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### Foreword by the Author

When I had graduated from the Mandalay University, I was appointed a middle school teacher at Kyaukme village in 1970, Kyaukme village is 9 miles from Mandalay and is beside the Mandalay - Pyin Oo Lwin road.

Kyaukme school had already obtained the permission to be opened as a middle school from the Ministry of Education. But there were no characteristics of a middle school. There were only four primary masters and teachers and primary standard students.

There were no building complete of a middle school status. No furniture's. No stu-

dents. The only characteristic of a middle school was only me who was posted as a middle school teacher.

As there was also no middle school headmaster I had to act as the headmaster - in charge. The primary masters and teachers were good - hearted and able. They helped me in my work. The elders, villagers and parents of the students were also good-hearted. They also helped in the fine establishment of the middle school. There are also many people who can afford, and they eagerly gave financial support.

Within one' year many difficulties and defi-ciencies were overcome and the school became a full - fiedged middle school. The middle shcool students arrived. The middle school masters and teachers had also arrived. Buildings appeared one after another. The furniture was also complete. The middle school headmaster had also arrived.

When everything was complete and succe-ssful I had to transfer from that joyful

and lovely school. But I could not forget my experiences at Kyaukme village and Kyaukme school. It was adoringly kept in my heart.

Ten years later, based on the experiences of Kyaukme village and Kyaukme School I wrote this book "The Gardener Among the Flowers."

This manuscript was entered in the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Competition and won the First Prize. It was published in the year 1980 and again won the highest literary prize awarded by the State, "National Literary Award."

The Kyaukme School of Kyaukme vil-lage was also promoted and is now in full splendor as a State High School.

