

## MESSAGES

RAO BAHADUR  
SIR C. V. ANANTAKRISHNA IYER, KT.,  
*Retired Judge, High Court, Madras.*

*Chittur-Cochin,  
1st June, 1943.*

I have known Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Iyer, Kt., ever since he entered the late Mr. P. R. Sundara Iyer's office as an apprentice-at-law. He soon distinguished himself by his keen intellect and application to work, so that those with whom he came into contact had no difficulty in foreseeing that he would in due course ascend to the highest steps of the ladder in the profession. This prophesy has been fulfilled. Sir Alladi was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth; all the greater praise and glory to him, therefore. He has shown that it is possible, even in these competitive days, for an able, intelligent, conscientious, and hard working lawyer, though poor, to rise to the top of his profession. One trait of his character is that he has real sympathy for the juniors, especially those that are not blessed with much of worldly goods. He is sympathetic to the poor and deserving. He is up-to-date not only in law, but in various other departments of human activities. All these have made him very useful, not only in the legal profession, but also in many other spheres of public activity. In fact, his help, co-operation, and advice are sought for by various classes of people and associations, who find in him always ready help and encouragement.

To the younger generation, he is particularly partial and always helpful. He has a large heart and a particular knack of winning and keeping friends. Though I have been out of touch with him for nearly ten years, I have been a co-worker with him in the same master's office, while we were both beginners in the profession. I was also with him in the profession for several years; and I had plenty of opportunities to know him and appreciate him in other capacities also.

Any person of his character, capacity and intelligence would be an asset anywhere. But to the legal profession and to south India as a whole, he is an ornament. He has just completed sixty years of age. May he live long and enjoy sound health to continue his useful work is the prayer of his old friend,

C. V. ANANTAKRISHNA IYER.



SIR ASOKA K. ROY KT.,  
Law Member, Government of India.

Simla,  
14th June, 1943.

It gives me very great pleasure to felicitate my friend, Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar, on the sixtieth anniversary of his birth, and to wish him very many years more of happy and useful life of greater achievement and greater honour yet in future. He combines in him in a very remarkable degree vast erudition with a geniality of temper which never failed to charm me whenever I came in touch with him. The legal profession, I am sure, feels honoured by the height to which he has raised it by his great learning and his forcible and convincing advocacy. We need men like Sir Alladi amongst us for many a long day to come.

ASOKA K. ROY.

MR. N. P. ASTHANA,  
Advocate-General, U.P.

Allahabad,  
12th June, 1943.

I had been hearing for long a good deal about Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar, of his erudite learning, his consummate advocacy and useful public life. It was my good fortune to meet him personally on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the Federal Court in 1937, at New Delhi, when we were both the guests of the late Sir Shah Sulaiman. A moment's talk revealed to me the great personality of the Advocate-General of Madras and I was wonder-struck with his simple manners combined as they were with massive intellect. The acquaintance thus begun ripened into friendship as time passed on and we had occasions to meet nearly every year in the Federal Court.

The completion of the sixtieth year in the life of Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar marks an epoch in the legal history not only of the Madras Province but of whole India. An eminent counsel, a great jurist and matchless advocate, Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar is well-known to the whole country, and the whole nation is to be congratulated upon the Almighty sparing him for so many years to serve the country.

I offer my heart-felt felicitation on this occasion and pray that Sir Alladi may continue to enjoy this career of eminence and usefulness for many years to come.

N. P. ASTHANA.

DEWAN BAHADUR  
V. BHASHYAM AYYANGAR.

"Vardhini," Kilpauk, Madras,  
11th June, 1943.

Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar is a shining example of a self-made man. The last century gave rise to a distinguished set of men in our society, who starting life in poor and austere families, with but a



disciplined constitution and keen intellect, ascended the rungs of position, prosperity and fame, by dint of self-exertion and perseverance. In most cases, they also rendered valuable public service in the course of their upward path. Sir Alladi belongs to that class, which, I am afraid and sorry, is now more heavily handicapped and consequently unable to push itself up as before. There are many still who can remember how, as a young man, Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar bravely fought his way, amidst unconducive surroundings, with the kind help of noble friends and succeeded in qualifying himself for the profession, in which he has attained such distinction and eminence. His devotion to work, earnestness, industry and thoroughness have accompanied him throughout and deservedly secured for him the high rank which he has occupied in the most exacting of professions. It is worthy of note that he has not, like some others, solely confined himself to his profession. He has diligently kept himself in touch with public affairs and been taking an important part in several social, cultural and national movements. His views on questions are invariably based on mature thought and consideration and accordingly command respect even from those whose ideology may not be identical with his. Alongside his qualifying merits and greatness, he is known to be sympathetic to the deserving poor and generously disposed towards all noble and humanitarian causes. May he be blessed with many more years of healthy and vigorous life and may he devote more and more of his time, energy and resources to the service of his motherland !

V. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.

THE HON'BLE SIR DAVID DEVADOSS,  
Retired Judge, High Court, Madras.

Kodaikanal Observatory, P.O.,  
4th June, 1943.

I have known Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar for over 30 years. He has held the office of the Advocate-General of Madras, perhaps for the longest period within living memory. As a young man he impressed me as a learned and clear headed lawyer and his early success at the bar was mainly due to his great industry, sound knowledge of the law, clear expression and courteous manners. As a judge, I can say, it was always a pleasure to hear him arguing his cases. He never tried to hoodwink the judges and lead them astray. I recollect one instance which impressed me greatly. He began an elaborate argument in a civil case and after listening to him for a few minutes, I observed 'Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar, What do you say to the Calcutta case?' (I forget the number of the volume now) and he immediately sat down saying 'I have nothing more to say, My Lords,' to the surprise of my colleagues, for the Calcutta case was dead against his contention. Judges greatly appreciate the conduct of an advocate who does not unduly press an untenable point and consequently they are disposed to listen



to him with interest and give due weight to his arguments. A few years ago he appeared before me in the Periyar Arbitration case and I found that he had lost none of the qualities, while he arbitrated, as an ordinary advocate ; in other words the long tenure of the high office has not spoilt him. Sir Alladi richly deserves the great success he has achieved as an advocate. What I admire most in him are his simple habits and his unassuming manners. I wish him many many years of active life and all happiness, and heartily congratulate him on the completion of his sixtieth year in sound health.

DAVID DEVADOSS.

THE RT. HON'BLE  
M. R. JAYAKAR, P.C.

Winter Road, Malabar Hill,  
Bombay, 6,  
23rd May, 1943.

Dear Sirs,

I have just received your letter of the 20th and, in response to your request contained therein, I am sending you a few words by way of appreciation of Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar, your popular Advocate-General. I have known him for some time as a friend and also as an advocate, who once appeared before the Federal Court. He is a legal luminary, of whom Madras should be very proud. His knowledge of law is profound and accurate and his advocacy fearless, persistent and effective. In private life, he is a charming host with a deep knowledge of ancient Indian culture and reverence for it. His study of politics is also profound and his sentiments are patriotic. The Madras bar is fortunate in having such an Advocate-General and I hope that he will be spared to you for a long time.

Yours faithfully,  
M. R. JAYAKAR.

MR. JUSTICE F. W. GENTLE,  
Judge, High Court, Calcutta.

30th May, 1943.

It gives me very great pleasure to have the opportunity to add a message to the number which will be sent to Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar.

I desire to offer to him my sincere congratulations upon the attainment of his sixtieth year and to wish him many happy returns of his birthday.

Earnestly I trust that Sir Alladi will long be spared to continue in his occupancy of the exalted appointment of Advocate-General of Madras, which he has held with outstanding distinction and legal competency for so many years, and for his great wisdom, intellectual culture and profound learning to remain available to India and the presidency.

F. W. GENTLE.



HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H. C. HAPPELL,  
Judge, High Court, Madras.

3, Anderson Road,  
16th June, 1943.

I am very glad to hear that members of the bar intend to celebrate Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar's "Shashtyabdapoorthi" next month, and to have the opportunity of sending my very best wishes on the occasion. I suppose like most successful members of the bar, Sir Alladi must have had some lean years, but he was a leader at the head of his profession when I first met him, seventeen years ago. He has maintained that position ever since, and I hope that he will continue actively where he is, to the great advantage of the bench and the bar, for many years to come.

H. C. HAPPELL.

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE L. C. HORWILL,  
Judge, High Court, Madras.

The Grange,  
Coonoor,  
14th June, 1943.

Gentlemen,

I am much obliged to you for affording me the opportunity of adding my tribute to those of the very many other admirers of Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar and of joining with you in wishing him continued good health and a long life to pursue his career of public service and of the elucidating and propounding of the law.

