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My dear Sri Prakasji,

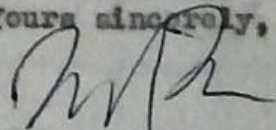
Thank you for your letter of March 27. I quite appreciate the sadness with which you must survey the current scene.

Since you mention that Indira Gandhi's victory was so overwhelming, I am taking the liberty of sending you a summary of my talk to the Rotary Club in which I have tried to show in the second paragraph that the victory was not so overwhelming after all, but a result of the distortion of the popular will that the British electoral system brings with it in ~~these~~ ^{the} ~~condemned~~ ^{elect}. All the same, I agree with you that the result of the election bodes ~~no~~ good for the future.

I have resigned from the Presidentship of my Party last week but propose to continue devoting myself to the task of basic education of our people which has been so badly neglected by all of us all these years or at least a task which we have not performed effectively.

I do trust your health will permit you to go back home to Benaras.

Yours sincerely,



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