrata Brahmachari, M. A., Ph. D.
8. Captain Rao Krishnapal Singh of Awagarh.
9. Prof. R. K. Chowbey, M. A , [in 14 Subjects] B. T., LL. B , Dip. Lib., Sahityaratna, Shastry.
10. **[Ramanuja School]**
11. Thakur Kusal Singh of Geejgarh, Jaipur **[Madhva School]**
12. Swami Dhananjayadasji Maharaj, *Vyakarana-Tarka-Tarka-Tirtha.* **[Nimbarka School]**
13. Mahant Shri Raghubardasji Maharaj, *Badasthan, Ayodhya.* **[Ramananda School]**
14. Shri Krishna-Chaitanyadasji. M. A., B. L., **[Chaitanya School]**
15. Goswami Shri Lalitacharanji, B. A., LL. B., **[Radha-vallabha School]**

Members of the Senate :

[Of the 30 Members, 7 represent the different Vaishnava Sampradayas, one representative of the Sankara Sampradaya, and the rest are selected from all the Provinces of Hindusthan.]

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Assam : 1. Shri Rohini Kumar Chowdhory, M. A., M. L. A. (Ex-Education-Minister.
2. Shri Durgeswar Sharma, Rai Bahadur, (Ex-Comm ssioner.)

Bihar : 3. Shri P. R. Das Barrister-at-Law [Ex-Justice]
4. Lt. Colonal Sir Chandreswar Prasad Narayan Sinha, C. I. E., Vice-Chancellor, Patna University.

Bombay : 5. The Rt Hon'ble Dr. M. R. Jayakar, Vice-Chancellor, Poona University.
6. Shri Jamnadas M. Mehta. [Ex-Finance-Minister]

C. P. 7. Shri W. R. Puranik, Member Federal Services Commission. [Ex-Justice & Ex. Vice-Chancellor, Nagpur]
8.

Delhi : 9. Sir Shankar Lal [Delhi Cloth Mills]
10. Shri Krishna Dutt Bharadwaj, M. A., *Puranacharya.*

E. Punjab: 11. Pandit Dharma Chandra, M. Sc. (California) Zemindar, Sadhaura, Ambala.
12.

Madras : 13.
14. Dr. R. Naga Raja Sarma, M. A., L. T., Ph. D. *Vidyalankara-Tarkachoodmani.* [Presidency College, Madras]

Orissa : 15. Rai Bahadur Artaballabha Mahanty, M. A
16. Prof. Narayan Mohan De, M. A.

Members of the Senate (contd.)

U. P. : 17. The Hon'ble Dr. Sita Ram, President, Legislative Council.
18. Dr. Narayan Prasad Asthana, Vice-Chancellor, Agra-University, [Ex-Advocate General]
19. Mahamahopadhyaya Gopinath Kaviraj, M.A
20. Acharya Shri Narendra Deo, Vice-Chancellor, Lucknow University.

W. Bengal : 21. Shri Pramatha Nath Banerjee, Vice-Chancellor, Calcutta University.
22. The Hon'ble Justice Ramaprasad Mukerjee.

Rajputana . 23. Dr G. S. Mahajani, Vice-Chancellor, Rajputana University.

Ramanuja : 24. Swami P, B. Annangaracharya, Prativadi-Bhayankar [Conjeevaram]

Modhva : 25. Shri M. Ramchandra Rao, M. A. Principal, Dvaita-Vedanta College, Udipi, South Kanara.

Nimbarka . 26. Brahmachari Shri Nandkumar Saran Shastri

Chaitanya : 27. Goswami Binodebehari *Kavyu-Vyakarana-Sankhya-Purana-Tirtha, Vedantaratna.*

Ramananda : 28. Swami Vasudevacharya, *Darsanik, Sarvabhauma, Nyaya-Vyakaruna-Vedanta-Mimansacharya.*

Vallabha : 29. Goswami Shri Govindlalji Maharaj, 4th & 5th Grahadhiswara.

Radha Vallabha : 30 Goswami Shri Mukutvallabhji B. A.

Sankara : 31

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Preamble :

WHEREAS this blessed land of Hindusthan has the highest spiritual heritage and cannot but have a distinct mission, Whereas religion based on the Vedic Scriptures, the Gita and the Bhagavatam has formed through the long history of the Hindu Race its stable background, Whereas the past sages and monks had given a vitalising guidance to the various problems of life, Whereas the Vaishnava-Acharyas like Shri Ramanuja. Shri Madhava, Shri Vishnuswami, Shri Nimbarka, Shri Ramananda, Shri Vallabha and above all Shri Krishna-Chaitanya-Mahaprabhu had given mankind a living force in the application of devotion and love to God and thereby to the entire humanity, Whereas this mutual collaboration between the Vaishnava-Saints and the general public in its proper aspect has been either overlooked or religion and monks been made a scapegoat of politics, economics, society and other secular aspects, Whereas our Sadhus in their turn have criminally ignored their great responsibility to mankind for the highest good, Whereas the vast body of Sadhus of the present time in the country are either ignorant or prove themselves almost useless to the world for want of proper spiritual and cultural training, Whereas the education and discipline of most of these Sadhus have been neglected and the effective preaching of devotion and divine love with a spirit of tolerance have been conspicuous by their absence, Whereas true religion must be preached to the world in conformity with international spiritual and culural relationship because of changed circumstances of the world caused by the advancement of Science, and Whereas it is felt inexpedient to allow our spiritual responsibilities to mankind to be handled by untrained preachers, and hence wrongly fanatic, and such an *Academy* to train up a band of spiritually minded sacrificing culturo-spiritual messengers with a spirit of

love and tolerance has been long overdue, it is our imperative duty to organise ourselves; accordingly the Vaishnava Theological University of an All-India character is constituted with the following aims and objects.

Objects :

1. To impart philosophical, theological, cultural and moral education to the Vaishnava Sadhus and all those who are interested in Vaishnava theology, philosophy, literature and culture, in order to secure their all round moral aed spiritual improvement through a right understanding and sound knowledge of the Shastras thereby helping them to become useful members of human society.

2. To train a band of Vaishnava Missionaries who are spiritually, morally and intellectually well equipped to carry thc Message of Unalloyed Devotion of the Supreme Lord to every village in India and also to other parts of the world, and to help mankind to realise the spiritual values of Religion, and follow them in life.

3 To instil a spirit of discipline and co-operation and create a tolerant spirit among this band of Sadhus and scholars with due respect to the religious susceptibilities of others.

4. To give an impetus to these would be Spiritual and Cultural Messengers to live up to a high standard of ideal life in order to guide the Nation in matters of religion and culture and to reinstate the status enjoyed by the Sadhus in the past.

5. To contribute to an adequate interpretation of the cultural heritage of Hindusthan.

6. To impart spiritual, moral and secular education to young boys and Sadhus up to the Matriculation standard under the guidance of spiritually advanced teachers and Saints in an ideal atmosphere of the Vaishnava Theological University Campus.

The Scheme.

Name :

The University shall be called the "Vaishnava Theological University" .or *"Paramarthik Vaishnava Viswa Vidyalaya."*

Area & Headquarters :

Its permanent headquarters shall be at Brindaban, but its jurisdiction will extend over the whole of Hindusthan so far as affiliated institutions are concerned.

Nature & Character :

The University will be not only of an all-India character, but also of an International standerd so far as the scope of its Degrees, Studies and Researches is concerned.

A Theistic Nalanda :

On the ideal of a new Theistic Nalanda, the Vaishnava Theological University will be an educational and spritual world centre. In the past, the Rhisis and Munis were a great spiritual support to the country; the Nalanda University in the Budhist period trained a large number of Buddhist Baiksus : the proposed Vaishnava Theological University will impart theistic and moral education.

Open to all :

The Vaishnava Theological University will admit anybody who will be desirous of studying the Philosophy, Theology, Literature and Culture of the various Schools of Vaishnavism.

Qualifications for admission :

The minimum qualification for admission will be : (1) A Sadhu of 10 years' proved life, (2) A matriculate with Compulsory or Optional Sanskrit of any recognised University, (3) A student of Sanskrit who has passed the *Prathama*,

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Medium of instruction :

The medium of instruction will be Sanskrit, Hindi and Bengali, and English for non-Indians.

Residential University :

It will mainly be a Residential University; but in future it will have recognised and affiliated Colleges, Ashramas, Pathshalas Libraries and Research centres all over India, provided they fulfil the conditions of recognition and affiliation to be laid down in rules to be framed for the purpose. For these outsids Institutions it will be a recognising and affiliating University.

Free tuition & lodging :

The Sadhu students will be given free board as far as possible. and free lodging and free tuition; other students will receive free tuition and lodging, but will have to pay a monthly sum of Rs. 35/-each for his boarding only.

Teachings :

The teaching work of the University shall be carried in 4 stages, viz.

(i) Basic education upto Matriculation of a higher standard than any other recognised University in India for beginners through the "Bhagavat Pathshala.'

(ii) B. D. Degree courses through different Colleges (Chaitanya College, Nimbarka College, Vishnuswami College, Ramananda College, etc.)

(iii) D. D. courses through the University College for Post graduate students.

(iv) D. Phil , D. Litt., D. Theos, courses and advanced studies in Vaishnava-Philosophy, Vaishnava Literature and Culture, and Vaishnava-Theology respectively with a comparative Study of other Religions, such as Buddhism, Christianity, and Islam through the "Shri Krishna Research Institute."

Standard of Education :

The V. T. University will aim at imparting a very high Standard of education; efficiency and quality will be aimed at.

Residence :

The students will be resident in the Ashramas [Broarding Houses] attached to the Colleges and Research-Institute, except that in special cases they will be allowed to live outside the College and University permises under proper supervision with the approval of t' e authorities.

Acadamic Facilities ;

The Library and the publication Dept. with a Printing Press of its own will be ever ready to help the staff and students in their academic and cultural advancement The Text books published and purchased, periodicals subscribed (a monthly, called "Vaishnavism" to be published by the University) and printed, and Vernacular translations of standard classical works in foreign languages undertaken by the University will be meant for widening the outlook and deepening the scholarship of the alumni of the University.

Extra Moral Culture :

The class rooms; the Ashramas, the Bhakti-Hospital, the Prem Printing Press, Play-grounds. Gar_ens, etc, will provide facilities for training the heart, the will, the hands as well as the brains of the youths residing in the premises through social service. moral courage, rural welfare, Religious Prayers and spiritual interests will dominate over the secular and cultural.

Teachers :

Teachers may be selected from different Provinces and States, from among eminent specialists of the different Vaishnava Sampradayas, who are devoutly religious and keen on spiritual culture.

It is expected that the products of this University will be in demand for teachership in educational institutions

where religious and moral instructions will be needed under the schemes of educational reconstruction for India.

Other Departments.

The Research Institute :

There will be a Research Department, called the "Shri Krishna Research Institute." This Department will carry out research work in relation to all problems relating to the cult and philosophy of Krishna Prema, and its relation to other cults, theologies and philosophies of India and world.