Sir Alladi has been an ideal Advocate-General. As a leader of the bar he has had no equal; and his profound knowledge of legal principles, especially in the domain of constitutional law, is of immense value to this province and to India.

Sir Alladi's knowledge of non-legal or semi-legal subjects is even more remarkable than his knowledge of the law. Few men have given as much valuable time to the enlightenment of his fellow citizens and fewer still have wielded the authority on every subject that he touches, as Sir Alladi. By reason of his popularity with the youth of Madras and his appeals to reason, he exercises a powerful and wholly beneficent influence on the minds of those who will one day control the destinies of South India.

Yours sincerely,  
L. C. HORWILL.

TIRUPPUGAZMANI MR. T. M. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR,  
Chief Justice, High Court of Travancore.

Trivandrum,  
27th June, 1943.

Everybody knows Sir Alladi, the lawyer and layman, the rich and the poor, the man of politics and the man of religion, the government and the people. The lawyer can testify to his rare legal acumen, his masterful presentation of his cases in court, his unfailing resourcefulness in meeting the most difficult situations that may develop and his



immense acquaintance with the indigenous and foreign law, not to speak of his extraordinary memory for precedents. The layman knows him nonetheless, with his simple habits and his genial disposition. The rich men learnt to value his services, recognised him as of their kind, though Providence preferred to make poverty his birth place but filled his pockets and his bank accounts. His riches were not the burden of birth but the prize of enterprise. The poor were his friends and coparceners. Large was his heart, munificent his hand and the Lord made plenty his purse. May the stream of charity bless him for ever. He has won great appreciation from the bench and the bar. The government has knighted him. The people will always remember his great services. He has many friends who love and adore him. But these great things have not all been wrought only by his own merit. The austere faith and orthodoxy of his father, the blessings of a generous-hearted mother who has never been heard to say 'no' to want, in spite of her own acute poverty, the selfless abiding fraternal good wishes of a sister to whom Sir Alladi represented all her possession this side of her life and the loyal support and love of his numerous friends have made possible a combination of virtues and possessions of which Sir Alladi may be said to be a living embodiment. May he live long, happy and prosperous years is the humble prayer of an old friend to the Lord of Life.

T. M. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR.

SIR V. T. KRISHNAMACHARI, K.C.I.E.  
Dewan of Baroda.

Dilaram, Baroda,  
(Camp : Dunseverick, Mussoorie),  
10th June, 1943.

DEAR SIR,

I should like to join in the tributes paid to Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar on the occasion of the completion of his sixtieth year :

Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar holds a commanding position at the Madras bar and is known all over India as a keen lawyer. Apart from this, he has built for himself a place in the public life of Madras by his interest in movements for the benefit of the presidency.

Yours faithfully,  
V. T. KRISHNAMACHARI.

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C. KUNHI RAMAN.

21st July 1943.

My hearty greetings to Sir Alladi on his 60th birthday. During his brilliant career he has upheld the very high reputation and traditions of the Madras Bar and I trust that he will be spared for many years to continue his good work.

C. KUNHI RAMAN.



HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KUPPUSWAMI AYYAR  
Judge, High Court, Madras.

Sri Badarikasramam,  
Jail Road, Coimbatore,  
13th June, 1943.

MY DEAR BALASUBRAMANIA AIYAR,

It was nice of you to have asked me to send you a message and I very gladly send you this one.

Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar has no doubt completed his sixty years of age, but it is remarkable how well he has been to preserve all those great qualities which specially characterize the various periods of human life. His simple, naive, candid, trusting nature, reminds one of childhood; his thirst for knowledge, studious habits, respect for learning, and subtle intellect, of the adult student; his robust common sense, skill in debate and fearless advocacy, of middle age; his respect for constituted authority and his noble spirit of tolerance which enables him to efface himself even to the extent of patiently bearing an ill done to him, of ripe wisdom born of age and long experience.

He had the unique good fortune of winning at a very early stage of his career the reputation of being a talented and learned lawyer and as years rolled on it steadily increased.

His gratitude to fortune has found expression in several discerning charities.

May he live long and happy to eventually reach that Great Goal so eloquently portrayed by the Great Seers, is the earnest prayer of

His Sincere,  
C. N. KUPPUSWAMI.

