

THOUGHTS TO BE TREASURED

உள்ளத்தள் ஒம் என, அசன் ஒருவனே
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உள்ளத்து சோடல் ஆகைய மாமே.

If you contemplate on the Om within yourself as the peerless lustrous Lord, the embodiment of justice, your heart will become of the form of the expansive Space (of Wisdom) or Divine Grace.



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Pondering Over The Past

To forget the past is to deny oneself the enjoyment of the fruits of the labours of one's forbears. Nations develop themselves on the heritage of the past except in cases where dangerous doctrines like Nazism and Fascism had intervened. These anti-human activities cannot build a heritage, hence such isms can be and ought to be forgotten.

Our Island has a powerful past. It has waded through the woeful wrongs of alien invaders only by patriotic efforts in the tradition of ancestral leaders. And if today we are proud of any achievement it is because of the foundation that had been laid by our forefathers. That is why the illustrious names of the Great Navalar, Patriot Ramanathan and other distinguished leaders of the past are remembered with religious devotion. In this context we invite the attention of our readers to the sketch of the life of another worthy son of our country, that appeared in the last issue with continuation in this issue of the 'Hindu Organ'. The writer of the life story of Sir W. Duraiswamy is a talented historian who has followed the historical events of this Island with regular reference to those patriots of old who had themselves made history. To be a contemporary of Sri La Sri Arumuga Navalar or Sir P. Ramanathan is a rare blessing. Sir Duraiswamy had the good fortune of leading the people under the gracious guidance of Sir Ramanathan in the religious, the educational and the political spheres for more than two decades.

The sponsors of the Great Saiva Movement on the wake of the patriotic fervour that was kindled by Navalar Peruman must have been such devotees of true causes that those who followed them happened to be men of proved mettle. The Saiva Paripalana Sabhai, and the Hindu College Board, two of the earliest endeavours of our forbears became the sphere of service of, like, Sir Ramanathan, Sir Duraiswamy. And again when the Hindu Board of Education was established, he had been in the forefront of activities. Thus the entire life time of Sir Duraiswamy became devoted to the service of the people in almost every useful sphere.

Coming under the benign influence of our revered Yogi Swamigal Sir Duraiswamy was able to put religious practise first in the priorities of work. And on the occasion of the one hundred and second anniversary of his birth we reverently with feelings of gratitude continue to remember this great name just as we are celebrating the one hundred and twenty fifth year of the Great Patriot Sir Ramanathan.

Sir Waitialingam Duraiswamy

The Statesman, Lawyer, Educationist and Culturist

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As an active member of the Saiva Paripalana Sabhai, he endeavoured to restore certain artistic and cultural values of the Tamils, which were in danger of dying. To him, service in attaining these goals has been the ideal and personal sacrifice the badge. He forged and fashioned a new and better social order and urged the need for a devoted, disinterested and determined service in the cause of the people. No greater or worthier tribute can be paid to him than by cherishing and fostering the noble institutions and ideals founded by him.

He was the most outstanding civil lawyer of his day and was reputed to have a clear analytical mind. He reached the high pinnacle of his profession when he became the Crown advocate and leader of the Jaffna Bar.

While building up a lucrative practice as a lawyer, Sir Waitialingam Duraiswamy came into the lime-light of politics. In 1921 he represented the whole of the Northern Province in the Legislative Council when the elective principle was first introduced on a provincial basis. As early as 1922 he successfully piloted a motion in the legislature for total prohibition. In 1923 he, with great sagacity made representations for the reform of the constitution and this resulted in a new and reformed legislature in 1924. But he did not rest content with these achievements. In 1928 he successfully moved a resolution in the legislature for full responsible Government which was later not granted under the Donoughmore Constitution. This led the Tamils of the Northern Province, under his leadership, to boycott the elections to the first State Council as an act of protest.

Sir Waitialingam Duraiswamy was subsequently returned uncontested to the Second State Council as the member for Kayts. He was elected to the highest elective office of Speaker and became the first citizens of Ceylon.

tact and discretion; for eleven years with great acceptance and earned the plaudits of all sections of the legislature for his dignity, skill and impartiality. He represented Ceylon at the Coronation of King George VI, and was personally knighted by him at Buckingham Palace.

He always worked for communal harmony and understanding among the various communities of Sri Lanka. He stood for maintenance and the development of national culture. He weighed every word that he uttered. In him, there was never the impetuosity of the politician. His services were rendered in a most devoted way because he sincerely believed in the ideals of a United Sri Lanka, where all the communities would live side by side with each other in amity. He retired from active politics in 1947 but continued till his death in 1966 to associate himself in his usual unobtrusive manner whenever and wherever his services were required by his countrymen.

As a founder member and as one of the Presidents of the Colombo Tamil Union he brought credit to these offices. It was during his period of administration that Jaffna Hindu College and Hindu Ladies' College developed to be the premier Hindu institutions. His work as founder and manager of the Hindu Board of Education revealed him as a great liberal and devoted to the greatest interests of the 102nd birth anniversary.

Water-A-Warning

The common man perhaps has not given thought to the problem of water. Now that a drought is dangerously hanging over his head, the words of a U.N. official having an assignment in the U.N. Water Conference, in 1977 serve as a warning. The official Mrs. Julieta Hiley says "Nations however rich or poor can no longer regard water as an inexhaustible gift of nature."

AUCTION SALE

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education of the Hindu community.

Sir Waitialingam Duraiswamy was imbued with the Gandhian spirit and that was where his greatness lay. He touched the inner chords in the heart of every man and woman by his noble example of a selfless benefactor. He infused into the political arena, by his conduct in private and public life, a high degree of honesty and integrity and the spirit of religion and tolerance in its true sense. These are his claims to greatness on his 102nd birth anniversary.

A LOVING LIGHT

The dark and gloomy universe,
A miserable place
With planets swirling aimlessly,
Is just an endless space —
Yet in that darkness, black as pitch,
Exists a Loving Light —
The light that is, to me, my all,
My very Life, Love, my Sight,

— The Dayalbagh Herald.

வான்குகிக் வழாது பெய்க் கலிவளர்க்காக்கமன்னை
கொஞ்சம் அரசு செய்க் குறைவிலா தயிர்கள் வாழ்ந
நான்மக்க மற்க வொங்க நற்றவம் வேண்டி மால்க
மேன்மொல் சொந்தி விளங்கு உவக மென்னாம்பு

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