Research scholars and visitors from any part of the world who are desirous of doing research work on Vaishnavism and to acquaint themselves with the literature and spiritual atmosphere of an ideal monastery, will be given all possible assistance. For the purposes special Guest quarters will be provided to such visitors, both Indian and Foreign, but such assistance and accomodation will be at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor.

Publication :

The Publication Department will collect MSS and books, publish Critical editions. translations, commentaries and books relating to the cult of Lord Shri Krishna in all important languages.

Monthly Magazine :

A monthly Magazine will be published to encourage and promote the study and research of Vaishnavism and Vaishnava literature to promulgate the knowledge of the spiritual-heritage of India and to spread the Message of Divine Love or *Prema Bhakti*. The Magazine will record the activities of the Research Department, and will be a link between Spiritual India and the rest of the world. It will be published in English.

Saraswati Library :

There will be a systematic Library, called the "Saraswati Library" with all the modern equipments,

where all available MSS, editions, translations, books, pictures relating to Vaishnavism will be collected in one place and made accessible for serious studies. Specialists will assist the readers and research-workers. Admission to the library will be regulated by rules framed for the purpose.

Prem Printing Press :

The University will possess a Printing Press of its own for its publications.

Bhakti Hospital :

A modern Hospital will be attached to the University for medical aid and treatment of the staff and students, and will also offer free treatment to the public, particularly *Sadhus*, as far as possible. Arrangements will be made for both in-door and out-door patients.

Our ideal :

Our ideal is not only *Ahimsa*, which is, a negation of *Himsa*, but a *loving service* of the All prevading Supreme Lord. By *Prema Bhakti* of God, you serve best the entire humanity as by watering the *root* you feed the whole tree.

Approximate Estimate.

1. Endowment (Reserve Funds)	Rs. 50,00,000/-
2. Development funds :	Rs. 25,00,000/-
	Total Rs. 75,00,000/-

Development Funds.

A Development Fund of Rs. 25 Lakhs should be set apart as capital of the University for laying out, expansion and extension of buildings etc. And may be spent, generally speaking, in the following manner:—

1. University College ...	Rs. Three Lakhs.
2. Shri Chaitanya College & Asram	,, One Lakh and Fifty thousand.

3. Shri Ramanuj College & Asram	Rs. One Lakh Fifty thousand.
4. Shri Vallabh College & Asram	,, One Lakh Fifty thousand
5, Shri Nimbarka College & Asram	,, One Lakh Fifty thousand.
6. The Research Institute ...	,, One Lakh.
7. Shri Saraswati Library ...	,, Two Lakhs.
8. Bhagavata Pathshala ...	,, Two Lakhs.
9. Gopal Asram ...	,, One Lakh.
10. Bhakti Hospital ...	,, Four Lakhs.
11. Prem Printing Press ...	,, One Lakh.
12. Quarters for Professors ...	,, Two Lakhs
13. Guest Quarters ...	,, One Lakh.
14. Out houses, Gate, etc. ...	,, One Lakh.
15. Roads, Electric instalations etc.	,, One Lakh.
	Total Rs. 25,00000/-

(Our Architect is Mr. N. K Kothari,
A. I. I. A., G. D., of New Delhi.)

Reserve Funds :

A Reserve Fund of Rs. 50 Lakhs to be reserved for recurring expenses. Invested in a Scheduled Banks at the rate of 4% interest per annum this latter will draw an annual interest of Rs. Two Lakhs, out of which Rs.16,556. may be spent per month on the staff, sadhu-students repairs, contingencies etc,

Out of this monthly income from the interest, about half the amount may be spent on the staff at the following rates :—

5 Provosts :	Rs. 300-20-400-10-450 each per month.	=Rs. 2,250/-
5 Professors ;	,, 200-10-300 each per month.	=Rs. 1,500/-
10 Lecturers ;	,, 150-10-250 ,,	=Rs. 2,500/-
10 Pandits :	,, 100-5-150 ,,	=Rs. 1,500/-
10 Teachers :	,, 75-5-125 ,,	=Rs. 1,250/-
1 Head Assistant :	,, 75-5 125 ,,	=Rs. 125/-

10 Assitants :	Rs 45-5-85	,,	=Rs. 850/-
5 Peons :	,, 25/-	,,	=Rs. 125/-
2 Sentries :	. 30/-	,,	=Rs. 60/-

In the beginning : =Rs. 6,460/- At the close of 10 years.
Total =Rs. 10,160/-

On an average, half the monthly income from the interest of the Reserve Funds may be spent on the staff and with the other half Sadhu-students may be provided with free board and lodging.

Censtitution :

CONTROL & MANAGEMENT.

1 **Governing Body or Syndicate :**

(*a*) The final authority for control and management of the V. T. University shall be vested in the Governing Body, which shall function as the Syndicate of the University. The policy should be laid down and determined by the Syndicate.

(*b*) It shall consist of 15 Members, including the President, Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Treasurer and Controller of Examinations. Of these 15 Members 7 shall be Vaishnava-Sadhu including the President who shall always be a Vaishnava-monk, and the other 8 members shall be eminent Vaishnava Grihastha-scholars. During the first ten years since the foundation of the University, the six Vaishnava-Sadhu Members will be nominated by the Founder President. Besides, Donars of not less than Rs. One Lakh and above shall be able to nominate One Vaishnava Member each to the Syndicate Body. The Central Govt. and the Provincial Govts. that will give grants-in-aid to the University will be able to nominate One Member each, if they like, to the Syndicate of the University. Fresh elections and nominations of the Members of the Syndicate will be made every Five Years.

(*c*) *Duties & Powers of the Syndicate :* [To be inserted later]

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[*d*] *Meetings of the Syndicate :*

The President shall preside over the meetings of the Syndicate but in his absence the Vice Chancellor shall preside over its meetings. When the President and the Vice-Chancellor are both unable to attend a meeting of the Syndicate, the Members present will elect a President from among themselves. Ten Members shall form a quorum for a meeting of the Sydnicate. A week's notice shall be given by the Registrar to every Member before a meeting of the Syndicate is held, stating therein the agenda of business to be transacted in the meeting and nothing of importance can be considered in the meeting which was not circulated in the agenda of the notice. As a rule the Syndicate shall meet once in every three months but an emergent meeting can be called by the President or ten Members of the Syndicate at any time, stating the reason or reasons for calling for such an emergent meeting informing the Registrar thereof. The Registrar will take the earliest opportunity for fixing a date and time for such a meeting, informing all Members of the Syndicate about the purpose of the emergent meeting one week in advance.

2. **Senate :**

The duties and powers of the Senate to be defined later. Its function should be mainly to look after the secular & financial side. The Senate shall consist of :—

One Representative Acharya of each of the (1) Ramanuja, (2) Madhva, [3] Nimbarka, (4) Chaitanya, (5) Ramananda (6) Vallabha (7) Radha-Vallabha and (8) Sankara Sampradayas :

2 Eminent scholars	from		Assam
2 ,,	,,	,,	Bihar
2 ,,	,,	,,	Bombay
2 ,,	,,	,.	C P.
2 ,,	,	,,.	Delhi
2 ,,	,.	,,	East Punjab
2 ,,	,,	,,	Madras
2 ,,	,,	,,	Orissa

4	,,	,,	,,	U. P.
2	,,	,,	,,	West Bengal

30 Members.

Besides, the Members of the Syndicate or Governing Body, Principals and the Head of the Colleges and Pathshala, the Director of the Research Institute, the Librarian, the Chairman and Secretary of the Academic Council, the Chairman of the Boards of Studies shall be ex-officio Members of the Senate.

Donars contributing Rs. 50,000/- and above will be able to nominate one member each to the Senate.

The question of States Representatives will be decided hereafter. Fresh election and nomination of Members will be made every 5 years.

The Senate shall meet at least twice a year and the Registrar shall issue a notice of not less than ten days before every meeting, giving full particulars of the agenda of business. 20 Members shall form a quorum. The Annual Report and the Annual Budget of the V. T. University shall be passed by the Senate in its annual meeting to be held in March every year.

(3) Academic Council :

All academic matters of the V. T. U. like the framing of the courses of studies of curriculum, rules for Examinations and their standard, award of Degrees, recommendation of text-books, subjects for Research etc. shall be dealt with by the Academic Council. It shall consist of 20 Members, including the Vice-chancellor as Chairman, Director of the Research Institute as Secretary Principals of the Colleges and Bhagavat Pathshala Senior Professors of subjects taught and Chairman of the Boards of studies.

Its powers and duties ; [To be inserted later].

The decisions of the Academic Council shall be subject to the approval of the Syndicate.

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(4) Boards of Studies :

Under the Academic Council there shall be different Boards of Studies, whose functions will be to advise on the details of syllabus, standard of examinations, text books to be prescribed in each of the following subjects—

(i) For the D. Phil., D. Litt. and D. Theos. degrees from the Research Institute ; Vaishnava Philosophies. Vaishnava Literature and Culture and Vaishnava Theologies with a comparative study of the Philosophy Theology, Culture and Literature of Buddhism, Christianity and Islam.

(ii) For the Post-graduate courses.

Shakta School; Saiva School, Smarta School, Brahmo Samaj, Sikhhism, ,Arya-Samaj, Buddhism, Jainism, Jorastranism. Judaism Christianity and Islam.

(ii-a) Nyaya, Mimansa, Upanishads, Bhagavatam,

(iii) For the Degree courses :

Ramanuja School, Ramananda School, Madhva School. Chaitanya School, Nimbaraka School. Vishnuswami School, Vallabha School, Sankara School;

(iii-a) Samkhya Yoga [Patanjali] Vaisheshika, Vedanta Upanishads and Bhagavatam.

(iv) For the Bhagavat Pathshala :

(a) Compulsory subjects up to class VIII—Hindi History of India, Geography of the World, Hygiene and Health, Arithmatic, Sanskrit. Elemeantary Science.

(b) Religion : Selections from Bhagavatam, Mahabharata. Ramayana [in Hindi] and the Gita [Text]

(c) Arts & Crafts.

(d) Compulsory Subjects for Final Matriculation; (i) Hindi, (ii) Sanskrit. (iii) Religion and (iv) Arts and Crafts.

[e] Any Two optional subjects—Sanskrit, Bengali, English, Mathematics, Arts and Crafts, History of India, Geography of the World.

[5] **Managing Committees, Research Institute & School :**

Each College,Research Institute and the Bhagavat Pathshala will be managed by its own Managing Committees of which the Principal, Director or Head of the College. Institute or School representatively shall be the Chairman and one of the Senior members of the staff nominated with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor shall be the Secretary and 3 Directors or Teachers [of whom one shall be elected by the members of the respective staff] and two outsiders with adminstrative experience and religious culture, shall be Members. Such Members shall be elected and nominated every Five years.

Routine matters of the Colleges or Schools and internal discipline, promotion, etc. shall be left to these Managing Committees under a set of rules to be framed by the Syndicate. These M. C. shall meet ordinarily twice in the year but emergency meetings may be called any time or occasion demand. 5 Members will form a quorum, and a week's notice shall be required for a meeting. Members will be nominated or elected every five years.

