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Dedication

Thank you to my dear parents, teachers, my cousins, punchi and bappi for their unwavering support, guidance and love.

This is a testament of my gratitude and appreciation for the invaluable roles you have played in my life.

Thank you everyone for sharpening my journey.

To my beloved parents, loving sister, grandparents well-wishers and teachers with a lot of love.

Foreword

Literary development is a yardstick to measure the development of a country.

The Kotte and Dambadeniya areas stand out in the history of the world because they were literary enlightening periods. If so, this is the golden period in the history of the *Mahamaya* as well. This is the reason why our daughters have been enchanting through book writing for many years now. It is a special event that our writers have succeeded in building a culture of writing books in the school and spreading it to the entire school system and this time involving the global student community in it.

Beyond this, this time the school community itself has also decided to rebuild the past *Yatiwara* writing tradition in the country in order to pay tribute to the founder of our school, Karadana Atthadassi Thero.

The *Pirivena* student monks have also taken up book writing “The *Herana Gatkarani*” project was introduced.

It is a matter of pride for me as the principal to lead the way in bringing about a qualitative change in the education of schools and *Pirivena* education through this academic and religious service, and it is also an achievement for the school.

This book, which is the result of recognizing one's innate talent at an early stage in life and turning to writing, will undoubtedly be a help for future education and future life.

Shashikala Senadheera,

Principal, Mahamaya Girls' Collage, Kandy.



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Once there was a woman who didn't have any children. She really wanted a pretty little girl. One day, she went to see her friend who was a witch. Then she told the witch her problem. "Plant this seed in your garden. Soon you will have a little girl." said the witch. So the women planted the seed. After about one month, a beautiful flower bloomed.



Inside the flower was a pretty little girl. The women took the little girl into her house. "You are so little, I shall call you Linda," said the women with joy. The women took care of Linda and she was very pleased with it. One windy night the women forgot to close the window, before going to sleep. Unfortunately, the window was located next to where Linda was sleeping.



That night Linda was flown away by the strong wind. After a while, she fell into a river nearby, from the river to the sea, then to a mysterious land where tiny people like her lived. She started to wonder and discovered some fruits, she kept them in a small bag, that she found in the mysterious land. While she was continuing to wonder, she came across an old woman.



“Can you please give me some food?” pleaded the old women. The kind little Linda gave her some fruits. Suddenly the old women turned into a beautiful fairy. “I am the fairy of kindness. I help good people like you. What is your wish?” asked the fairy. “I don’t like this life, I want to become a normal child,” said Linda with a sad face. “Ok, I will fulfil you wish but, don’t forget this. In that life, try to be good child, if you do bad deeds, you’ll turn into a doll,” told the fairy with concern. Linda got worried and asked, “then what can break curse?” “In that case, only a kind hearted girl can break the curse,” exclaimed the fairy.



Chapter 02

In a small village lived a poor wood cutter with his lovely wife. One day he went to the woods to chop of some trees to get some wood. While searching for trees to cut, he saw a very shiny tree. He was very surprised, because of his curiosity he chopped the tree. Inside was a little girl. He took her and ran to his house and showed it to his wife.



They both were very happy by seeing the little girl. They put the little girl down and she became a normal human baby. She looked very pretty as a doll. Because of her unique features they named her dolly. She grew up with love and care of her parents, but she was very naughty. One day she went to the woods with her father, while her dad was cutting the trees, she went and hid in the trees. Later when her day was about to go home he found out that Dolly was not there. He thought that dolly might have left for home because the house was nearby. So, he left and when he got home, he got very shocked, Dolly was not there.



They were so worried and started to search everywhere. The sun was setting and it slowly became very dark. Dolly was nowhere to be found. Because, it was dark they came back home with sad and worried faces. They did not eat anything because, they were worried about Dolly. After a while, Dolly returned back home, her parents hugged her tight when they saw her. “Where were you? We were worried sick about you!” said the worried parents. “Hmm, hmm, I ran after a butterfly and got lost. Because, of that I got late.” Muttered Dolly. “Don’t wonder in the woods again, ok?” said Dolly’s mother with a serious voice. Dolly agreed and that night they went to sleep and Dolly suddenly disappeared.



Chapter 03

When Dolly woke up she had turned into Dolly in the shop. This happened because of her lies. The shopkeeper put her into a box and kept it for sale for many months waited a kind hearted girl, after a few days a rich girl came to the toy shop, her name was Lily. “Pack all the beautiful dolls in the shop including that one pointing to Dolly. The loyal servant started packing, all of the dolls including Dolly and then took her home. Lily’s room was very untidy. There was so many broken dolls just lying around the room. Dolly got very terrified by the sight of all the broken dolls and knowing that she will also be broken like that.



After some time, Dolly got very ugly and dirty and Lily didn't even care. Like this, time passed and came a girl named Anna, she was a friend of Lily. "Hello Lily, why have you made this doll ugly and very dirty," asked Anna. "I didn't like her, you can keep it if you want, forever," said Lily. "Really, can I? I would love to, thank you very much," Answered Anna, and then took Dolly home. She cleaned it and took great care of it. One sunny day Anna took Dolly and visited Lily's house.



Lily got very surprised by seeing how pretty Dolly has gotten. She got very jealous and broke the doll. Anna's heart was broken into thousand pieces and she started to cry. One of her tears fell on to dolly. Because of the love she had for her doll, Dolly turned back into a normal child. "Ah, you are a h-human?" asked Anna with extreme surprise. Dolly explained her story and her adventure to Anna who was too stunned to speck. And suddenly realised that she knew Dolly's parents, then she took Dolly to where they lived. Dolly's parents recognized their daughter and hugged her tight. "I am so sorry for everything," sobbed Dolly. Her parents accepted her apology and in the end they lived happily ever after





Afterward - According to my concept, under the project that has been running since 2014 to direct school children to writing, we have been fortunate to have planted more than sixty thousand writer seedlings in the local literary field. The objectives of this project are to improve the quality of education, to promote literature that will contribute to the future development of the country, to hone the abilities of the future generation, and to build a platform to showcase the creations of children.

It is our social responsibility to create the fertile soil for those seeds to sprout and grow. This is the only project in recent history that has been implemented continuously for several years at the school level, provincial, national and international levels for the sake of the productivity of education. This time, it is special that the Pirivena student monks have also been involved in this. The nation should be grateful for the dedication shown by the Principal, daughters, teachers, parents and alumni of Mahamaya Balika Vidyalaya.

The printed book is still the main tool of our education. The enjoyment that a child gets from a book cannot be provided by anything else.

It is experimentally proven that the use of various electronic devices to store human knowledge and the distancing of children from books has been detrimental to the quality of education and has created various problems in society. This project, which is being implemented as a solution to this, has been adapting the smart younger generation of the digital age to modern technology by writing electronic works for the past two years, together with school children in the country.

To take their creations to international readers, Mahamaya girls have built a digital fiction for their own, literary creative abilities.

My congratulations to the young writers who have entered it through their creative abilities.

Project Founder and Coordinator,

Senevirathne Maha Lekam