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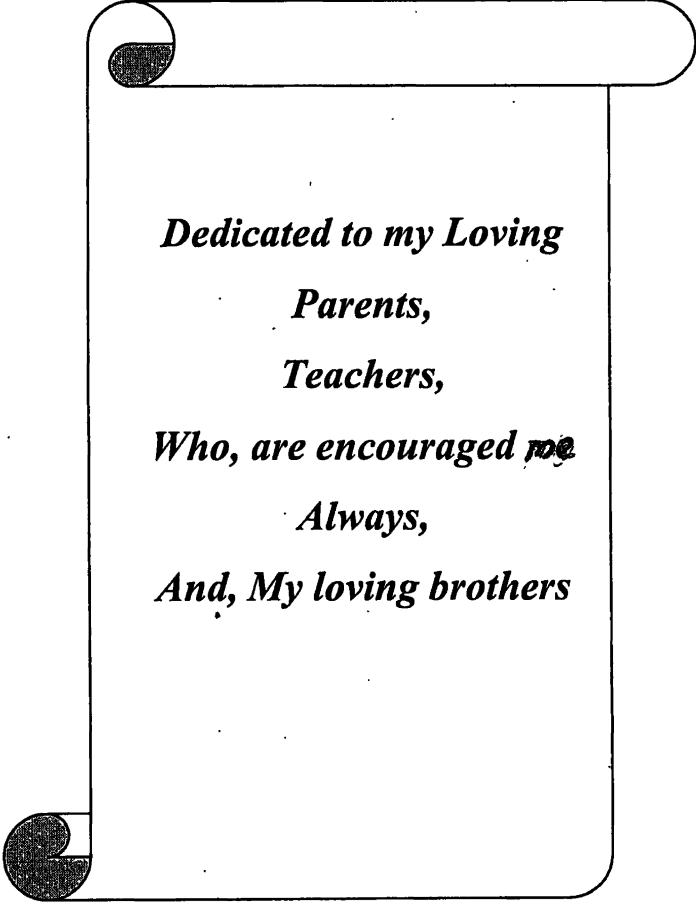
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Abbreviations

.G.A-----..... Assistant Government Agent.

JEDB _____.....Janatha Estate Development Board.

SLSPC-----Sri Lanka Estate Plantation Co-operation

LRC----- Land Reform Commission.

C.T.B----- Ceylon Transport Board.

T.R.I----- The Tea research institution.

SOES----- The State Owned Enterprises.

C.W.C----- Ceylon Workers Congress.

JEWC----- Janatha Estate Workers Congress.

U.N.P----- United National Party.

E.M.A----- Estate Medical Assistance.

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