[6] **Finance Committee :**

Raising of funds, endowment, increase of income, reducing of expenditure, adminstration of all matters relating to financing,budgeting and auditing of the University shall be discussed and considered by the Finance Committee, consisting of the President as Chairman, the Vice-Chancellor as Vice-Chairman. Treasurer as Secretary and 2 Representatives of the Senate. [other than Members of the Syndicate], one Representative of the Academic Council, and Two Representatives of donors

with experience of business and adminstration. The F. C. shall meet twice in the year, prepare the budget estimate and check the annual accounts of the University funds, devising means for augmenting the resources of the University. One week's notice shall be given to the Members for each meeting by the Treasurer as Secretary, and 5 Members shall form a quorum. The decisions of the F. C. shall be subject to the final approval of the Senate and the Syndicate. Members will be elected or nominated every five years.

[7] **Residence, Health & Welfare Committee :**

All sanitary arrangement of the College and Hostel premises, health and medical inspection of schools, physical fitness training, social service and welfare-activities and development of corporate life of the scholars shall be dealt with by a Residence–Health–Welfare Committee of which the Vice–Chancellor shall be the president, the Medical officer in change of the Bhakti-Hospital shall be the Secretary, all Heads of Colleges and Provosts of Hostels and Physical Training Instructor shall be members This Committee shall meet once a month or as frequently as the interests of health and welfare of the inmates of the University demand, one week's notice being given of the members by the Secretary with the previous consent to the Vice-chancellor, and of the total number of members of 2/3 of the Committee shall form the quorum.

[8-11] : Similar Committees of management shall be formed for the **Library**, the **Research Institute**, **Publication** & **Printing Dept**. and the **Bhakti-Hospital** [Rules to be inserted later].

[12] **Relation of the Syndicate :**

With the Central Govt., Provincial Govt., States, other Universities, the Inter-University Board, the Shr-

Chaitanaya Mission and other organisations shall be defined under Statutes and Regalations to be framed hereafter.

13. The Office-Bearers :

[1] President. [2] Vice-Chancellor, [3] Pro-Vice-Chancellor, [4] Registrar. [5] Controller of Examinations [6] Treasurer, [7] Chairmen. Vice-Chairmen, Secretaries of the Senate, the Academic Council, the Boards of Studies, Finance Committee, Research-Institute Committee. Residence–Health–Welfare Committee. Library Committee, the Managing Committees of the Colleges and the School, the Publication and Printing Dept. and the Bhakti-Hospital, Heads of Colleges, etc.

The powers nnd duties of the Office-bearers of the V. T. U. will be defined by Rules to be framed in due course.

14, Patron-in-Chief, Patrons. Visitors. Rector :

[To be inserted later].

15. Rules regarding the tenure of service, Appointment. Dismissal, Promotion, Confirmation, Leave Provident Fund, Gratuity, etc. of all employees of the V. T. U. [To be framed].

16. Sessions, Terms, Holidays, Vacations, etc.

17. Rules of Admission & Transfer, Minimum qualifications for admission, Admission test, Recruitment of scholars for the Research-Institute and Advanced studies.

18. Rules for Examinations, Promotion, Degrees. etc.

19. Convocation, Prize-Distribution. Anniversory. Foundation-Day Celebrations. Observance of religious Tithis of Avatars and Mahajanas.

20. Rules & Regulations regarding management of Properties, Bequests, Gifts, Endowments, Transfer

of rights. Funds and their utilisation, Trust-funds & Deeds, etc.

21. Statutory Provisions, Enactment and Legislation by the form of a Bill to be passed at the Central Assembly for the stability, maintenance. continuity, validity of powers. etc. of the University and its various branches, departments and Organisations.

22. Clauses to be provided regarding the amendment and addition or alteration of Rules under the constitution.

Courses of Studies :

Four Years for B. D. Degree.

First Year : (a) Shri Chaitaya School.

Books : [1] Shri Chaitanya-Bhagavata. [2] Shri Chaitanya Charitamrita, [3] Hari-Bhakti-Vilasa. [4] Laghu-Bhagavatamrita, [5] Vrihat-Bhagavatamrita, [6] Tattva-Sandarbha, [7] Bhakti-Sandarbha, [8] Bhagavat-Sandarbha [9] Paramatma-Sandarbha, [10] Krishna-Sandarbha. [11] Gita Viswanath and Valadeva-Commentaries, and [12] Bhagavatam Cantoes One to Three.

(b) The Sankhya-Darshana.

SPECIAL SERIES OF LECTURES.

1. Vaishnavism ; What is was and how it developed [A Historical Perspective].
2. Vaishnavism and the Gita.
3. Vaishnavism and the Mahabharata.
4. Vaishnavism and the Purana Literature.
5. Vaishnavism and the Bhagavatam.
6. Vaishnavism in the Middle Ages.
7. Vaishnavism in Southern India.
8. Vaishnavism in Bengal, Orissa and Assam.

9. Vaishnavism and Lord Shri Krishna-Chaitanya.
10. Life, Teachings and Philosophy of Shri Chaitanya Deva
11. Vaishnavism and the Followers of Shri Chaitanaya.
12. Chaitanya-Vaishnavism at the present time.

Second Year : (a) Shri Chaitanya School.

Books : [1] Priti-Sandarbha. [2] Bhakti-Rasamrita-Sindhu, [3] Ujjal Nilamani, [4] Lalita-Madhava, [5] Vidagdha-Madhava. [6] Shri-Chaitanya-Chandrodayo-Nataka, [7] Stavavali, [8] Stavamala, [9] Padyavali, [10]Chandidasa [11] Vidyapati, [12] Krishna-Karnamrita,
[13] Bhagavatam Cantoes Four to Six.

(b) Patanjali's Yoga-Darshana.

SPECIAL SERIES OF LECTURES.

B. Philosophy & Religion of Vaishnavism.

1. Religion of Love [Prema]
2. Religion of Beauty [Sundara].
3. Religion of Joy or Bliss [Ananda].
4. Religion of Sweetness [Madhurya].
5. Religion of Morality & Discipline.
6. Religion of Service.
7. Ontology of Radha & Krishna.
8. Gopi-Conception in Bhakti-cult.
9. Vaishnavism and the Sankhya Philosophy
10. Vaishnavism and the Yoga System.
11. Vaishnavism and Shri Murti or Vigraha.
12. Vaishnavism and Vedic Ritoals.
(Bhakti and Karma contrasted)

Third Year : (a) Ramanuja, Ramananda and Nimbarka Schools.

Books : [Ramanuja School.] ; [1] Vedartha-Sangrahah. [2] Tattva-Mukta Kalapa. [3] Nyaya-Siddhanjan, [4] Satadoshani, [5] Agam-Promanyam, [6] Ramanuja-Siddhantasara, [7] Siddhitrayam. [8] Mumukshupadi, [9] Shri Vachanabhusana-Mimansa, [10] Rahasyatrayam. [11] Sahasra-stuti.

Books : (Ramananda School) ; [1] Valmiki-Ramayanam, [2] Tulsi Dass Ramayan, [3] Ramanandacharita.

Books : [Nimbarka School] . [1] Vedanta-Kaustubha [2] Vedanta Kaustubha-Prabha, [3] Vedanta-Bhasya, [4] Parapaksha Giribajra. [5] Shri Vedanta-Kamadhenu, [6] Sarbashesha-Virithesha-Shri Krishna Stavaraja.

Bhagavatam Cantoes Seveen to Nine.

(b) Vaisesika-Darshana.

SPECIAL SERIES OF LECTURES.

C. Vaishnava-Sadhana or Spiritual Culture.

1 Vaishnavism and Vedantic Idealism.
2. Vaidhi and Raganuga Bhakti as Sadhana in Vaishanavism.
3. Bhava Bhakti.
4. Prema-Bhakti in Vaishnavism.
5. Chanting of the Name of the Lord as Sadhana.
6. Vaishnavism and Caste.
7. Vaishnavism and Untouchability.
8. Vaishnavism and Social Service.
9. Vaishnavism and Kindness to Animals.
10. Vaishnavism and Intellectual Culture.
11. Vaishnavism and Conjugal Love and its abuses.
12. Vaishnavism and the Nine-fold Devotional Practices

Fourth year : (a) Madhva & Vallabha Schools :

Books : (Madhva School) : (1) Brahmasutra-Bhasyam, (2) Anu Bhasyam, (3) Pramana-Lakshmanam (4) Upadhi-Khandanam. (5) Mayavad-Khandanam, (6) Prapancha-Mitthatvanumana-Khandanam. (7) Tattvasankhyakhandanam, (8) Tattvavivekah,

[9] Vishnuttva-vinirnayah, [10] Nyayavivarnam, [11] Bhagavata-tatparyam. [12] 12-Stotras.

Books : [Vallabha School]

[b] **Bhagavatam Tenth Canto First Half.**

[c] **Vedanta-Darshana :**

Shariraka-Bhasya, Shri-Bhasya, Parijata-Bhasya, Govinda-Bhasya.

[d] **Upanishads :**

Isa, Kena, Katha, Prasna, Mundaka & Mandukya.

D. SPECIAL SERIES OF LECTURES.

1. Place of Vaishnavism among the World Religions.
2. Vaishnavism is a Universal and National Religion.
3. Contributions of Vaishnavism to Indian Culture.
4. Vaishnavism & Educational Reconstruction.
5. Vaishnavism & its influence on Music & Fine Arts.
6. Evolution of Indian Religious Culture.
7. Modern Researches on Krishna—Cult.
8. Tantras and the Sakta & Saiva Culture in relation to the Bhagavatam Religion.
9. A General survey of Vaishnava Literature.
10. Religious Toleration and Spirit of Liberalism in the Bhagavatam.
11. Faith & Culture.
12. A survey of Indian Philosophieal & Religious Thought

Courses of Studies :

Two Years For D. D. Degree :

Fifth Year : (a) Different Aspects of Hindu Religion.

Books—

(Sakta-Sampradaya) : (1) Mahanirvana-Tantra (2) Chandi.

(Saiva-Sampradaya) : (1) Siva-Purana, (2) Sata-Rudri.

(Smarta-Sampradaya) : (1) Manusamhita (2) Parasara's Grihyasutras, (3) Gobhila's Grihyasutras.

(Brahmo-Samaj) : (1) Works of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, (2) Life of Devendra Nath Tagore, (3) Life of Shri Keshav Chandra Sen etc.

(Sikhism) : (1) Shri Granth-Saheb, (2) Lives of the Ten Gurus (3) History of Sikhism.

(Arya-Samaj) : (1) Satyarthaprakash.

[b] **Bhagavatam** : Second Half of the Tenth Canto.

[c] **Upanishads** : Taittiriya, Chhandogya & Aitareya.

[d] **Nyaya-Darshan.**

SPECIAL SERIES OF LECTURES.

E. Spread of Vaishnavism.

1. Lives of Vaishnava Saints.
2. Works of Vaishnava Authors.
3. Vaishnava Hymns & Kirtans.
4. Vaishnava Temples & Their Reforms.
5. Vaishnava Places of Pilgrimage & Their Conditions.
6. Vaishnavism in China, Japan & Eastern Asia.
7. Vaishnavism in Europe & America.
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9. Lord Shri Krishna's Life & Character.
10. Lord Shri Rama's Life & Character
11. Lord Shri Chaitanya's Life & Precepts.
12. Lord Vishnu or Shri Narayana.

