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(b) the adoption by the student of the *Shishya* attitude by the development of—

(i) respect for the teacher,

(ii) a spirit of inquiry,

(iii) a spirit of service towards the teacher, the institution, Bharat and Bharatiya Vidya.

8. The ultimate aim of Bharatiya Shiksha is to teach the younger generation to appreciate and live up to the permanent values of Bharatiya Vidya which flowing from the supreme art of creative life-energy as represented by Shri Ramachandra, Shri Krishna, Vyasa, Buddha and Mahavira have expressed themselves in modern times in the life of Shri Ramakrishna Paramahansa, Swami Dayananda Saraswati, and Swami Vivekananda, Shri Aurobindo and Mahatma Gandhi.

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- There always are in the
world a few inspired
men whose acquaintance
is beyond price"

With affectionate regards,
to

Shri M. Jannacharya,
who belongs to the above
category.

K. T. Ramaswamiyar
29/5/68.

आ नो भद्राः क्रतवो यन्तु विश्वतः ।

Let noble thoughts come to us from every side

—Rigveda, I-89-i

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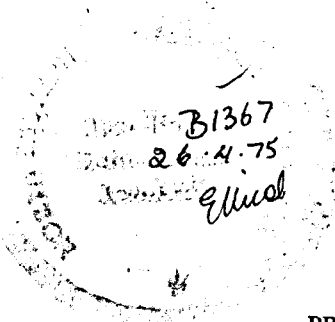
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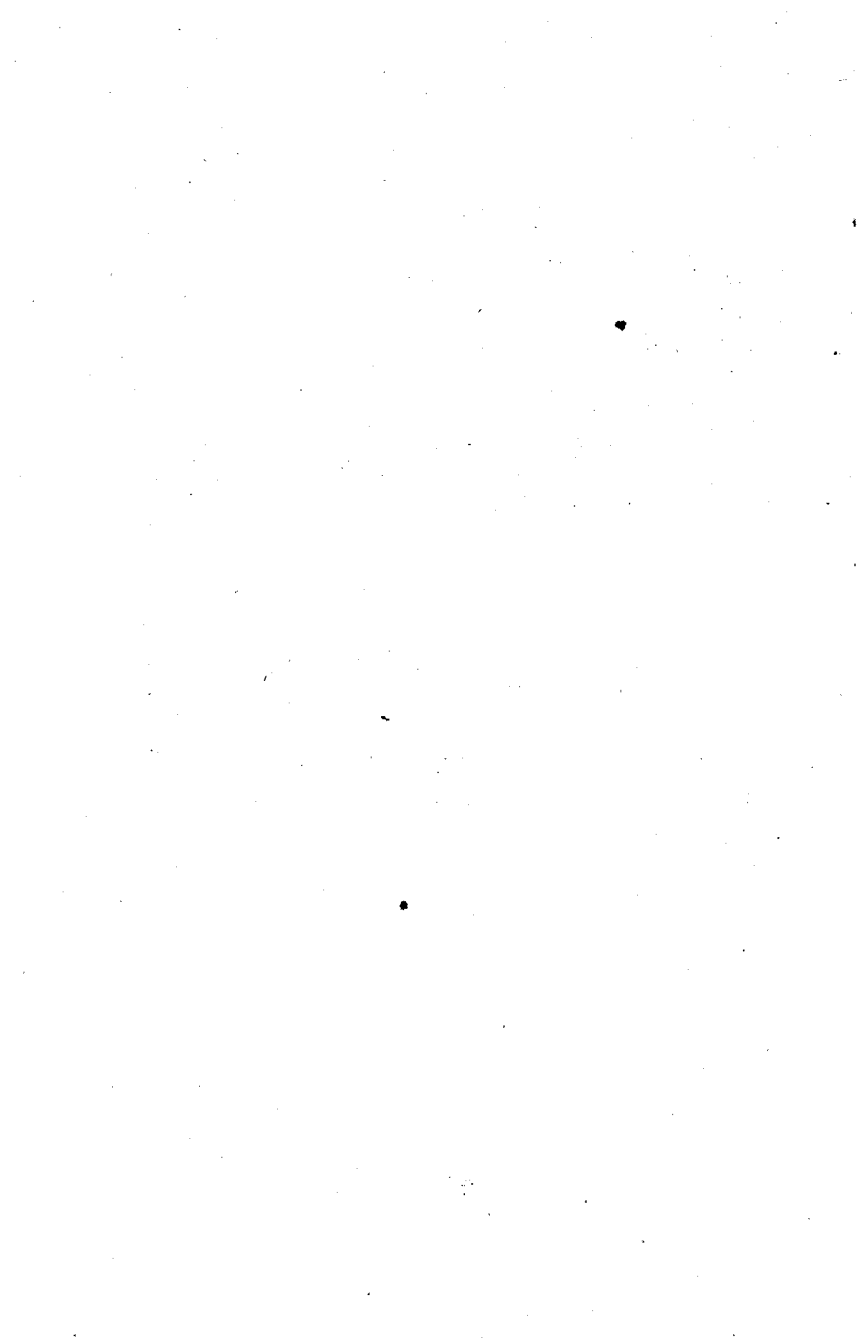
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Shri C. Rajagopalachari delivered a series of three lectures at the University of Poona under the Ministry of Education's Scheme entitled 'Promotion of Gandhian Philosophy' in the last week of November 1962.

