

he didn't formally take initiation until later on because of his family and his business. I clearly recall how very serious, simple and humble he was.

Sometimes when I was in Calcutta I would go to visit him at Sita Kanta Banerjee Lane where he had his home and chemist business. Satprasangananda Brahmachari and Satish Prabhu used to accompany me when I visited his house on Sita Banerjee Lane. He was very affectionate to us. He always welcomed guests into his home. He opened his house to any *vaiṣṇavas* from the *Gauḍīya Maṭha*, whether they were his godbrothers or young *brahmacārīs* who weren't godbrothers and hadn't even been initiated.

When we used to go out on preaching programs in Calcutta, we would sometimes finish very late at night. We would go to his house at that late hour, and his policy was always to open his door to have us stay with him, even though we had not given him any warning. We would come and knock on his door and he would always open the door and welcome us in. Often, he would even give us his own room and sleep out in the living room himself. When we woke up in the morning he would cook and offer *prasādam* to us. We came there so many times. On many occasions I also came as a guest at his house along with Srila Bhakti Prajnan Keshava Maharaja.

I recall that later, when Abhaya Charan Prabhu was living in Calcutta, he told us that he didn't keep installed deities in his home at that time because his wife and family weren't so favorable. His wife was actually initiated by Bhakti Saranga Maharaja, who was one of his godbrothers. Prabhu had arranged for her to be initiated, but she wasn't so much involved. He had his own room in the house, and he kept it very *pakka* to a very high-class standard. He had photos on the altar of Radha-Krishna deities, Sri Sri Nitai Gaura, and his gurudeva. He worshiped all those pictures every day, and offered all the *bhoga* in the house to them. He did most of that *sevā* himself. We noticed how carefully he kept that standard.

As far as I understood, Abhaya Charan Prabhu kept the highest standards from the time that he first met Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur, and especially later. We saw that he chanted sixty-four rounds a day, even though he hadn't requested formal initiation, and this was during the time that he was working full time in his business. Whenever we met him he was chanting one lakh of names (64 rounds) every day. Whenever he got time off from work, he would immediately go to associate with the different devotees of the *Gauḍīya*

*Maṭha*. He often went to Bagh Bazaar, and sometimes he would also go by train to Nabadwip and Mayapur. ❀

— From an interview with Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur Prabhupada's disciple, Sripad Nayananda Das Babaji Maharaja, recorded on 9 March 1999. From, *Our Srila Prabhupada a Friend to All: Early Contemporaries Remember Him*. By Mulaprakriti Dasī. New Delhi. Brij Books. 2004.

## “WE MUST TAKE KRISHNA ALL OVER THE WORLD”

*Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur Prabhupada*

*The ancient tirtha known as Alarnath Brahmagiri, near Jagannath Puri, is where Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu began his preaching tour of South India. This place was very dear to Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur Prabhupada. During his last visit there, on 19 May 1934, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta made the following prophetic statement that was eventually fulfilled by Srila A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada:*

*ākāśayāna bimāna rathare śrī jagannātha devaṅku  
iṣṭabarṇa landanaku nebāḅku heba, seṭhāre ālālanātha  
heba, gauḍīya nātha o gopīnātha prakāṭa hebe sarvatra śrī  
caitanya mahāprabhuṅka arccā prakāṭa karibāḅku heba,  
nacet manuṣya-jāṭira maṅgala heba-nāhiṅ.*

We must take Lord Jagannath in an airplane chariot to Eastbourne, London. There Alarnath, Gaudiyanath [Chaitanya Mahaprabhu who is the Lord of the Gaudiya Vaishnavas] and Gopinath will appear. We must install the deity of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu everywhere in the world, otherwise there will be no auspiciousness for the human race. ❀

— From the Odiya magazine *Paramārthi*. Feb. 1976, p. 34. Translated and published in Sri Krishna Kathamrita magazine, issue 5. Page 68. Gopal Jiu Publications. ISKCON Bhubaneswar.

## RELISH AND DISTRIBUTE WRITINGS OF THE PREVIOUS ACARYAS

*Srila Thakur Bhaktivinode*

Newspapers that make the readers happy by daily writing of new topics only write about varieties of the material world, but the topics of Lord Hari are different. They never become old. The more one hears or speaks of the Lord, the more one relishes these topics. O readers! If you have any attachment for the topics of Hari, then relish the descriptions written by the *mahājanas* again and again. Although this newspaper is very small, nevertheless in each edition the conclusive descriptions of the mellows of devotional service written by the previous *mahājanas* are published part by part.

Since there is no question of worldly stories in this paper, we must publish some compositions of the