Sixth Year : (a) Comparative History of other Religions.

Books–Buddhism : [1] Works of Oldenberg. Hardy & Kern on Buddha & Buddhism, [2] Prof. Rhys Davids' Buddhist Birth Stories & Hibbert Lectures on Buddhism.

Jainism : [1] An Epitome of Jainism by P. C. Nahar and K. C. Ghose [2] The Jaina Philosophy of Non-Absolutism by Dr. Satkari Mukherjee.

Zoroastrianism : Dr. J. H. Morton's Lectures on the Parsi Religion.

Judaism : [1] The Old Testament of the Bible, [2] The Jewish Thoughts.

Christianity : [1] The Holy Bible, [2] Karl Adam's Spirit of Catholicism. [3] History of Reformation.

Islam : [1] The Holy Quoran (English translations by Eusuf Ali or Muhammad Ali), [2] The spirit of Islam by Justice Amir Ali, [3] Sayings of Muhammad by Prof. Surawarddy.

(b) **Bhagavatam Cantoes 11 & 12.**

(c) **Upanishads** : Svetaswatara, Brihadaranyaka.

(d) **Mimamsa-Darshana.**

SPECIAL SERIES OF LECTURES

F. Vaishnavaism : Its Present & Future.

1. Brahma, Paramatma and Bhagavan in Vaishnavism.
2. Vaishnavism and Sakta-Saiva Cults.
3. Vaishnavism and Pantheism.
4. Vaishnavism and Smartaism.
5. Vaishnavism and Brahmo-Samaj.
6. Vaishnavism and Arya-Samaj.
7. Vaishnavism and Ramakrishna Mission.
8. Vaishnavism and Sikhism
9. Vaishnavism and Buddhism.
10. Vaishnavism and Jainism.
11. Vaishnavism and Christianity.
12. Vaishnavism and Islam.

Courses of Studies :

Two Years For Each of the D. Phil., D. Litt , and D. Theos. Degrees.

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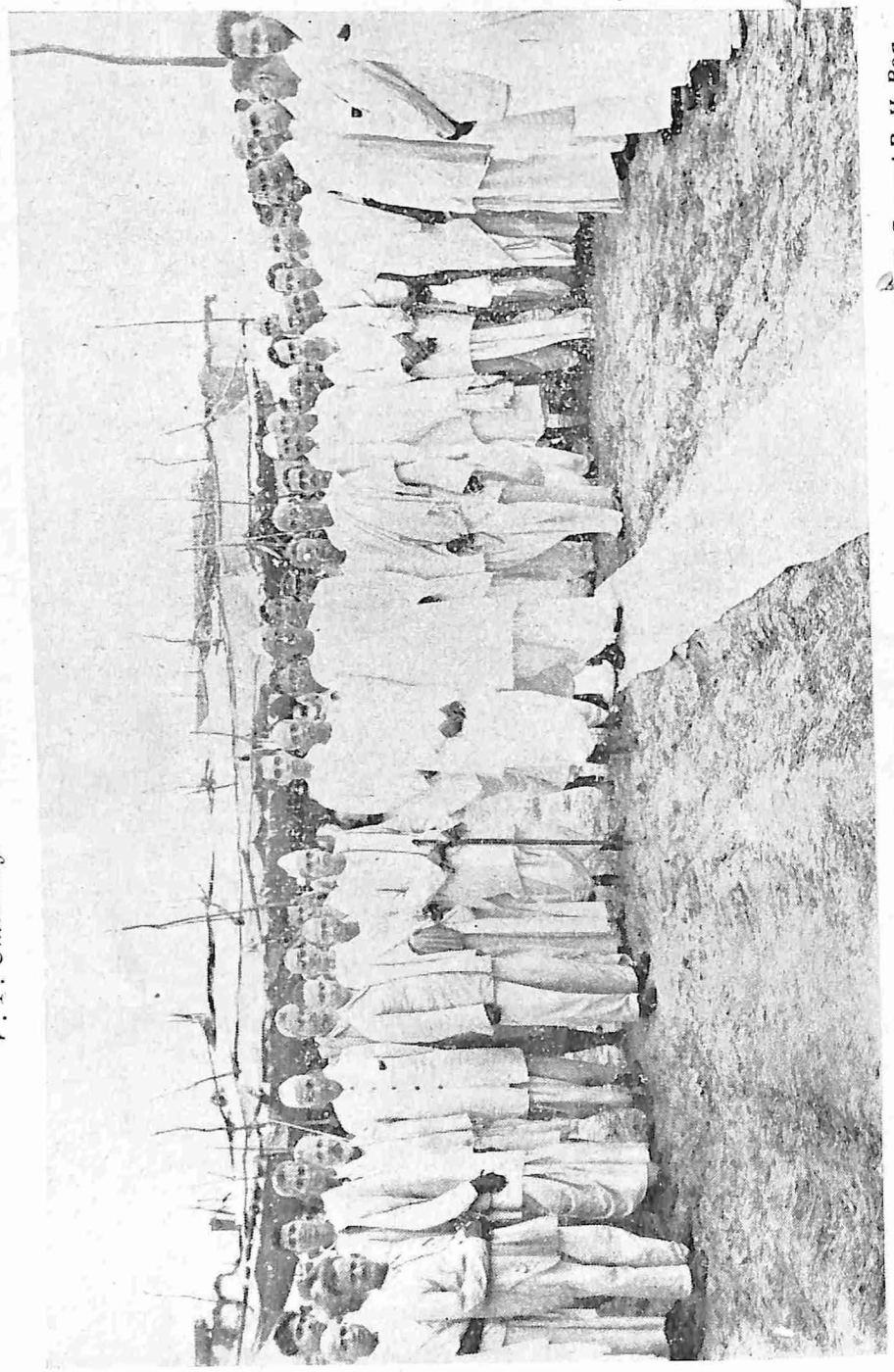
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Report of the Inaugural Ceremony

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V. T. UNIVERSITY,
VRINDABAN.
1949



Members of the Governing Body (bare footed) on the occasion of the Inaugural Ceremony of the Research Institute V. T. University, Vrindaban, on Friday, 29th July, 1949.

Centre : Hon'ble Dr. Sampurnanand, Minister for Education, Left : Dr. Panna Lal Right : H. H. Swami B. H. Bon.

Vaishnava Theological University

VRINDABAN (Mathura)

A Report of the Inaugural Ceremony

of

The V. T. Research Institute.

With the choicest blessings of the Supreme Lord, the Research Institute of the V. T. University—a university unique in ideal and character, first and foremost in India, comes into being on Friday, the 29th July, 1949, at Vrindaban in the District of Mathura, a place of the highest spiritual heritage, through the untiring energy and indomitable spirit of His Holiness Swami B.H. Bon, whose experience in the dire poverty of the people in the field of religion, gained in his world-tour while preaching Vaishnavism, prompted him to shoulder the responsibility of establishing such an ideal University. Having waded through the heat and burden of the day Swamiji cements its foundation in response to crying need of the human beings to solve the intricate problems of the Eternal and Absolute Religion of all souls as distinct from the relative religions relating to the physical body of flesh and blood and the subtle body of ever-changing mind, limited intelligence and perverted ego, as interpreted by the past Rhisis and great Vaishnava Acharyas of India, which have been surging since the suppression of the ideals of the Nalanda University throughout the length and breadth of the master-mind of religious tone without being brought to an issue mostly for the absence of the trained preachers and sadhus of outstanding personality and sterling worth to carry the living force to themselves and to the public and

to come in close contact with them to preach to the world the Universal Religion of all souls in conformity with international, spiritual and cultural relationship.

Backed by the spiritual force, though bereft of material resources, Swami B. H. Bon, Founder-President of the University carried this message from door to door on and on till one day he came to know that his Scheme would shortly be translated into action with the help of the Government and the generous public of all Provinces of India.

Site : Government Help :

We are bowed down with gratitude to note that the U. P. Government and Government officers offered whole-hearted co-operation and helped us in securing a plot of 28 acres of land on the western side of the Vrindaban town, where a serene and holy atmosphere mingled with healthy aspect reigns, and the bliss of the sun, the moon and the wind exerts its tonic influence in maintaining the serinity and healthy atmosphere from all practical points of view.

Help from different sources :

It is through the mercy of the Almighty, the favour of the Government, hearty co-operation of the Government Officers and generous public not only of this Province but of all Provinces of India and through the gratis services of the erudite scholars of light and leading that this infant institution has grown healthy and promising from its very birth. For maintaining this healthy growth and to find it full-fledged in its different aspects, it requires huge amount of money which is still lying at the hands of the generous public, Central Government and Provincial and State Union Governments. We hope and trust that they will be pouring in soon for getting the life-light of religious culture lit up in order to dispel the darkness of ignorance about the Absolute Truth.

Opening Ceremony :

The Inaugural Ceremony of the Research Institute of the University comes off on Friday, the 29th July. 1949,

at 4-30 p. m. under the auspices of the Hon'ble Dr. Sampurnananda, the Education Minister, Government of the United Provinces, to record the highest ideals of the University, viz. imparting philosophical. theological, cultural and moral education to the interested students to carry and preach ideals to every nook and corner of the world, making real interpretation of the cultural heritage of Hindusthan.

Functions of the Opening Ceremony :

At 9 a. m. on July 29, 1949, the first Joint Meeting of the Syndicate and the Senate is held in the Office of the University under the Presidentship of the Founder-President. All the Members take a keen interest in the various resolutions which are all passed unanimously. The meeting started with "Swastivachanam"—a hymn from the Vedas, by Prof. K. D. Bharadwaj, M. A. A note of condolence is passed on the demise of two of the members of the Syndicate, viz. Swami Ramanuja Shastry Vedantasiromani (Ramanuja School) and Goswami Damodar Shastry. Darsanik-Sarvabhauma, etc. (Madhwa School).

Board of Directors :

After passing the routine resolutions, a Board of Directors for conducting the "Vaishnava Theological Research Institute" is formed, consisting of the following members with their consent :

1. Dr. Mahendra Nath Sircar, M. A., Ph. D. (Chairman)
2. Mahamahopadhyaya Shri Gopinath Kaviraj, M. A.,
3. Dr. Surya Kanta, M. A., D. Litt. D. Phil. (Oxon), East Punjab University.
4. Dr. B. L. Aitreya, M. A , D. Litt., B. H. University.
5. Prof A. C. Mukherji, M. A., Allahabad University.

