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Dear Sir,

I have just seen in the paper the news of the passing of your father, Mahamahopadhyaya Dr.V.Swaminatha Aiyar, and should like to express to you my own personal sorrow at the passing of one whom I have known for many years and whose works I have read with so much joy and profit.

It was one of the joys of life in Madras to be able to go to his house in Tiruvattisvaranpet and talk with him over many things especially Tamil classics and Tamil lore of all kinds. Many is the time that I have spent happy and fruitful hours with him delving into the past.

I should therefore like to pay my humble tribute of respect and admiration to one who was so great in scholarship, so thorough in all that he did, so humble in his attitude, and so imbued with a deep veneration for truth that he would go to all pains to seek it. Dr.Swaminatha Aiyar was one of the greatest Tamil scholars of this generation and if he had done his work in English he would have been acclaimed by the English-speaking world as one of the great literary figures of the 20th century.

By his life-time of Tamil study and research he has rendered a service of immeasurable value to the Tamil people and the monuments of his life and work are all about us on our shelves and in our libraries and they will ever live and teach us the meaning of strict and devoted research into ancient works.

But he has not only clarified the past for us and enriched us from the ancient heritage of Tamil literature. He has also by his essays and his lighter articles on great contemporaries placed the whole Tamil country under a deep debt of gratitude. I always turn the first thing to his contribution in the Kalaimagal to read the delightful essays on men of old and contemporaries that he has known.

A great soul has passed on to the higher world and has heard the trumpets sound on the other side and the joyful words of his Maker, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

Our deepest sympathy goes out to you all who have lost so great and charming a personality and we share in your loss with our whole hearts.

Yours very sincerely,

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