

**MRS. E. V. R. NAGAMMAL'S
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MR. E. V. RAMASWAMI NAICKER'S
APPEAL TO WOMEN**

2,000 years ago, Kannaki, the great Tamil heroine, after destroying the Pandian King and his capital city by the strength of her chastity and avenging the harm done to her, sought refuge in great distress in Vanchi Nadu.

The speaker then referred to the decadence of Tamil on account of the neglect and indifference of Tamilians, and criticised the introduction of compulsory Hindi.

This Conference condemns the utterances of Mr. Abbas Ali, Chief Presidency Magistrate, to the effect that Mr. P. V. Manicka Naicker did not know Tamil and that he was a Telugu man, and for using language derogatory

On. Recently there was a conference of some women in the city. The number of ladies that were present on that occasion, the speaker said would not be more than twenty. And yet, the papers boasted and boomed the proceedings of the conference to the effect that it was largely attended. The worst of it all was that that conference was called "a conference of Indian women". The speaker extended an invitation to all those who doubted and said that the agitation against Hindi was carried on by no

Examined by Mr. S. G. Rangaswami, Counsel, witness testified that he had known the accused—3 (Swami Shanmugaswami) and belonged to the Congress party. He was a Hindu, 35 years of age, and was a long time ago. A.3 was a Sanyasin, and therefore, the whole world was his children. Witness was an expert in "Satyagraha". He said, he had been in connection with Moulana Abul Kalam Sait, (now, a Minister) in connection with Congress party. "Satyagraha". The word "satyagraha" did not imply the use of force. "Satyagraha" did not mean "mariyal". Some Satyagrahis held that "mariyal" was one of the methods of "satyagraha", so long as it was non-violent. He said that the word "satyagraha" was not used making use of the word "mariyal" in the course of his speeches. The accused said that they should represent their grievances to the Government. He said that the witness had never heard the accused referring to the "Prime Minister's house". Witness was opposed to the introduction of compulsory Hindi and he said that he held the same view. Further the accused had stated that he had no objection to Hindi being taught to those who were desirous of learning Hindi as an optional. He said that compulsory, or some of those who did not want to learn it should be exempted. Witness's son was reading in the Hindu Theological High School. He said that the Hindu witness asked for exemption, but, it was not given. He attended the meetings at which Swami Shanmugaswami addressed, and picked up the accused because, he had been in the public field for over twenty years. The speech of the accused was not such that those who listened to the speech would believe that the accused would go and pick it. If there were to be the case, witness said, he would have offered

After a few concluding remarks from the chair, and a vote of thanks, the conference came to a close with shouts of "Long live Tamil" and "Down with