Governing Body :

By another resolution the Governing Body of the Research Institute, which was formed by the Founder-

President consisting of the following members, is also unanimously passed :

1. Swami B. H. Bon, Founder-President.
2. Dr. Panna Lal I. C. S., M. A. (Cantab), LL. B. (Cantab), D. Litt., etc., Vice-President,
3. Dr. B. N. Ghosal, M. A., Ph. D. (Glasgow) Secretary.
4. Shri T. P. Sardar, M. A., B. T., Asst. Secretary.
5. Raja Jagannath Baksh Singh Saheb, M. L. A.
6. Shri S. C. Roy, M. A. (London), I. E. S., Member.
7. Dr. G N. Vyas, Medical College, Agra. ,,
8. Dr. O. B. L. Kapoor, M. A., D. Phil. ,, ,,
9. Dr. M. Brahmachari, M. A., Ph. D.(Chicago, U. S. A.)
10. Captain Rao Krishnapal Singh of Awagarh ,,
11. Thakur Kushal Singh Saheb of Geejgarh, Jaipur.
12. Shri Krishna-Chaitanyadas Babaji, M. A., B. L.
13. Prof. R. K. Chowbey, M. A. (15 Subjects). Dip. Lib., LL. B., L. T., Sahityaratna–Shastry, etc.

Donor Om Prakash :

It is also unanimously resolvd to convey the thanks of the Members of the Syndicate and Senate to Diwan Om Prakash, B. Com., New Delhi, for his consent to defray the entire cost of building "Ranbir Bhagavat High School" under the University in memory of his late revered father.

A Constitution-making Committee, composed of the following members, is formed to draw up the draft Constitution of the University, viz.

1. Swami B. H. Bon (Ex-Officio)
2. Dr. Panna Lal, D. Litt. (Ex-Officio).
3. Dr. Narayan Prasad Asthana [Chairman]
4. Dr. Surya Kanta, M. A., D. Litt., D., Phil., etc.
5. Swami Akhandananda Ji,
6. Dr. B. N. Ghosal, M. A., Ph. D. [Secretary].

This Committee will also formulate the rules and regulations of the "Research Institute".

By another resolution a Bank Account is opened in the name of "Vaishanava Theological University, Vrindaban, U. P. "

At 12 noon the Founder–President entertaines the visiting guests to Mahaprasad.

The University Site :

The University Campus is a square one and the gate is at the middle of the northern side of the site from which *Bhakti-Vithi* runs to the southern border where the pandal has been erected. The decoration of the Gate has been made, and *Bhakti-Vithi* paved to the pandal by the Government.

The University site has been divided into two by the *Bhakti-Vithi* from the central gate to the furthest southern end, crossed by *Ramanuja-Marga*, *Madhwa-Marga* and *Nimbarka-Marga*, meeting at the *Karma-Pantha* and *Jnan-Pantha* on the western and eastern ends respectively; *Chaitanya-Marga* and *Vallabh-Marga* run parallel to *Bhakti-Vithi* on the west and east sides. The senate House is constructed at the southern end of *Bhakti Vithi* facing the Main Gate. On the *Chaitanya Marga* will be built the "Ranbir Bhagavat High School" and "Shri Chaitanya College", while "Shri Ramanuja College" and the "Research Institute" will be built on the *Vallabha-Marga*. In between these buildings of architectural designs there are four green lawns of 400X250 ft. each broad. To the back of the proposed College buildings, the Research Institute and the High School are wide Play Grounds and a swimming Pool.

Students Home [Ashrama] and the Guest House will be situated on the *Nimbarka-Marga* on either side of the Senate House.

The Pandal;

A big pandal has been erected for the inaugural ceremony not to excite the wonder of the people but to create devotional fervour in the mind. The pandal has been erected in front of the University Building with the

following arrangements. In the middle is the dias, covered with milk-white clothes as befits an Ashram of the Rhisis so as to hint on the humbleness and submission to God. The Founder-President is to preside, and a special silken seat is placed on his left for the Honoured Guest—the Hon'ble Education Minister Dr. Sampurnanands, and on the right of the President is placed another carpet seat for the Vice-Chancellor Dr. Panna Lal, I. C. S., D. Litt. The Registrar Dr. B. N. Ghosal, M. A , Ph. D. and the Asst. Registrar Shri T. P. Sardar. M. A., B. T. are to take their seats behind the Vice-Chancellor and the Hon'ble Minister respectively, and all the Members of the Governing Body are seatied in a semi-circle behind the President. Pictures of Shri Radha-Krishna, Shri Lakshmi-Narayana and Shri Sita-Rama together with the pictures of Shri Ramanuja, Shri Madhwa, Shri Nimbarka, Shri Vishnuswami, Shri Vallabha and Shri Haridas are flower-garlanded on a high throne on the left of the dias, and the Sadhus and Mahatmas, numbering over one thousand, take their seats on chairs along side the Acharyas; on the right side of the dias are seated the distinguished guests; the general public squat on brand new carpets in front of the dias, while a red carpet is stretched from the centre-front of the dias right up to the front gate. Below the dias, on one side of the red carpet is the *Kirtan mandali* of sadhus with *Mridanga-Karatals*, and facing the *Kirtan* Party Govt. Officers show their humbleness before the revered saints by sitting on the floor. Incenses burn in front of Deities, creating a holy atmosphere inside the huge Pandal.

Outside the Pandal the Police Band is in readiness to strike the Indian National Anthem, and a platoon of Military Cadets and scouts stand at attention to offer a guard-of-honour to the Hon'ble Minister.

The Minister Arrives :

Punctually at 4-30 p. m. a pilot car enters the Main Gate of the University, immediately followed by the

Tri-colour flag flapping new car of the Hon'ble Minister of Education Dr. Sampurnananda and a chain of motor cars of the Officers following soon after. With a broad smile of cordiality the Founder-President welcomes the Hon'ble Minister, who with folded hands alightes from his car. The Members of the Governing Body, who line up the Entrance Gate, were introduced one by one by the President to the Minister. A Group-photo is picked up here, and the party begin to move in procession in a slow march, led by the Registrar and Asst. Registrar, followed by the Members two by two, and the Vice-Chancellor, President and the Hon'ble Minister following in the rear. On reaching the Dias, the procession is parted into two, turning to either sides, and the Members taking their stand in a semi-circle. As soon as the Hon'ble Minister enters the pandal, *Arati* of the Deities is performed in the midst of conch-shell-sounds-*Kansar-Ghanta-Mridanga-Karatal*, and the large audiance is on its feet. *Arati* over, the Founder-President picks up a beautiful flower-garland from the Feet of the Lord and puts it round the neck of the Hon'ble Minister as "Blessings" from the Lord. Immediately the Police Band strikes the Indian National Anthem and the whole audiance remain standing for one minute and twenty-five seconds.

Now the solmn function starts with a Prayer in Sanskrit by Shri Krishnadas Babaji Maharaj, and his devotional and melodious voice thrills one and all. The previously printed programme is followed with military precision (vide Schedule I).

Messages :

The Registrar Dr. B.N.Ghosal reads out the Messages received from distinguished personalities from all over India (Vide Schedule II). Dr. Panna Lal, Vice-Chancellor, then reads the Welcome-Address to the Hon'ble Minister (Vide Schedule III), who receives it with an humble bow. Next, the Founder-President Swami

B. H. Bon explains in short the objects of the Research Institute, its wide scope, its present position and its future possibilities. The Swamiji frankly stresses the need of hearty co-operation of the generous public and the Government, but for whichsetting hand to it will be almost an impossible task. He then requests the Hon'ble Dr. Sampurnananda, the Minister of Education, Government of the U. P., to kindly deliver his Inaugural Speech and declare the "Vaishnava Theological Research Institute" open.

The Minister Speaks :

माननीय शिक्षा-सचिव डा० सम्पूर्णानन्द जी का भाषण वैष्णव तथ्यानुशीलनागार के प्रारंभोत्सव पर ।

समुपस्थित सन्त महात्मा गण, देवियो और सज्जनो !

जहाँ इतने साधु महात्मा, चतुर्थाश्रमी, ब्रह्मचारी उपस्थित हों उनमें गृहस्थ, वह भी राजनीति में आचूड़ान्त डूबा हुआ व्यक्ति धर्म के विषय में कुछ कहे यह अनुपयुक्त है । आपकी आज्ञा मान कर कुछ कहने को प्रस्तुत हुआ हूँ । हमारा देश कई शताब्दियों तक राजनीति दासता में पड़ा था । हाथी के पैर में सब निमग्न हो जाता है । इसी से राजनीतिक दासता के कारण सांस्कृतिक पतन भी हुआ । अतीत को यथावत लाने की शक्ति किसी में नहीं । विज्ञान के बल पर देश उन्नति हुये, इसलिये घातों-प्रतिघातों से बचने के लिये विज्ञान को पढ़ना होगा । भौतिक उन्नति के परिणाम स्वरूप नर संहार होता है । अब युद्ध साधन बहुत हैं । दो युद्ध के भीषण विनाशी असर देखे जा चुके हैं, तीसरे की तैयारी हो रही है । जापान में परमाणु बम्ब ने कितनी हानि की । इससे भी भीषण अनेक गुप्तास्त्रों के प्रयोग होंगे । शहरों में शेर रहेंगे । इसका भी उपाय हमको ही करना है ।

संसार के कल्याण की कुञ्जी जीवन के लक्ष्य को ठीक तौर से सामने रखने में है । केवल अर्थ और काम पुरुषार्थ नहीं । कीड़े मकोड़ों

के भी तो ये ही लक्ष्य हैं । वे इनकी पूर्त्ति कर लेते हैं, अपने ढङ्ग से । हमसे उनमें भेद क्या है ?

कामार्थ के अनन्तर धर्म और तब मोक्ष का क्रम आता है । अमेरिका को धर्म हमें ही सिखलाना होगा । यतोऽभ्युदये निःश्रेयः स धर्मः । सर्वत्र सब एक सूत्र में बँधे हैं । यह बन्धन दीखे या नहीं, यह दूसरी बात है । परस्परं भावयन्तः श्रेयः परमवाप्स्यथ ।

हमारे धर्म की एक बड़ी भारी विलक्षणता यह है कि इसमें अधिकार पर जोर नहीं । प्राचीन ग्रन्थों में महर्षियों ने अधिकार की चर्चा तक न की, कर्त्तव्य का ही वर्णन किया है । ब्राह्मण, क्षत्रिय, वैश्य, शूद्र को क्या करना चाहिये बतलाया गया है । उनके क्या अधिकार है, इसकी चर्चा तक नहीं है । अधिकार में लड़ाई है, कर्त्तव्य में नहीं । गुरु जब अपना कर्त्तव्य पूरा करेगा तो उसका अधिकार होगा कि वह जब आवे तब छात्र खड़े हों । पति का कर्त्तव्य पत्नी का अधिकार, पत्नी का कर्त्तव्य पति का अधिकार होता है । दूसरे तुम्हारे साथ क्या करते हैं, यह तुम्हारे सोचने की चीज नहीं । सुख और शान्ति धर्म द्वारा ही संभव है ।

अन्तिम पुरुषार्थ है मोक्ष । यह भी आवश्यक है । इसका प्रभाव हमारी प्रत्येक क्रिया में दीखना चाहिये । यदि वह क्रिया लक्ष्य से हमको दूर ले जाती है, तो वह हेय है । पर यदि उस ओर बढ़ा जा रहा है, तो अन्तर अधिक होने पर भी श्रेय है क्योंकि सम्भव है, कुछ काल के बाद लक्ष्य की प्राप्ति सम्भव हो । मनुष्य मात्र की रक्षा के लिये अपनी संस्कृति का प्रचार करना है, परिश्रम करना है ।