THE HON'BLE SIR LIONEL LEACH, KT.,  
Chief Justice, High Court, Madras.

12th June, 1943.

The completion of sixty years is an important event in the life of any man and it is a source of satisfaction to the bench and the bar that Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar has reached this important stage in good health and in full possession of his great faculties. For over fourteen years Sir Alladi has held the office of Advocate-General of Madras with distinction and all must be grateful to him for the assistance which he has rendered in the administration of justice. I am happy to have this opportunity of expressing my thanks to him for the great help which I have personally received from him since I became the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court. I trust that he will have many years of useful work, good health and happiness in front of him.

LIONEL LEACH.



SIR MAURICE GWYER, KT.,  
*Retired Chief Justice of India.*

31st May, 1943.

The profession of the law will honour itself by doing honour to Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday; and I am very glad indeed to be given this opportunity of offering to the Advocate-General my good wishes and congratulations.

It has been my privilege several times to have had Sir Alladi appearing before me in cases of great importance. His massive arguments, with their ruthless logic and profound learning, are among my happiest memories of the bench. I used to admire the way in which he built up his case, the skill with which he selected his authorities, the firmness with which he rejected every irrelevant point, however superficially attractive. The cases which he argued before the Federal Court were concerned with fundamental constitutional doctrines and principles, and Sir Alladi's arguments owed much to his immense knowledge of the law and practice of other countries.

I must leave others to speak of his long career and of his tenure of the high office which he holds; but I know how much the bar, both in Madras and elsewhere in India, owes to his precept and example. He has secured and retained the confidence of men of all parties; and I know that all members of the profession, whether on the bench or at the bar, will rejoice in this opportunity of showing the affection and esteem in which they hold him.

MAURICE GWYER.

THE HON'BLE SIR VERE MOCKETT, KT.,  
*Judge, High Court, Madras.*

Cloptov, Ootacamond,  
8th June, 1943.

DEAR MR. K. BALASUBRAMANIA AIYAR,

Here is "a Message" on the occasion of Sir Alladi's sixtieth birthday.

My sincere congratulations to Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar on his sixtieth birthday.

I have known him for just 22 years. During that period we were frequently associated together at the bar, and more recently, I have known him from a different position in the court. My memories of Sir Alladi are of the happiest, both in and out of court. His ability and reputation as an advocate, and as Advocate-General, are too well known to require emphasis.

My very best wishes now go to him for many years more of service to our profession and may they be as happy as I am sure the past years have been.

VERE MOCKETT.



SIR B. L. MITTER,  
*Advocate-General of India.*

1, Race Course Road,  
New Delhi,  
25th May, 1943.

I have known Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar for nearly fifteen years. From our first acquaintance I was drawn to him by his simplicity and charm of manners. He is one of nature's noblemen. His profound learning and intellectual eminence are common property. His heart won the affection of his friends of whom I claim to be one. I hope he has many more years of service to his country and his profession. I wish to see him occupying a prominent place in fashioning the constitution of India at the conclusion of the war.

B. L. MITTER.

T. V. MUTHUKRISHNA AIYAR,  
*Advocate and President,  
Madras Advocate's Association.*

"Pammal House"  
Vepery, P. O.,  
Madras, 30th June, 1943.

I deem it a privilege to be able to offer my felicitations and good wishes to Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar on his accession to the rank of elders, on the completion of his sixtieth year.

Starting life from humble beginnings, he has risen to eminence both in his profession and in the public life of this presidency by the sheer force of his brilliant attainments and versatility.

Almost from the beginning of his career in the profession, he made his mark in it by his subtle intellect, unerring instinct and persuasive and lucid exposition. I remember the days when young Krishnaswami was eagerly sought after by the then seniors in the profession to help them in heavy litigations in which they were engaged. Young Krishnaswami's mastery of the details of the facts of a case was no less remarkable. To these excellent qualities he added the rare one of being an excellent judge of human nature. Bright intellect, assiduity and application soon won for him his rightful place in the profession.

Though he did not take a leading part in the political life of the country, the legitimate aspirations of his countrymen have always had his moral and material support.

He has ever been a friend of the poor, and his benefactions to deserving objects and institutions mark him out as a man of generous impulses and instincts.

I wish him many more years of healthy and happy life in which to render further services to his countrymen, particularly the less fortunately placed members of his own profession.

