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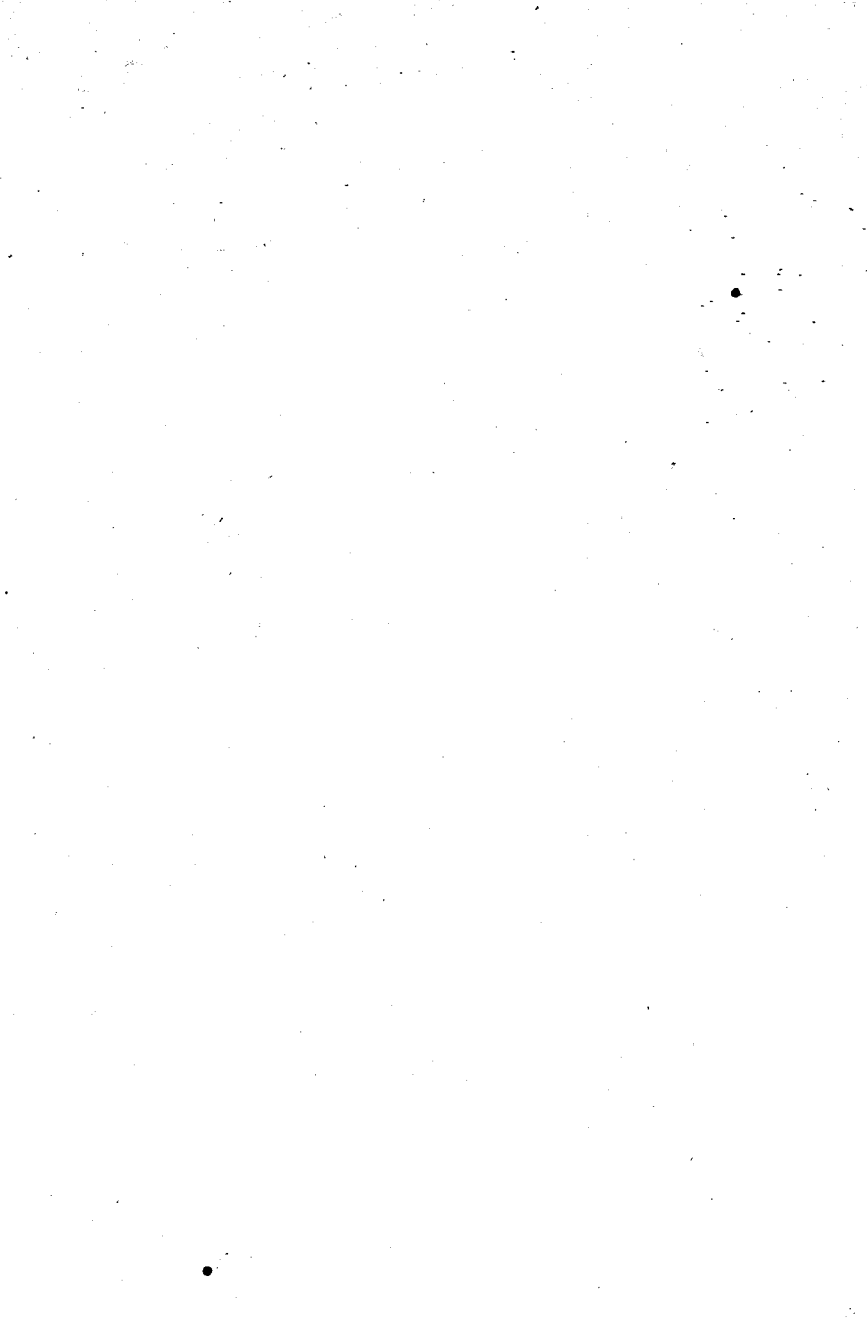
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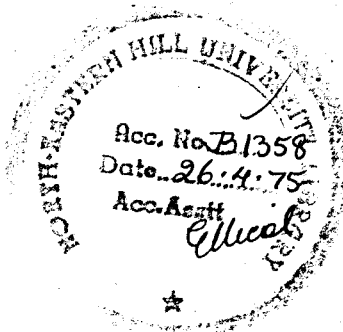
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FOREWORD

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 Chakra-

varti 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