तत्व को जानना पोथी से संभव नहीं । श्रोत्रीय, ब्रह्मनिष्ठ गुरु के पास समित्पाणि जाकर उनके बतलाये साधन पर चले, तब शिष्य को यह अधिकार होगा कि वह इस विषय पर साधिकार कहे । केवल अधिकार ही नहीं उसका यह कर्त्तव्य भी होगा कि वह दूसरों को भी मार्ग दिखलाये । पहले समय में लोग समाधिनिष्ठ होकर रह सकते थे पर वे उपदेश देते थे, अपने सुख को छोड़ कर उन लोगों ने उपदेश दिये, सबने प्रतारणा सही । बुद्ध देव के एक शिष्य थे । जब वे ज्ञान में परिपक्व हो गये तो गुरु ने बुलाकर कहा—'यदि जनता तुम्हारी बात न सुने तब तुम क्या करोगे ?' शिष्य ने जवाब दिया 'मैं उसका

अनुगृहीत होऊँगा कि मार से बच गया। 'यदि वह मारे'?' तो जान न लेने के कारण धन्यवाद दूंगा!' 'यदि समाज तुम्हारी जान ले ले तब क्या करोगे?' शिष्य ने कहा—' मुझे निर्वाण प्राप्ति कराने में सहायक होने के कारण साधुवाद का अधिकारी होगा वह समाज।"

इससे पता चलता है कि यह कितना बीहड़ काम है, इसे अँगरेजी में कहते हैं, Thankless Task। जो भी हो भारतवर्ष को इस रास्ते पर आना ही होगा।

ब्रह्मनिष्ठा की बात ही अलग है। इसके लिये तो साधन-चतुष्टय सम्पन्न होना होगा। शिक्षा, शास्त्रीयज्ञान तत्त्व की आवश्यकता है। प्राचीन कथित तत्त्वों को अभिनव दृष्टिकोण से देखना है। अपने यहाँ जितने दर्शन हैं, तन्त्र हैं सब में पञ्च महाभूतों की उत्पत्ति मानी गई है। विज्ञान ने भी इस ओर अनुसंधान किया। वैज्ञानिक तथ्य एवं पारमार्थिक तत्त्व का समन्वय होना परमावश्यक है। यह तो माना नहीं जा सकता कि महर्षियों ने इसकी कोरी कल्पना ही की हो। इसका कोई गूढ़ार्थ है जिसे हम भूल गये हैं, ऐसी बातों का अनुशीलन करना होगा। ऐसे अनेक विषय हैं।

अनुसंधान में साम्प्रदायिकता न होगी। वैष्णव की व्याख्या व्यापक की जाती है, तभी वह विद्या के क्षेत्र में उपयोगी होगी। विद्या का क्षेत्र तो सूखा है; यह सरस होगा, साधुओं के सत्सङ्ग से पुस्तक की विद्या से काम न चलेगा। थोड़ा थोड़ा ज्ञान सब दर्शनों का आवश्यक हो सकता है, पर अधिक में जाने से दोनों दीन से गये-पाँडे की कहावत चरितार्थ होगी। शास्त्र तो साधन है। आज की आवश्यकता को पहचान कर तत्त्वानुशीलन करना है।

मैं सरकार की ओर से दो छात्र वृत्तियाँ देने की घोषणा करता हूँ।

The Minister announces two Research Scholarships in the midst of thunderous clapping.

The President requests Swami Akhandanandaji, a Member of the Senate, representing Sankara School, to speak. The Swamiji, who is an erudite scholar, speaks for ten minutes.

The President next requests Dr. Surya Kanta, M. A., D. Litt, D. Phil. (Oxon), Officer D' Acadamie Francaise (Paris). Vyakarana-Nyaya-Tirtha, Principal, Oriental College, East Punjab University, to say a few words, who pointed out the awkward system of the modern University education where there is no system of religious education, as a result students become haters of religion. This is why chaos and disorder occupy the major part of the daily routine of a man and thus the place of peace is occupied by disturbances and sins.

Vote of thanks :

The Presidsnt calls upon Shri M.V. V.K.Rangachari, a Member of the Syndicate, representing Shri Ramanuja School, to offer a hearty vote of thanks to the Hon'ble Minister. Shri Rangachari, who speaks in English (otherwise the whole function is conducted in Hindi) points out that America is proud of making Atom Bombs for maintaining peace of the world. This University will also manufacture Atom Bombs, but they will be of a differnt type—the Atom Bomb of Non-violence as dictated by Mahatma Gandhi, and thus will maintain world peace with all its spiritual might and resources. On behalf of the Governing Body he then cordially thanks the Hon'ble Minister of Education for his personal interest in the Research Institute and his Government's active support to it. The meeting is concluded with *Kirtan* of *Hari-nama*.

Meeting of the Board of Directors ;

In order to give an immediate start to the Research Institute, which is thus opened by the Hon'ble Minister for Education, U. P., the Members of the Board of Directors meet at 7 p.m. on the 29th July. 1949, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Panna Lal, Vice-President, in the unavoidable absence of Dr. Mahendra Nath Sircar, the Chairman. The following applicants for research scholarships were previously requested to present themselves before the Board of Directors :–

1. Dr. R. Naga Raj Sarma, M. A., L. T., Ph. D. Tarkachudamani-Vidyalankar, Madras.
2. Dr. O. B. L. Kapoor, M. A., D. Phil , Agra.
3. Dr. N. D. Singh, M. A. (Triple), D. Phil., Agra.
4. Dr. Sheelvati Misra, M. A., D. Phil., Vrindaban.
5. Prof. R. K. Chowbey, M. A. (15 Subjects), LL. B., L. T., Dip. Lib., Sahityaratna-Shastry, etc. Banaras.
6. Shri Subodh Kumar Banerji, M. A., Kavya-Sankhya-Vedanta-Tirtha, Delhi
7. Shri Gopal Behari Mathur, M. A
8. Shri Janardan Prasad Srivastava, M. A., Sahityaratna.
9. Shri R. Bharadwaj, M. A., (Triple), LL. B., L. T.
10. Shri Brij Bhusan Misra, M. A., Vidyalankar.
11. Shri K. Vaidyanathan, M. A., (South India)
12. Shri N. G. Goswami, M. A.
13. Shri Lalita Charan Goswami, B. A., LL. B.
14. Shri Mukutballabh Goswami, B. A.
15. Pandit Haridas Babaji, Kavya-Vyakarana-Gaudiya-darshan-Nyaya-Tirtha.

Selection of Scholars for Research Scholarships :

On the recommendation of the Board of Directors, the Governing Body have selected the following scholars for research scholarships :

1. U. P. Govt. research scholarship of Rs. 100/- per month, tenable for two years :
2. U. P. Govt. research scholarship of Rs. 100/- per month, tenable for two years :

For the above two scholarships, offered by the U. P. Govt., the names of the following three applicants have been forwarded to the Hon'ble Minister of Education, U. P., to kindly select two out of these three :

1. Shri Gopal Behari Mathur, M. A.
2. Shri Kailash Narain, M. A.
3. Shri Janardan Prasad Srivastava, M. Sc., Sahityaratna.

After careful considerations, the authorities have decided to encourage young scholars, who will devote

their whole time to research work at the Institute under expert guidance. The selected applicants will be informed after hearing from the Education Minister.

3. V. T. University research scholarship of Rs. 100/- per month, tenable for two years :
   Dr. R. Naga Raj Sarma, M. A., L. T., Ph. D., Tarkachudamani-Vidyalankar (Madras) who has been entrusted to do researches on "Jaya-tirtha's Nyaya-Sudha", a work hitherto untouched by hand.
4. V. T. University research scholarship of Rs. 100/- per month, tenable for two years, (the donor Shri Gaur-Gopidas Babaji ear-marks the scholarship for researches on Shri Chaitanya School) :
   Dr. O. B. L. Kapoor, M. A., D. Phil., who made his Doctorate on "Shri Chaitanya Philosophy" from the University of Allahabad with distinction, will carry on further researches on "The Philosophy of Shri Chaitanya" under the supervision of Dr. Mahendra Nath Sircar.
5. Prof. R. K. Chowbey, M. A. (15 Subjects). LL. B, L. T., Dip. Lib., Sahityaratna, Shastry, has been requested to prepare "a complete Bibliography of Vaishnavism" under the supervision of our Vice-Chancellor Dr. Panna Lal. He will be given an Honorarium on the merit of his work.
6. V. T. University research scholarship of Rs. 50/- per month, tenable for two years :

Pandit Haridas Babaji, Kavya-Vyakaran-Gaudiya-darshan Nyaya-Tirtha. The subject of his researches will be decided in consultation with Dr. Mahendra Nath Sircar, finally to be approved by the Governing Body.

Honorary Research Scholars :

The following will work at the V. T. Research Institute as "Honorary Research students" without receiving any research scholarships :

1. Shri Brij Bhushan Misra, M. A. Vidyalankar, Vrindaban, who will work on 'The Philosophy of Shri Surdas of the Vallabha School" under the guidance of Pandit Damodar Goswami Shastry Bhagavat Bhusan, and M. M. Shri Gopinath Kaviraj, M. A.
2. Goswami Shri Lalita Charanji, B. A., LL. B., who will carry on researches on "The Philosophy and Teachings of Shri Radha-ballabha School."
3. Goswami Mukutballabh. B. A. will prepare a Bibliography of the Radhaballabha School.

Visiting Professors :

It has been exceedingly nice of the following eminent scholars to volunteer to serve our Research Institute as "Visiting Professors" without any remuneration as a mark of their active support to the unique University. With gratitude the V. T. University will bear their Railway fares, both ways, and arrange for their accommodation, etc. during their stay at Vrindaban as Professors of the Research Institute. The following arrangements have been made with them:

1. Dr, Mahendra Nath Sircar, M. A., Ph. D. will supervise and guide our Research Scholars from 1st October to the end of December.
2. Dr. B. L. Atreya, M.A., D Litt. will be at the Institute in December-January or there-about, and again in May-June (the exact dates yet to be fixed).
3. Dr. Mahanambrata Brahmachary, M. A., Ph. D. (Chicago, U. S. A.) who will serve the Institute as a Professor from first February to end of April.

4 & 5. Dr. Surya Kanta, M. A., D. Litt. (Punjab), D. Phil. (Oxon), Officer D' Academie Francaise, and Principal M. Ramachandra Rao, M. A. of Udipi are being approached to serve the Institute as Visiting Professors.

(Their Programme will be fixed up year by year in consultation with them.)

6. Pandit Shri Damodar Goswami Shastry Bhagavat Bhushan of Vrindaban will be an Honorary Professor permanently in the Staff of the Research Institute and Shri Chaitanya College.
7. The Institute will make a further appointment of a paid and permanent Pandit of Sanskrit to help our students.
8. M. M. Gopinath Kaviraj, M. A. has very kindly assured us that he will always offer his free and valued guidance to our research scholars whenever they will be sent to him.