T. V. MUTHUKRISHNA AIYAR.



THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PATANJALI SASTRI,  
Judge, High Court, Madras.

"Krishna Vihar,"  
Luz, Mylapore,  
20th June, 1943.

DEAR SIRs,

As one who had the privilege to work with Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar in my early days at the bar, it gives me great pleasure to felicitate him on the happy occasion of his Shashtyabdapoorthi. As he is still in active practice, it would not perhaps be appropriate for me to say of him what I should otherwise have liked to say on an occasion like this.

Among Hindus, Shashtyabdapoorthi which marks the return of the year of birth on the completion of the Hindu Cycle is supposed to herald a kind of new birth. Today when Sir Alladi stands at the threshold of this new life, it is my fervant prayer that he may be blessed with a further long span of unfailing health, happiness and prosperity.

I wish your celebration all success.

Yours faithfully,  
M. PATANJALI SASTRI.

THE MAHARAJAH OF PITHAPURAM.

'Gulabi',  
31st May, 1943.

Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar is a self-made man. As is well-known he is one of the greatest lawyers in India. I wish him long life and prosperity.

R. V. K. M. SURYA RAO.

SIR S. RADHAKRISHNAN KT.,  
Vice-Chancellor,  
Benares Hindu University.

Camp : Bangalore,  
26th June, 1943.

It is a pleasure to know that Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar has completed 60 years. I heard of him first when I joined the Madras Christian College, as a brilliant student of history and an able teacher of that subject. Very soon after joining the profession of law he worked his way up to the front rank in that very jealous profession. I am not competent to offer any opinion about his abilities as a lawyer, but even a layman, from a distance, can admire his nation-wide reputation for brilliant advocacy and subtlety of interpretation. He has held the position of Advocate-General in Madras for a number of years in different and difficult conditions. In spite of a busy and successful career, he has kept up his studies in history and politics. His sympathies have always been with the youth of the country, and many public causes, especially those affecting the student com-



munity, have found in him a generous benefactor. His admiration has been given to the heroes who have battled for India's freedom. To me, he has always remained a simple, sincere, generous and warm hearted friend. May he live long and attain to still higher positions in his line !

S. RADHAKRISHNAN.

SJT. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR.

25th May, 1943.

The esteem and affection in which Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar is held not only by the members of the bar but by the poor among the student community and by all those who are engaged in the carrying out of social service is well known. It is many years since Sir Alladi has established his fame as an eminent lawyer and as an equal to the biggest giants of the previous generations of this province. Sir Alladi's life if it comes to be written by some one, if not by himself, will be a source of inspiration and courage to intelligent young men striving against difficulties to reach their proper place in public service and public appreciation. More than all the achievements of intellect, Sir Alladi's simplicity of heart is even more bewitching than the superb qualities of head for which he is admired. I have known him for thirty years. There are not many lovable people in the world like him.

C. RAJAGOPALACHARI.

RAJAMANTRAPRAVINA A. V. RAMANATHAN,  
Dewan, Bharatpur State.

Bharatpur, Rajputana,  
12th June, 1943.

I am grateful for the opportunity that I have of paying my tribute to my guru Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar. I owe my success in life, such as it has been, to the inspiration he gave me in 1905 when I came under his influence. As history tutor in the Madras Christian College, he kindled in me an interest in history and in man as such. This has sustained me through life. On my passing the F.A. examination he inspired me to adopt history as my special subject. This step it was that eventually led me to the Mysore Civil Service. His affection for even those whom he came across for a short time has always been great. Later he became the leader of Madras bar. When we met the first time after that, his one regret was that I had not completed my term at the bar. He said he would have taken me out of the narrow field of government service, to the wider sphere at the bar with all its opportunities of political life, with a guaranteed income at least double my then pay. I have always



admired his great legal knowledge, incisive and penetrating intelligence and keen analytical method. He has been a great philanthropist of culture and religion. He is a friend of the poor. Far and wide, I have met young men of poor parentage who have benefited by his generosity and looked after their parents in comfort in old age. He is a staunch friend, a generous senior, a true patriot and a great Indian.