Our thanks are due to the Ministry of Education for permitting us to publish these lectures in book form and also to Mahamahopadhyaya D. V. Potdar, Vice-Chancellor of the Poona University, for his Foreword.



FOREWORD

Sri Chakravarti Rajagopalachari is one of the elder statesmen of the Gandhian period fortunately yet with us. He has filled with honour posts of great responsibility and piloted the ship of Bharat through trying times. He possesses an intellect as sharp as the blade of a razor. He is a store-house of information, experience and wisdom. He is fearless in his advocacy of his views.

When the Ministry of Education, Government of India, formulated a scheme and intimated to the University of Poona that the University of Poona should arrange every year a series of lectures on Gandhian Thought and Philosophy, the first name that came to our mind for the selection of a lecturer was that of Sri Chakravarti Rajagopalachari. He was then busy preparing for a tour to the United States of America and yet agreed to deliver the lectures—which had to be written out—at the end of November. As the University anticipated that the flower of the intelligentsia of Poona will be very eager to listen to the elder statesman who was for years together closely associated with Gandhiji, the University arranged these lectures in the open ground of the New English School, Poona. Nearly 4,000

people listened with rapt attention to the old veteran, Sri Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, of eighty-three for three evenings. Sri Rajagopalachari invited questions which were very quietly and promptly answered by him.

The lectures proved a great success and I have no doubt that their addition to the vast literature on Gandhian thought and philosophy would be widely welcomed and appreciated as a significant and distinctive contribution. The University of Poona would certainly have liked the honour of publishing these lectures which were the property of the Government of India. The Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan under the able captaincy of Sri K. M. Munshi has made a name for itself for publishing thoughtful books on Indian Culture and heritage. The University of Poona was, therefore, very glad that the Bhavan had undertaken this publication. I have no doubt that it will be received warmly all over the world.

Ganeshkhind,
Poona 7.
April 25, 1963.

DATTO VAMAN POTDAR
Vice-Chancellor,
University of Poona.

It was a great honour, one which I specially value, that the University of Poona should think of me in connection with its scheme of Gandhi Lectures. Mr. Jayakar, the founder of the University, was one of the many friends I could claim of that generation. Although he and I were devoted to very different methods of reaching our freedom and our status, his affection for me was never altered or reduced through the long years we lived. I need not refer to the affection I enjoyed at the greatest citizen of Poona, Lokamanya Tilak's hands during the second decade of this century. My attachment to Gandhiji since then has not blinded me to the greatness of Maharashtra's greatest soul and his service to the cause of India's honour and freedom. I was a contemporary witness of all that was suffered by the Lokamanya by way of Government repression and the calumny of political opponents. Poona therefore is a place of pilgrimage for me. I therefore felt particularly pleased and honoured when I received this invitation. My gratification was enhanced by the fact that your Chancellor Dr. Subbaroyan was a family friend who would feel particularly happy to be my host on this occasion. But Providence decreed that he should pass out into the world of pure spirit before I came here to fulfil my

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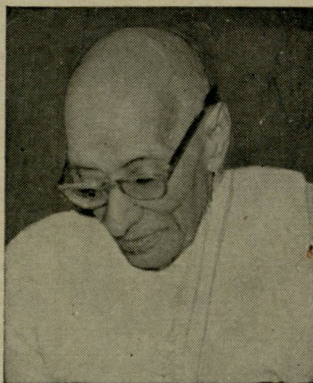
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Rajaji's books on Marcus Aurelius, the *Bhagavad Gita* and the *Upanishads* are popular. In *Mahabharata* and *Ramayana* he displays his inimitable flair for story-telling and applying the moral of stories to the needs of modern times.

This book is an addition to the vast literature on Gandhian thought and philosophy and would be widely welcomed and appreciated as a significant and distinctive contribution.