

## RENAISSANCE IN TAMIL

### NEED TO DEVELOP ON NEW LINES

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADURAI, June 2.

The third day celebration of the Madurai Tamil Sangam Golden Jubilee was held at the West Adi Veedhi in the Sri Meenakshi Amman Temple here yesterday under the presidentship of Mr. T. M. Narayanaswamy Pillai Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University.

Mr. P. T. Rajan, M.L.A., Chairman of the Golden Jubilee Reception Committee, welcomed the gathering. Mr. Sri Prakasa Governor of Madras, unveiled the portrait of Sri Pandithurai Thevar, founder of the Madurai Tamil Sangam. (Details of Mr. Sri Prakasa's speech have already been reported.)

Mr. T. M. Narayanaswamy Pillai, in the course of his presidential address, said that they were now on the threshold of a new era of Tamil renaissance when they should think of the glory of their tradition and literature and determine to work for their development. While putting themselves into the task of resuscitation of Tamil, they should think on new lines of writing, without neglecting the good aspects of old literature. Neglect of good aspects of old literature, he said, would lead to deterioration of their standard of writing and the charm of their language would be lost. He stressed the need for Tamil being made the medium of instruction in the State in the larger interests of the students and the growth of their language.

Later, Messrs. R. P. Sethu Pillai, Avvai Doraiswamy, G. Subramania Pillai, C. N. Annadurai, Srimathi Devakripai Thiagarajan and Selvi Manimekalai spoke on "Tamilian culture", "Religion of the ancient Tamils", "Ancient games", "public speaking", "History of the Pandyan Dynasty" and "Stories from the Sangam Literature" respectively.

The fourth day celebrations were held to-day under the presidentship of Srimathi Pushpam Natarajan. Mr. P. T. Rajan welcomed the gathering.

Srila Sri Somasundara Desika Paramacharya Swamigal, Head of the Madurai Adheenam, unveiled the portrait of the late Sri Bhas-kara Sethupathi and paid tributes to his services in the development of Tamil language and literature.

Messrs. A. K. Paramanthamanar, P. R. Purushotama Naidu, S. S. Anandam, A. S. Narayanaswamy Naidu, Yogi Suddhananda Bharathi and Srimathi K. Kamatchi Kumaraswamy Ammal addressed the gathering on "Composers of Music", "Vaishnavam", "Tamil Pharmacopea", "Tamilian community life", "Service to Tamil by foreigners" and "Tamil women".

Earlier, just when the fourth day celebration was about to commence, Mr. U. Muthuramalinga Thevar, leader of the Tamil Nad Forward Bloc, got up and urged the organisers to allow him to address the audience first. As his request was refused there was some confusion and a section of the audience became noisy. Some persons shouted that Mr. Thevar should be allowed to speak whereupon the organisers consented.

Mr. Muthuramalinga Thevar, addressing the gathering, condemned in strong terms the organisers for providing a platform for leaders of communal organisations to give vent to their feelings at the meeting held in the precincts of a temple. He was referring to the "atheistic statements" made by Mr. C. N. Annadurai, leader of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, when he addressed the gathering yesterday inside the Sri Meenakshi Amman Temple here. Mr. Thevar also spoke of the "impropriety" of the speakers who during the last three days of the Golden Jubilee celebrations, criticised the statements made by Mr. C. Rajagopalachari about "Aryans and Dravidas" in his inaugural address on May 30 last.

Mr. Muthuramalinga Thevar then left the dais and the meeting went on without any incident.