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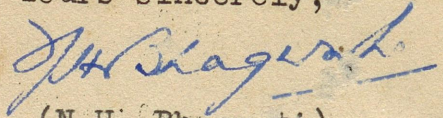
BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY

Varanasi, 13. 5. 1961

Dear Dr. Krishnan,

The late Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviyaji, the Founder of the Banaras Hindu University and one of the foremost builders of the nation was born on the 25th of December, 1861. His hundred years will be completed on the 24th of December, 1961. The occasion of his centenary will be suitably celebrated all over the country. It is proposed to celebrate the Founder's centenary in the University in a manner befitting the great occasion. It has been decided to instal a heroic size bronze statue of Malaviyaji outside the main gate of the University; to provide a marble bust, a hall and a library in the Malaviya Bhawan, the residence of Malaviyaji during his life time; to publish a biography of Malaviyaji; to bring out an edition of his speeches and writings; to publish a centenary volume; to institute Malaviya Scholarships and to establish a Malaviya Chair of Hindu Religion and Theology during the centenary celebrations. There will also be cultural and other activities on that occasion. The fulfilment of these objectives will entail considerable expenditure for which the University has to approach the Government and people for generous contributions. A draft of "Appeal for Funds for Malaviyaji Centenary Celebrations" is enclosed and I request you to permit us to associate your name with the appeal which will shortly be issued. I further request you to communicate your consent for including your name among the signatories of the appeal as early as possible and oblige.

Yours sincerely,



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Vice-Chancellor.

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BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY
MALAVIYAJI CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
APPEAL FOR FUNDS

It is needless to recount the many and varied services which Pandit Malaviyaji rendered to the cause of Indian freedom and national education, in his long life of service and sacrifice. He was one of the makers of modern India. The two dominating passions of his life were politics and religion. He was identified throughout his life with the Indian struggle for freedom. He was associated with the Indian National Congress almost from its inception and twice presided over its annual sessions. Today when we are an independent nation and are busy rebuilding our country, we should remember with gratitude his outstanding services to the national cause.

In his youth there were many who were the victims of a superstitious valuation of Western Civilisation. He felt that our education should grow out of our cultural traditions and be relevant to our environment and needs. With an attitude of reverence towards ultimate values and realism towards practical needs, he with the help of a few others, established the Banaras Hindu University which is today the largest residential University in the country, well-known, not only for its departments of arts and humanities but for its faculties of science, pure and applied, and technology. He lighted a lamp at Banaras whose light will penetrate far into space and time and continue to shine as long as our civilisation lasts.

He was himself the embodiment of Hindu culture, gentle but not weak, determined but not aggressive, a spirit as clean as the mountain air. His white robes reflected the purity of his heart and his presence had a sanctifying grace.

Pandit Malaviyaji was born on 25th December, 1861. The country will celebrate the completion of his hundred years in the last week of the year. The University will celebrate the Centenary of its Founder, the great savant and builder of the nation in a fitting manner. It is proposed on that occasion (i) to instal a heroic size bronze statue of Malaviyaji outside the main gate of the University, (2) to provide a marble bust; a hall and a library in the Malaviya Bhawan, the residence of Malaviyaji during his life time, (3) to publish a biography of Malaviyaji (4) to bring out an edition of his publications - speeches and writings, (5) to publish a centenary volume, (6) to institute Malaviyas scholarships and (7) to establish a Malaviya Chair of Hindu Religion and Theology. There will also be cultural and other activities during the period of celebrations. In order to further these objects, it has been decided to raise a fund, to be styled "Malaviyaji Centenary Celebrations Fund". It is only fitting that the people of India whom he served with such zeal and enthusiasm should do their utmost to perpetuate his memory and carry on his great work. We make this appeal to our countrymen for generous donations which may be sent to Pandit Trilochan Pant, B.H.U., for the Malaviyaji Centenary Celebrations Fund. No target figure is being fixed as it is hoped that the public response will be commensurate with the greatness of the undertaking.