Assurances of Grants-in-Aid from other Provincial Governments :

A. We applied to the Government of Assam for two research scholarships of Rs. 100/- each per month, tenable for two years, and one Professorship of Rs. 300/- per month, and we have received the following reply from D. P. I., Assam, dated Shillong, the 27th April, 1949.

"With reference to your application dated 5-2-49. addressed to the Secretary, Education, Govt. of Assam, praying for grants to the proposed V. T. University, Vrindaban, I am directed to request that you may be so good as to renew your application as soon as possible after the University is formally started, so that a budget schedule may be submitted to Govt. for provision of funds for this purpose in the next year's budget."

B. The V. T. University expects similar help from the Govt. of Orissa from 1950. We are corresponding with other Provincial Govts. as well as with the Central Government.

Our Appeal :

Now that by the Grace of the All-pervasive Supreme Lord we have been able to make a humble beginning of the Research Section of the V. T. University on an all-India basis, we venture to make this fervent appeal to the generous public, to come forward with their active co-

operation and financial help towards materialisation of the first Theological University of India, which is most broadly based without the least tinge of narrow sectarianism or communalism. We also appeal to our national Government, both Central and Provincial, as well as States Union Govts., to take a sympathetic and charitable attitude towards our humble venture. A Secular State certainly does not mean a non-Godly Government, for a Nation cannot thrive unless it has a moral and cultural background based on a genuine faith in God and Truth. God-fearing people alone can be truly moral and truthful, which are essential traits in the character of a great Nation like ours. We believe that India can not exist without her faith in Religion—it is innate in her existence.

We also appeal to the followers of the different Vaishnava religious Sampradayas, Mahants of large religious endowments, to come forward with their voluntary contributions for a College-building of their own Sampradaya and research scholarships thereto.

Shri Tarapada Sardar, M. A.,
Asstt. Secretary,
V. T. Research Institute, Vrindaban.

MESSAGES :

A large number of messages came from all over India. We give below a few of them.

From the Congress President Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramyya :

"In this world of materialism and the machine age it is rejoicing to think that there are centres of cultural interest such as the Vaishnava Theological University of Vrindaban, which is opening a Rescarch Institute on the 29th of July for the pramotion of the philosophical studies of India. In securing the presence of the Hon'ble Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant to perform the Sankhu Sthapana Ceremony, you have won half the battle. With the sympathy of the Government assured thus through the

Prime Minister, and the Minister for Education, my Hon'ble friend, Dr. Sampurnananda, it is bound to materialise into support though it be only to supplement the independent support which you gather from the public. Governments cannot go farther than that. I wish your institution jurisdiction over the whole of India and the first place amongst the cultural institutions of this ancient land."

Sd. B. Pattabhi Sitaramayya

From His Excellency Shri Homy Modi, Governor of U. P. :

"I am interested to hear of the establishment of an Institute for research in the various aspects of the philosophy and culture of ancient India. I hope the organizers will consistently aim at enriching our knowledge of our cultural heritage, eschewing everything which savours of sectarian tendencies and influences."

Sd. H. P. Modi.

From His Excellency Shri M. S. Aney, Governor of Bihar :

"I hope that the Research Institute will be ere long a centre of theological studies of the Vaishnava School and make a valuable contribution to the knowledge of philosophy and Vaishnava mysticism. Similarly, I pray that Ranbir Bhagavat High School should develop into a model high school in northern India in near future."

Sd. M. S. Aney.

Fram His Excellency Maharaja Krishna Kumarsinhji Bhavsinhji, Governor of Madras :

"I am very glad to learn that the Vaishnava Theological Research Institute is to be opened on the 29th July. I hope that the object of the Institute to engage highly advanced scholars in research work on Theological philosophy and ancient culture on non-communal lines will be fulfilled. I would like to congratulate the President and the Members of the Governing Body of the Institution on their enterprise and wish them God speed."

Sd. Krishna Kumarsinhji Bhavsinhji,
Governor of Madras.

From His Excellency Shri Sri Prakash, Governor of Assam :

"I am very grateful to you for your very kind letter of July 16 that I have only now received. I am very happy to learn that you are progressing with your work successfully and that the esteemed Ministers of the Provincial Government are giving you their fullest support.

"I am very grateful to you for the invitation you have so kindly sent to me for the opening ceremony of the Vaishnava Theological Research Institute by our learned Education Minister, Shri Sampurnananda, on July 29, and for the ceremony of the laying of the foundation stone of the Ranbir Bhagavata High School by our much respected Premier, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant.

I am grateful to you for your kind thought of me. I send my warmest good wishes for the success of the function and of your noble endeavours. With repeated good wishes, I am, Yours sincerely, "

Sri Prakash.

From His Excellency Shri Sri Prakash, Governor of Assam :

(A former Message to our Ex-Vice-Chancellor) :

"I am glad to know that Shri S. C. Roy is proposing to establish a Vaishnava Theological University at Vrindaban. I have seen the scheme he has in view which is indeed an ambitious one as he hopes to found a full-fledged University which would give extensive intellectual and cultural training to its alumni. He has already succeeded in getting the sympathy and support of many distinguished persons throughout the country.

"I hope he will succeed in his mission and that his proposed University would be able to turn out useful members of Society who would combine in their own lives all that is best in the past and in the present; and along with a grasp of ancient philosophic thought, will also be able to function in the modernday scientific and industrial world, as practical men able to adapt themselves in the changing scene, and capable of contributing to the well-being of Society in a useful and correct manner. I wish Mr. Roy all success."

Sd. Sri Prakash.

From His Excellency Dr. Kailash Nath Katju, Governor of West Bengal ;

"I am grateful to you for your letter of the 15th instant which reached me after some delay. I do hope that the opening ceremony of the Research Institute went off very well. I congratulate you on your securing the co-operation of such a band of scholars and public workers. I wish the Institute every success.

Sd. K. N. Katju.

From the Hon'ble Dr Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Cabinet Minister, Govt. of India :

"I am happy to know that the Research Institute is shortly going to be opened by the Education Minister of U. P. and also the Foundation laying ceremony of a High School will be performed by the Premier of U. P.

I hope under your inspiring guidance the Institute will serve its real purpose and become a vital instrument in the spread and appreciation of Vaishnava culture and theology.

Sd. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee.

Other Cabinet Ministers of the Govt. of India who sent their "GOOD WISHES" to the V. T. University include the Hon'ble K. Santhanam, the Hon'ble N. V. Gadgil, the Hon'ble Shri Jairamdas Doulatram, the Hon'ble Rafi Ahmed Kidwai the Hon'ble Dr. John Matthai, and Dr. Tara Chand, Education Secretary.

From The Hon'ble Kalurom Virulkar, M. A., LL. B., Sahitya-ratna, Minister for Education, Govt. of Madhyabharat Union :

महोदय,

सम्मानीय डाक्टर सम्पूर्णानन्द जी शिक्षा सचिव संयुक्त प्रांत द्वारा वैष्णव ब्रह्म विद्या अन्वेषण संस्था के उद्घाटन समारोह का निमन्त्रण प्राप्त हुआ। धन्यवाद.

मैं इस संस्था के प्रति अपनी शुभ कामनाएँ प्रकट करता हूँ, और विश्वास करता हूँ कि यह संस्था अपने ध्येय की ओर अबाध्य गति से अग्रसर हो सकेगी, जिससे कि ब्रह्म विद्या एवं अन्वेषण सम्बन्धी ज्ञान सर्वत्र प्रसारित करते हुए यह संस्था जन कल्याणकारी हो सके। इति –

शिक्षा सचिव

मध्य भारत सरकार इन्दौर

From Shri Jai Prakash Narain, Socialist Leader :

" महोदय,

आपका निमन्त्रण हस्तगत हुआ। एतदर्थ धन्यवाद। विवशता है कि किन्हीं आवश्यक कार्यों के कारण मैं उक्त अवसरों पर उपस्थित न हो सकूंगा।

" वैष्णव-तथ्यानुशीलन-आगार " तथा " रणबीर भागवत हाईस्कूल " की स्थापना की योजना अत्यधिक स्तुत्य है। मेरी सद्भावनायें सदैव आपका साथ हैं।

भवदीय,

जयप्रकाश।

From His Excellency the American Ambassador Loy W Henderson:

"I should like to extend my good wishes and my hope that the Institute will be able to make a substantial contribution in the work of illuminating various aspects of India's great cultural heritage. Sd. Loy W. Henderson.

From His Excellency the Nepalese Ambassador :

"I wish the Vaishnava Theological University all success in the attainment of its objective."

From His Excellency the Chinese Ambassador:

"Congratulation for the invitation of great institution of religious learning". (Telegraphic Message)

From The British Council, the Mall, Agra :

"Since my arrival in India on 13th August I have been endeavouring to deal with the correspondence awaiting me. Whilst doing so I found reference to the opening of the Vaishnava Theological Research Institute which took place on 29th July.

"May I say how very interested the British Council is in this new emanation of the activity of the Vaishnava Theological University at Vrindaban, and how much we wish the venture every success."

Yours very truly,

Sd. Dr. L. R. Phillips,

Representative, India.

We also received communications from the Royal Afghan Embassy, the Royal Thai Legation, the Embassy of the Union of Burma, Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

From Mr. R. F Lodge ,

formerly Governor and Chief Justice af Assam :

"I am very interested in your scheme for a Vaishnava Theological University. Inspite of the fact that many of the world's intellectuals have been turning away from Religion in recent years, Mankind insists on having a Religion, and in worshipping its Gods.

"I have always thought that the rapid spread of Communism in many parts of the world is due to the fact that it has become a religon to its adherents, not merely an economic theory. Its founders and protagonists are regarded as more than mere humans—as Gods in fact—and are worshipped as such; and its principles are regarded as beyond the comprehension of those who do not profess the faith It all shows how deeply ingrained in the human heart is the need for a religion.

"I remember reading, in my student days, an observation regarding the attitude to religion in Classical Rome. The Historian said something to this effect:—

"The common man regarded all religions as equally truthful, the philosopher regarded all religions as equally false. and the Statesman found all equally useful.

"I have since wondered whether the common man in those days was not wiser then the philosopher.

"The great Religions of the world could not have spread and flourished and satisfied generations of men of the

highest intelligence, unless they embodied fundamental truths; and a serious study of all of them must assist in the Search for Truth. If your Vaishnava Theological University encourages its students to study, critically but sympathetically, the great Religions, it is bound to be of great service to Mankind.

"I shall be glad to hear of the progress of the University, and I wish you every success in your endeavours.'

Sd. R. F. Lodge, I. C. S. (Rtd),
Ex-Chief Justice of Assam.

From Prof. Dr. G. H. Paelian Ph. D.,
Pasadena, California U. S. A.

