

WILL BE THE HISTORY.

Message from The Prime-minister of India
SHRI JAWAHAR LAL NEHRU

New Delhi,
June 12, 1952.

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A PATRON OF HINDI

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Shree Seth Govinddasji, Member, Indian Parliament.

Swami Bhawanji Dayuji was one of those great personalities of our country, who besides **servng the common masses** in this country, had also added to the renown of this land in foreign countries.

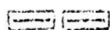
He was born in South Africa, but he could never overlook the fact that it was the Indian Blood running through his veins. He was one of the chief co-workers of Gandhiji, after the latter's arrival in Africa, he took a prominent part in the Satyagraha Movement of South Africa. But his work was not limited to South Africa only. He came to India and took part in the Indian Struggle for Freedom and also served Indians domiciled in other colonies of the world.

He was one of the greatest supporters of our national language, Hindi. He always tried that Hindi should be accepted as national language of India and he mostly did his writing work also in Hindi. "Pravas'ki-Ainakatha" is a great work of his and is a lasting asset to our literature.

I had my introduction with Swamiji in the year 1920, and since then, till his expiry, our connections remained intact and very cordial always. When I went to south Africa, he was the most prominent of my hosts there. The days that I had passed with him and his family at Jacobs in South Africa, will remain a life long and dearest reminiscence with me.

The service, the sacrifice and the devotion of Swamiji, deserve the emulation of the whole mankind.

(Translated from Hindi)



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I first had the pleasure of meeting Swami Bhawani Dayal in July 1932, immediately after my arrival in South Africa. I instinctively took to him. He was a man of high character and simple tastes and was greatly respected and loved by many Indians in that country. Throughout my tenure of the office of agent-General in South Africa, I received advice and support from him. Once he became one's friend he retained that friendship to the end. He was throughout his life a patriotic Indian who longed for self-government in India, as well as the amelioration in South Africa of conditions under which Indians of all classes and creeds had to live in that colour ridden country. Even after I had left South Africa, Swamiji and I corresponded with each other. His health, which was never good, deteriorated in India. In spite of this he never forgot the plight of Indians in South Africa and edited for many years a publication entitled "Pravasi" which was published in Ajmer. It was full of interesting matter which had the benefit of his long personal experience of the hardships of Indians in South Africa. My correspondence with him continued to the end. He was invariably considerate and affectionate and I shall always