May God preserve him for long years to come in sound health and strength and bestow on him increasing opportunities of service to Bharata Mata and her toiling children, is the fervent prayer of one of his earliest disciples and admirers,

A. V. RAMANATHAN.

SIR C. P. RAMASWAMI AIYAR, K.C.I.E.,  
*Dewan of Travancore.*

*"Bhakti Vilas",  
Trivandrum.*

I have been intimately acquainted with Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar from the time that he started practice and he was also associated with me in certain important cases in the Madras High Court. He unites a grasp of general principles with a profound and detailed knowledge of case-law—a combination which is both rare and noteworthy. He has also kept himself abreast of modern movements and has been an exponent of the nationalistic point of view in regard to various public questions. Any one who comes across Sir Alladi must be impressed by the artless simplicity of his manner and by his sympathy towards the needy and the distressed. His benefactions, both public and private, demonstrate the catholicity of his interests and the goodness of his heart and I wish him many years of useful and prosperous activity.

C. P. RAMASWAMI AIYAR.

SIR C. V. RAMAN, KT., F.R.S., N.L.

*Indian Institute of Science,  
Malleswaram P.O.,  
Bangalore, 14th June, 1943.*

I send my heartiest greetings and felicitations to Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar on the happy occasion of his completing the sixtieth year. The present generation has watched with admiration his remarkable career in his chosen profession. By his great qualities of head and heart, he has won the esteem and affection of all who have had the privilege of coming into contact with him. I feel proud to belong to his ever widening circle of friends and admirers.

C. V. RAMAN.



SIR V. RAMESAM,  
Retired Judge,  
Madras High Court.

'Gopal Vihar',  
10, Edward Elliots Road, Mylapore,  
Madras, 24th May, 1943.

DEAR SIR,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant. I have known Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar for more than 38 years. I have known him in several capacities. We worked as juniors with the late Mr. V. Krishnaswami Aiyar. We were opposed to each other at the bar in many cases. After I became judge, he argued many of the most important appeals before me. He is one of the ablest lawyers which the Madras bar has produced. After fortune smiled on him, he showed his thankfulness by numerous acts of generosity. He is still doing it. During the long period of our acquaintance we have been the best of friends. Now that he has completed 60 years, all that a friend like myself can do is to invoke the choicest blessings of Providence on him and pray for his long life and prosperity.

Yours sincerely,  
V. RAMESAM.

C. R. REDDY,  
Vice-Chancellor,  
Andhra University.

Camp : Padma-Prabhasa,  
Chittoor, N.A.,  
29th May, 1943.

I have much pleasure in associating myself with this movement to commemorate the Shashthyabdapoorthi of Sir Alladi Krishnaswami. His eminence as an Advocate is too well-known to require mention from an incompetent layman like myself. I have known him mostly as a public man and as a patron of Telugu literature. When some 20 years ago, I approached him for help to the illustrious savant and writer, Vedam Venkataraya Sastry, he gave a cheque for Rs. 1,000. His acts of charity are numberless as well as munificent. In public life, he has been a consistent nationalist. And the high office he holds does not seem to have deflected him from the path of public duty he had elected to pursue as an independent advocate. He has never failed either deserving causes or deserving persons. On the whole, alike from the point of view of intellectual power, courage and conscience, he deserves to be regarded as a person to be looked up to and honoured.

C. R. REDDY.

M. RUTHNASWAMY, M.A., BAR.-AT-LAW,  
Vice-Chancellor,  
Annamalai University.

Annamalainagar,  
30th May, 1943.

I have known Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar for the past 20 years. I have served with him as a colleague on many public bodies and committees. I think the first institution in which we worked together



was the Syndicate of the Madras University. And there and elsewhere, I learnt to respect his capacity for hard work, his thoroughness, his cosmopolitan outlook and his keenness for academic standards. For a lawyer—I do not know why lawyers in India should become such narrow professionalists—he is a man of wide culture. It gives me pleasure to know and to say that there is one thing in common between us, he is not only a reader but a great buyer of books. He is known to Madras book-sellers to whom he has proved a God-send, as one of the few people in Madras who buy books on the grand scale. May the years as they go bring him the rest and the peace which he has so richly deserved by a life of toil and strenuous endeavour which have bought him the laurels that he has earned by the sweat of his brow and not by any advantage of birth or influence.

M. RUTHNASWAMY.

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B. SOMAYYA,  
*Judge, High Court, Madras.*

*Madras,  
21st June, 1943.*

I do not propose to add to the many tributes that would be so justly paid to Sir Alladi's eminence as a lawyer and to his power and resource in forensic debate. I would rather prefer to dwell in grateful recollection on an incident in my own experience which is highly illustrative of one of the most fascinating traits of Sir Alladi's character.