"I am extremely happy that your dream has at last come true and you will celebrate that opening ceremony day (July 29, 1949) of the Vaishnava Theological University— the first school of its kind in India. Knowing you its Founder-President – I am confident that such an Institute will be a real focal point of Spiritual Forces destined to bring order out of confusion and chaos, which is reigning all over the world at the present time. The Sun of India will shine once more in the East bringing a new renaissance to India. Such a liberal & forward-looking Institution, in which all the great Religions of the world can be studied, will synthesize, not only all religions, but Philosophy and Science as well. It will make religion more scientific and will spiritualise science, so that Science, Philosophy and Religion, the three main avenues of knowledge can unite and bring the peoples of the world together to organise their forces for the gigantic task of transforming our world. Then your vision, which is also ours, of a new Civilization based on the principles of co-operation and brotherhood, will become a reality. My family joins me in sending you our greetings and very best wishes for the success of your great University. You will indeed succeed, as you are building bridges to unify all mankind. I will do all I can to help you, in my limited way. Please let me know what can I do at such a distance.

Your devoted friend, G. H. Paelian,

From Dr. Seymour Freedgood. Patchin Place, New York :

"The pleasantest surprise I've had this year was the announcement about the opening of your University. What a remarkable fact! And what a compliment to the Government of New India that so soon after its rise to its power it should be able to promote ventures of such a far-reaching sort. I am swollen with admiration and delight.

"As a matter of fact the very last I saw of you, you were about to set out on a fund raising campaign And as I remember it, your prospects looked dim. How things have changed, and in such a short time ! I am, as I say, overwhelmed.

"Your announcement & accompanying letter I've turned over to Dr. Horace Friess. who is professor of religion at Columbia University. I am sure that you'll get many more applicants than you possibly can accommodate.',

N. B. We received a large number of letters of congratulations from Vice-Chancellors of Indian Universities, Professors and distinguished educationists and friends.

From M. Ramchandra Rao Principal, Sanskrit College, Udipi :

मन्यपाराधरं देवं रौप्यपीठकृतालयं ।
वैदर्भीप्रियमानम्य तनोम्येनांसुमावलीं ॥

कालिन्दीतटकान्तिकान्तमधुरा माधुर्यधुर्यापुरा
लीलामानुषलीलयाविविधया गीतापुरीपावनी ।
प्राच्याप्राच्यसुमुख्यतत्त्वनिवहोत्कर्षावहेनाद्दते-
नाध्यात्मप्रचुरेणशिक्षणमहाविद्यालयेनाद्यवै ॥ १ ॥
मधुरे मधुरा सीति जन्मनाचमधुद्विषः ।
शुद्धतत्त्वप्रचाराच्च नामतेऽन्वर्थतांगतं ॥२॥
वृन्दानां वासभूमिर्यदुवरवपुषःश्रीहरेः केलिभूमिः
संसाराम्भोधिमज्जज्जननिवहसमुद्धारणेदक्षभूमिः ।
गोपीनांमुक्तिभूमिः प्रथितपरमसद्भक्तिभाजांपुरासी-
दद्यत्वेवैष्णवाध्यात्मिकनिलयसमुज्जृम्भणात्सिद्धभूमिः ॥३॥

श्रितार्तिहन्तुर्विबुधौघरक्षातत्त्वावबोधाल्लसिताहियत्र ।
तद्युक्तमत्रैवविभातिशालाप्रबोधयन्तीपरमार्थविद्यां ॥ ४ ॥

विविधमतसमूहग्रन्थजालावलोकान्
मतिमतिशयितां सच्छात्रवृन्दायदात्री ।
हृदयतलनिरूढान्द्वेषभावान्निहन्त्री
विलसतिभुविशाल विश्वविद्यालयाख्या ॥५॥

भ्रातस्त्वंकुत्रयाता मुररिपुजननं यत्रगन्ताऽसिकस्मात
न त्वं जानासिनूनं प्रकटितमधुना विश्वविद्यालयं तं ।
एतस्यस्थापकाः के गुणगणविलसद्वान्महाराजवर्याः
बोद्धव्यंतत्रकिंस्याद्विविधमततते स्साम्यसारार्थतत्त्वं ॥६॥

श्रीमान्बान्ख्यातकीर्तिर्महितवर परब्रह्मतत्त्वाकरोऽयं
धर्माचारादिसक्तं सुजनसमुदयं कर्तुमुद्दामदीक्षः ।
प्रेक्षावान्कर्मदक्षः प्रकटितविलसद्ब्रह्मविद्यालयः श्री
कर्मन्दीधन्यजन्मा जगति विजयते सेव्यवृन्दावनेऽद्धा ॥७॥

मन्दात्मन्किमुखिद्यसेननुसुराः श्रुत्यादियुक्तादिशं
कौबेरीं किल यान्तिवैष्णवमहाविद्यालयं सेवितुं ।
संसारार्तिवशान्निरुद्धगमनः खिद्ये सखे मा शुचः
तद्ध्यानाद्धृदयेप्रपश्यसिमुदेत्युक्तिः कयोश्चिन्मिथः ॥८॥

धर्मोधार्यताच्चिर सुरनुतासाश्रीः श्रयेदन्वहं
भक्तिर्भासयतात्तदीयजनता सक्ताविमुक्तिप्रदा ।
सौजन्यादिमनोज्ञशिष्य निवहे राराज्यमानामति-
र्व्याप्नोतुस्तवनीयवैष्णवमहाविद्यालयं शाश्वतं ॥९॥

जयतुजयतुलोकेश्लाध्यविद्यालयोऽयं
विविधमतविलासी सर्वसिद्धान्तभासी ।
विबुधवरसुमान्यो व्यासदेवाश्रमाभः
सकल सुगुणभूमाभारतेऽन्वर्थनामा ॥१०॥

रामचन्द्रेण सन्तोषाद्ग्रथितासुममालिका ।
आरम्भोत्सवसन्दर्भेऽर्पिता हरितुष्टये ॥
श्रीवृन्दावनस्थवैष्णवाध्यात्मविश्वविद्यानिलयस्य
गवेषणाभागस्योद्घाटनसमारम्भसन्दर्भेऽर्पितेयं सुममालिका ॥

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From Dr. R. Naga Raj Sarma, M. A., Ph. D. Tarkachudamani Vidyalankar, Madras.

सुन्दरमृदुहसितास्यं मन्दरधरमिन्दुवंशमौलिमणिम् ।
वृन्दावनवरवनितानन्दनमरविन्दलोचनं वन्दे ॥-१-॥

विष्णु-ब्राह्मी-विश्व-विद्यालयाख्यो—
विद्यापीठो भाति वृन्दावनेऽस्मिन् ।
पुण्यक्षेत्रे स्वामि-बान्-जन्यजन्मा
लोके तत्त्वं वैष्णवं कर्तुमीद्यम् ॥ २ ॥

आधुनिक विश्वविद्यालयगतनैरात्म्यवादविध्वंसी ।
वैष्णवविद्यापीठो जीयाद्वृन्दावनेशागुरुकृपया ॥ ३ ॥

प्रज्ञाकरकृतविकसन भक्तिसरोजप्रभोर्मिमालाभिः ।
विद्या-विराग-वार्द्धिर्मुद्रायां लसति विजयतां पीठः ॥ ४ ॥

जीवजडभेद विस्मर जगदुदयाद्येककारणं विष्णुः ।
नाऽन्यइति विश्वविद्यपीठः परमार्थबोधनं कुर्यात् ॥ ५ ॥

दर्शनषट्क विमर्शन साहस कुतुकी विभाति मधुरभुवि ।
बृन्दावने विचित्रो विद्यापीठो-विनोदयन्विबुधान् ॥ ६ ॥

ऐक्य प्रान्तग विद्यामन्त्रिवराशीर्भिरुदयमभ्येत्य ।
वैष्णवविमर्शपीठो-भास्वान्भ्रमतिमिरनिरसनोभूयात् ॥ ७ ॥

श्रीकृष्ण-वेणुवादन परवश वृन्दाप्रदेशेषु ।
आचन्द्रार्कंजीयाद्विमर्शपीठोविबुद्धपरतत्त्वः ॥ ८ ॥

कवितालनालालनलोल श्री-नागराजशर्मकृता ।
नवरत्नमालिकेयं समर्पितानन्दसूनुवरकण्ठे ॥ ९ ॥

मद्रपुरा—
श्रावण शुक्ल-पूर्णिमायां
सोमवासरे संकलिता

इति—परमार्थिक-विद्वत्समुदयदासः
रा—ना—गराजा शर्मा

TRANSLATION

1 Let me salute the, Lord, lotus eyed, delight of the damsels of Vrindaban, the Crest-Jewel of the Lunar race, the lifter of Mount Mandara, beautiful-faced with entrancing smile.

2 Founded by Swami Bon, the Vaishnava Theological University shines in holy Vrindaban devoted to proclaiming the Truth of Vaishnavism in the world.

3 Let the V. T. University be victorious by the Grace of the Lord of Brindaban, which would destroy the materialism propagated by some of the modern Universities.

4 Let the V. T. University be glorious on the esclutcheon of which are the Ocean of learning and detachment the Lotus of dovotion radiating splendour-waves and the Sun of knowledge the rays of which contribute to efflorescence of the Lotus.

5 Let the V. T. University proclaim the truth that the Supreme Lord Vishnu is the Highest Reality the One Cause of the Universe of multi-conditioned matter and spirit.

6 There lies in all its glory & splendour, V. T. University which with dynamic enthusiasm has embarked on the philosophical adventure and daring researchd into the *Six Darsanas* in the hallowed Vrindaban, delighting genuine scholars.

7 Brought into existence and opened under the blessings of the Education-Minister of U. P., let the Research Institute, sun-like in splendor dispel the darkness of errors and untruths in philosophical systems and interpretations.

8 Dovoted to discovery of Supreme Truth, let the V. T. University flourish as long as the Moon and Sun last, in the tracts of Vrindaban once held captive under the hypnotic influence of playing on the Flute by Lord Sri Krishna

9 This garland of the nine-gems (nine stanzas) is devoutely put round the beautiful neck of the Son of Nanda (The Lord)- the garland made by Naga Raja Sarma engrossed in fondling the Maiden of Poetic Muse.

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Agrawal Press, Mathura.

E.& P.H.(G.2)

GRANT - Vaishnava Theological University, Vrindaban, U.P.

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The D.P.I. has forwarded a copy of an application for a grant for the Vaishnava Theological University received by him from the Founder-President of the Vaishnava ~~Theological~~ University, ~~Vrindaban~~, ~~for the above University, from this Government~~ and recommends that a recurring grant of Rs. 2,000/- per annum may be made to the University. The request of the Founder-President for a grant for the purpose was considered twice (once in 1948 and then this year) and turned down. Attention is solicited to the latest request of the University on p.p.1-2 c.f., the notes and orders thereon on p.p.1-3 n.f., and the order on p.p.5-6 c.f. of Lr.No.3350 Edn., dated 3-11-1949. There is no case for a reconsideration of the case, as it was disposed of only very recently, i.e. at the beginning of this month. The D.P.I's recommendation need not be accepted. A copy of the letter sent to the Vaishnava Theological University may be furnished to the D.P.I., and he may be informed that the Govt. decline to accept his recommendation. Subject to orders, the draft below is for approval.