The name Mihintale reminds us of Sage Mahinda. This is because the mountain, Mihintale, was named after this Sage.

There were, however, many more kind and learned monks at Mihintale. One of them was a monk named ‘Digha Bhanaka Abhaya’

There is an interesting story about this monk.
A long time ago, one of the roads that led to Mihintale was along the river named ‘Kadambha’. A gang of robbers had encamped on the edge of this road. They were so wicked that they robbed even pilgrims who were on their way to Mihintale. Many pilgrims who heard about this gang did not go to Mihintale.