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Centered on the way & apart from the poetry. But I can't say I condemn myself for having neglected my Tamil. For I have used my time, my whole time profitably in gaining knowledge of all kinds. We are in a wonderful world, the wonder wonder of which is slowly but being brought to light, particularly during the last 40 or 50 years. Who have thought of travelling 12000 miles in 3 days. Who ever could have thought of sending picture through the ether from Australia to England or of the King in London talking to one of the governors in Australia. God has provided nature with all sorts of marvellous possibilities man has slowly to discover them one by one. devote some or all time to the business of knowing something of all these

We had learnt these things through the English language. I wonder whether a time will ever come when we can learn these through our own mother tongue, Tamil - will a time ever come when there will be a Tamil State or a Telugu State or a Canarese State and so on. Great Britain is entirely English, France is entirely French. Germany is entirely German, Italy is entirely Italian &c. And in each of these countries Scientific, Philosophical and other researches are carried on in their own languages. But in India the languages are many and each language is not compact as one western.

If that time ever comes to India when each language centre is self governed that Scientific and other researches can be carried on in each territory in its own language then the labours of great Pandits like you will be come of immense use.

The Tamil Lovers Conference was held in Madras some 8 or 10 months ago. What has it done.

Then there was another Tamil Scholars Conference held some 3 or 4 months ago in Tinnevely. What has it done? All that these Conferences can do is simply to keep the language alive ~~when~~ when the Tamil

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at some future time become a self governing state
then it is that Tamil will become triumphant -
Tamil has a great past. A time will surely come when
its glories will once more revive. Godfronds that
in the meanwhile scholars like you will continue
to rise to fame.

I rejoice when the title of doctor of literature
was conferred on you by the University, an honour
that no other Pandit in India has received.

I pray that you may be granted health &
strength for many many years yet to continue
your useful labours.

I came back from Colombo about 2½ years
ago. My daughter and her four children are
with me. They are a great

troupe. Whenever I feel strong enough I teach
some elementary algebra and geometry to my
elder grand daughter who is reading well in a
girls' school close by. The only daughter of my son
Nallamattu who died some 16 years ago has
passed the Cambridge Senior Local Examination
with honours and is now studying for the London
matriculation. The two younger granddaughters are
9 and 7 years. My daughter's second daughter is very
much like her grand mother, who used (you may
remember) to sit down on the floor and listen
with eager interest to my conversation with her
some 35 years ago. They are all gone.

With my kindest regards I am

Yours sincerely

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