On the evening of the day I received my B.L. degree, by chance I met Sir Alladi, then a young man and the chief junior of the late Mr. P. R. Sundara Aiyar. Though he had not known me before, when he heard who I was, he said he had known that I had done well in my examination, and asked me what my plans for the future were. I told him that I had intended to settle down in Chittoor for practice. He would not hear of it and asked me to meet him for a fuller discussion of the question. With the force and persuasiveness that have won for him many a cause in courts he made me abandon my original idea and agree to settle down in Madras. I have no doubt that but for his advice I should not have been in Madras.

This incident is significant not so much of what it has meant to me personally but of Sir Alladi's interest in younger men and his anxiety to see them giving themselves the best of chances—qualities which have endeared him to so many of the younger men in the profession.

The completion of 60 years is a landmark in one's life. Sir Alladi can look back upon a past of singular achievement and success.

I hope and pray that Sir Alladi would have many more years of active life before him and that God would sustain him in health and vigour.

B. SOMAYYA.



THE RT. HON'BLE  
V. S. SRINIVASA SASTRI, P.C., C.H.

*Servants of India Society,  
Poona 4 (India),  
9th June, 1943.*

I am privileged to felicitate Sir Alladi on completing the sixtieth year of his life and to wish him many happy returns of his birthday. He has not lived for himself or his family only, but in great measure shared his blessings with the community at large. To the world of students in particular his sympathy and help have been given without stint. He is a noble example of days industriously spent, opportunities wisely used, and talents devoted to honourable purposes. Many persons and many causes have profited by his generosity and public spirit, and he has long been a centre of high thought and beneficent activity. The society that he adorns will wish with one mind and with fervour that he should live long and continue his career of honour, prosperity and public benefit.

V. S. SRINIVASA SASTRI.

THE RT. HON'BLE  
SIR TEJ BAHADUR SAPRU, P.C.

*Iqbal Manzil (No. 4, Guest House),  
Srinagar, Kashmir,  
30th May, 1943.*

DEAR MR. BALASUBRAMANYAM,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th of May. I am glad to know that you are celebrating the sixtieth year of Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar. Please give him my best congratulations and heartiest wishes for long life and many years of useful activity. Sir Alladi is in the direct line of descent of those lions of the Madras bar who have made Madras so famous in the legal world of India. It has been my privilege to be associated with him and to be opposed to him in professional capacity and I can say conscientiously that I have admired his learning and skill.

May he live long, earn more renown and bring more credit to the Madras Bar is the prayer of

Yours sincerely,  
TEJ BAHADUR SAPRU.

SIR MAHAMMAD USMAN, K.C.I.E.,  
Member, Government of India.

*New Delhi.  
14th June, 1943.*

I have known Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar from my college days. He had a very distinguished academic career. He is one of the most brilliant and successful lawyers which Madras has produced. I wish him long life and happiness.

MD. USMAN.



SIR M. VENKATASUBBA RAO, KT.,  
Retired Judge, High Court, Madras.

48, Sir Thyagaraya Road,  
Thyagarayanagar.  
8th June, 1943.

On this auspicious occasion I rejoice to join in the public tribute to my friend Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar. He has played an effective role as a distinguished lawyer and has won laurels in that capacity. To his qualities which have endeared him to so many—simplicity, charity, catholicity and patriotism—I make but a passing reference; for, his is essentially a case of triumph of intellect and on that his fame must rest. By force of intellect, without adventitious aids, he has achieved eminence at the bar, combining forceful and persuasive advocacy with superb legal acumen. During the seventeen years of my judgeship he figured largely in my court, and his arguments, so often full of erudition and legal subtlety, would hold me captive. The primacy which the Madras bar enjoys in the intellectual sphere is due to a galaxy of lawyers, past and present, and Sir Alladi is among the foremost of this galaxy.

May all Happiness attend him !

M. VENKATASUBBA RAO.

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S. WADSWORTH,  
Judge, High Court, Madras.

Srinagar,  
14th June, 1943.

As a friend of twenty-six years' standing, I am delighted to join with the many who are congratulating Sir Alladi on the completion of his sixtieth year. I trust that for many years more he will continue in our midst in full health and vigour.

S. WADSWORTH.