I do not think that it is necessary for me to explain at length the importance of the mother tongue as the medium of instruction to the members of this University, because you have already accepted its utility in principle and have also taken steps to give that principle a practical form. I would like to congratulate you on this courageous move and I hope that you will always remain firm in your purpose and would achieve success by surmounting (1) all the obstacles and difficulties that you may have to encounter. Thus you will convince even those who are skeptical today of the great capacity and utility of Indian Languages as medium of education. I think that achieving success in this direction, two kinds of steps are necessary. In the first place, you have to prepare and popularize a lexicon of such terms as our languages either did not have or if they had, the terms were not sufficient (2) popular for expressing the ideas of each scientific subjects as are entirely new to us. I find that even in this direction your University and government have been active and I would like to congratulate you all for that as well. The other step that seems to be necessary is that the syllabus as well as the educational methods of our institutions should be appropriately changed. I am afraid that necessary steps in this direction are not being taken us (3) yet and I would like not only this University but other universities as well to pay adequate attention to this problem.

Learning has great value. It has a fundamental importance for the development of mind, body and morality and, in our own times, even for the economic life of man. It is therefore, necessary that whatever resources of education are available in my country should be such as to enable the students to make all round progress. Even if (4) we consider other matters to be of secondary importance and hold that only such knowledge as has an economic value is to be preferred, the present education system needs a radical change.

I would therefore urge that our educational system should be such as imparts knowledge of the subjects by virtue of which educated people not only be enabled to share in the wealth produced by other but also to make their contribution in increasing the total national wealth.