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Dedication

I dedicate this book to my mother father,

Two sisters,

Grandmother Garndfather,

And to the teachers...

Foreword

Literary development is a yardstick to measure the development of a country. The Kotte and Dambadeniya eras 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.

Harry was playing in the garden that evening. He is fifteen years old, he still likes to play. 10-year-old Linda was reading a book while eating fruits from the garden. Both his mother and father are businessmen.

“Harry, Linda please come here.”

“Why mom?”

“We have something to tell you.”

Everyone listened carefully what the mother going to say.

“Both of us are going to England for a business work”.

“Oh mom, but...”

“I’ll leave Matilda to look after you.”

“Why, mother, we will both come.”

“It’s not possible.. don’t worry”



Their evening had passed happily, but the night didn't passed happily. Usually, everyone at the table eat happily. But today everyone was looking sad faces. The table was full of delicious food like sandwiches, soup, meat, and fruits. Harry said that he was not hungry. But mom and dad asked them to eat. When they remembered that their parents leaving in a week, they both cried a lot. So the whole week was not good.

Grandma Matilda had a angry look because of a spot on the left side of her face. But she treated the children well.

“Don't worry, boys. Mom and Dad will be back in a week. Shall we drink something? What would you like?”

“We like orange juice,” said Linda and Harry.

For the first two days, Matilda was fine, but then She became bad to them.

“Harry , Linda come here..”

“Why grandma??”

Linda I woke up late in the morning. You two go and cook breakfast.

“ okay grandma “

We worked hard together in the morning and afternoon.

“ Good children. Now Harry, Linda sweep the floor.”

Harry was very angry.

“ Grandma Matilda, why do we have to do all the work? You have to work, right? Our mother sent you because they trusted you. So come and work. We are not servants.”

“ Please Harry, just do the work I told you to do without talking too much..”

“ Please Harry, please stop this. We will talk about this later.”

What would have happened if Linda hadn't stopped Harry?

Linda swept. But Grandma Matilla was happily. Then Linda and Harry cooked dinner. Finally, they both went to bed. They were both sad because there is no way to talk their parents.



The next morning they both woke up and did their work. In the afternoon they both went to the garden. Suddenly, a loud noise came from the up stairs of the house.

“What was that noise?”

Linda asked.

“I don’t know.”

Harry replied angrily.

“Children, come here, please.”

“Harry, Grandma is talking. She seems to be in trouble. Let’s go.”

“Oh, I can’t.”

“Harry, no matter what she does to us, we will help her. Remember what Mom said?”

“Okay, let’s go”

“Please, children, help me up.”

“Oh, Grandma, are you okay??”

“Yes, give me some water.”

After Harry gave Grandma water, they both sat down Grandma on the chair. Grandma started crying.

“Oh, please forgive me, children. I was a bad grandma to you both. Please forget the mistakes I made and please forgive me.”

“Everyone makes mistakes. If you are good to us, we will be good for you too.”

“I’m sorry again, children.”

“Okay, okay, it’s okay.”

“Tomorrow, your parents are coming too. Let’s have a little tea party, children.. to forget the mistakes I made.”

“That’s a good idea.”

Matilda, Linda, and Harry got up early in the morning and started to clean the house. Linda helped Grandma to make biscuits, bread, and cakes for a tea party for her parents. Harry decorated the house. Mom and Dad came home in the evening. Everyone was happy. They celebrated the tea party. The parents had brought many gifts for all of them. They had brought many things like perfume, teddy bears, and clothes. They talked to each other for few hours. After that, Linda and Harry told Mom and Dad what had happened. Mom and Dad were very angry with Matilda.

“Mom, Dad, let’s give Grandma Matilda another chance. She’s a good person.”

Said Linda and Harry. Then mom and dad listened to what they said and gave Grandma a chance.

From then, Grandma Matilda became a very kind and good person. No matter how much Grandma badly treated to Linda and Harry, they showed kindness for Grandma, so Grandma became a kind person without doing any bad things. Then everyone lived happily.

“KINDNESS CHANGES EVERYTHING”

“KINDNESS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TOOL TO SPREAD

LOVE AMONG HUMANITY.”





Afterword

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

