

APPENDIX: OTHER ASSOCIATES OF SRILA ACHARYADEVA

The author of *Preceptorial Line of Succession and Srila Acharyadeva* regrets to state that two important names were inadvertently omitted in the 7th Chapter entitled "Srila Acharyadeva and his associates." These names are Srila Sundarananda Vidyavinode Prabhu and Srila Jatisekhar Das Bhaktikumud Prabhu. Here we give brief character-sketches of these two great Vaishnavas.

SRILA SUNDARANANDA VIDYAVINODE PRABHU

Mahamahopadeshak Srila Sundarananda Vidyavinode Prabhu was a prominent associate of Srila Acharyadeva. An eminent scholar, speaker and writer, Srila Sundarananda Prabhu was the editor of the Gaudiya and author of authentic books on Vaishnava philosophy. Some of his famous books are Sri Chaitanyadeb, Sri Kshetra, Achintya bhedabhedbad, Upakhyane Upadesh, Sri Bhaktivinode-bani-baibhab, Paramguru Sri Gourkishore, Gitisahitye Sri Bhaktivinode, Gaudiyar Tin Thakur, Goswami Sri Raghunath Das, Vaishnavacharya Sri Madhwa and Sri Chaitanyer Prem. With his powerful pen he preached the principles of unalloyed devotion throughout the world and fulfilled the desire of his Divine Master Om Vishnupad 108 Sri Srimad Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Thakur.

In 1918 he first saw Srila Saraswati Thakur and Srila Acharyadeva in front of Sri Bhaktikutir (the place where Thakur Bhaktivinode revealed his Bhajan-leela) in Sridham Puri. On November 29, 1921 Srila Saraswati Thakur gave him Sri Harinam and Pancharatrik Diksha at the recommendation of Srila Acharyadeva (known as Srila Ananta Vasudeva Prabhu at that time). From 1922 to 1932 he preached the message of the Supreme Lord Sri Chaitanya in various places like Dacca, Mayurbhanj, Puri Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Baripada, Madras, Mathura, Midnapore and Calcutta.

Srila Sundarananda Prabhu composed the Vandana Mantra of Srila Acharyadeva, when the latter appeared as the Spiritual Head of Gaudiya Mission after the disappearance of Srila Saraswati Thakur. At first he offered Vyasapuja Homage to Srila Acharyadeva in Dacca. Mahamahopadeshak Srila Sundarananda Prabhu was declared the Secretary of Gaudiya Mission on March 26, 1940. He competently managed the Mission according to the spiritual instruction and guidance of Srila Acharyadeva, He served as the editor of the weekly Gaudiya for a long period of 20 years from 1924 to 1944. He wrote more than 50 books on Gaudiya Vaishnava philosophy in the light of the Siddhanta of Srila Saraswati Thakur, Srila Acharyadeva and Srila Bhakti Pradip Tirtha Maharaj.

Srila Acharyadeva made the following remark in the Gaudiya, "Always try to know the Gaudiya, the Gaudiya Preceptorial Line, Gaudiya Vaishnavas and Gaudiya Scriptures through the causeless mercy of Srila Sundarananda Prabhu. One who does not show respect to Srila Sundarananda Prabhu is veritably ugly and unchaste."

SRILA JATISEKHAR DAS BHAKTIKUMUD PRABHU

Srila Jatisekhar Das Bhaktikumud Prabhu was a faithful servitor and associate of Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakur, Srila Acharyadeva, and Srila Bhakti Pradip Tirtha Goswami Thakur. At the

behest of these Gurus, he served the devotional journal Paramartha as its editor for a long period of 50 years. Sirla Bhaktikumud Prabhu received Sri Harinam from Sirla Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Thakur at the recommendation of Srila Acharyadeva and Srila Bhaktisudhakar Prabhu at Sri Jagannath Dharmasala, Jajpur, when Srila Saraswati Thakur installed the Foot-print of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu beside the holy river Vaitarani in 1928. He was also initiated into Pancharatrik Diksha by Srila Saraswati Thakur in Cuttack in 1930. As desired by Srila Acharyadeva, Srila Bhaktikumud Prabhu accompanied Srila Siddha Baba Vanshi Das Babaji Maharaj for three months.

According to the order and advice of Srila Acharyadeva, Sri Bhaktikumud Prabhu entered into the second stage of life. He led the life of an ideal householder-devotee and spent his entire time in preaching the message of unalloyed devotion throughout India. He engaged many fortunate souls in the service of Sri Hari-Guru-Vaishnava. With his mighty pen he shattered all anti-devotional elements and established the eternal principles of pure devotion. He composed many beautiful songs glorifying the Divine Masters in the Preceptorial Line of Succession. Some of his important books are Sri Rupa Goswami (Charit Sudha O Sikshamrita), Gaudia Vani, Abadhut Srila Gourkishore Das Babaji, Sri Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Thakur, Sri Jagannath Das Babaji, Sri Bhakti Pradip Tirtha, Sri Bhakti Siddhanta Vani Bigraha, Sri Bhakti Keval Vani (2 Volumes), Sri Madhab Tithi etc.

He was not only an extraordinary writer but also a powerful orator. He disappeared from this world on the auspicious Advent Day of Srila Adwaita Acharya Prabhu (Feb. 6) in 1995, uttering the Holy Name of Lord Jagannath. Srila Bhaktikumud Prabhu spared no pains to preach the transcendental glory of Srila Acharyadeva. He wrote three valuable books on the divine life and teachings of Srila Acharyadeva. These books are Acharyadeva Sri Puri Goswami (in Oriya), Srila Acharyadever Atimartya Leela (in Bengali) and Srila Acharyadeva - Sri Mukha Bani (in Oriya).

Shortly before the disappearance of Srila Bhakti Keval Audulomi Goswami Thakur, Srila Bhaktikumud Prabhu met him at Sri Swarna Kutir, Sri Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Gaudiya Math, Sridham Godrum and had a confidential conversation with him regarding the next Preceptor. Learning the secret desire of the heart of Srila Audulomi Thakur, Srila Bhaktikumud Prabhu accepted Om Vishnupad Sri Srila Bhakti Bhusan Bharati Goswami Thakur as the next Preceptor and greeted him as Srila Guru Thakur. He paid homage to Srila Guru Thakur and composed poems in praise of his glory. Thus he spent his whole life in serving and glorifying the real Preceptorial Line of Succession.