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In Memorium.

(SWAMI SHUDDHANANDA BHARATI)

Dr. Swaminatha Aiyar dead? Impossible! He lives in the heart of the nation as long as Tamil lives! He has bequeathed to us a rich harvest of sixty years of labour in the field. With the zeal and patience of an explorer, he traversed the country, ransacked palm leaves, and brought pearls and diamonds out of a heap of unrecognised debris! Sudden freaks of fortune, chill penury, jealous competition, unsympathetic criticisms threatened him now and then. He marched like an undaunted Karma Vira (a hero of consecrated action) from success to success. The peerless *Chintamani*, the priceless *Silappadikaram*, the sweet *Manimekhalai*, the thrilling *Purananuru*, the lovely *Agananuru*, and the charming *Kuruntokai* are some of the precious works he has given us. None can read these works without a thrill of righteous pride over the pristine glory of the Tamil nation. No Indian History can be

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complete without a knowledge of these works. The glory of the Chera, Chola, and the Pandya kings, the idylls of their heroism, the remarkable heroes, saints, poets and patriots of the Sangam days, the well organised social and political life of Tamilians two thousand years ago—all these and many more are revealed to us by the invulnerable works of this Grand Old Man. "These are my treasures", he remarked once, pointing affectionately to his cudjan leaves. He did not care to hoard any other treasure!

He has also done a lot of pioneer work in the cause of modern Tamil, by giving us a series of his interesting memoirs, in the pages of the *Kalai Magal* and the *Auanda Vikutan*. He kept the reader spell-bound by his unpedantic simplicity of diction and richness of anecdotes. He has given us a pen picture of almost all the scholars and savants, saints and princes of the last two centuries. He has paid glowing tributes to all his benefactors such as Subrahmanya Desikar, his patron, Meenakshisundaram Pillai, his preceptor,

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Thyagaraja Chettiar, his helper, and Poondi Ranganatha Mudaliar, his admirer. His memoirs are a century of Tamil history. He is himself an epoch.

Personally, I owe him a deep debt of gratitude for his affectionate letters and the glowing prefaces from his esteemed pen adorning some of my works. After the heroic V. V. S. Aiyar, he was the one person from whom I drew a lot of encouragement. Once he wrote to me: "The body ripens and rots; but my enthusiasm is as bright as ever!" Yes, he was young despite age and its tyranny! He stands singularly prominent in the history of literature, as one that has loved, lived and laboured tirelessly for the mother-tongue.

Of course Tmilians will hold meetings and pass condolence resolutions. They may even raise funds to immortalise him in the marble. But these are not enough. Just as we are celebrating the memory of the national bard C. Subrahmanya Bharati, we are bound to observe Swaminatha Aiyar Day too. This too is not enough. The Doctor demanded the admiring audience

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one day, "How many of you that praise me care to buy and study my books!" Every Tamilian worth his name should have a set of his books and no library can be complete without them. Every home should possess a portrait of our Grand Old Man. Every educational institution should institute scholarships in his name. A section should be opened to study his works in schools and colleges. More than these, a Swaminatha Tamil Sangam must be started and sumptuously endowed. Tamil scholars coming out of that institution should carry the Message of Tamil poets and saints abroad.

This is a very unfortunate year for us which has snatched away so cruelly, three great personalities; Umamaheswaram Pillai, the dynamic worker. Jnaniyar, the saintly speaker, and Swaminatha Aiyar, the great scholar. But their form alone has joined the elements. Their name, their labour, their glorious example shall last and lead us on.

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