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Appendix IV.

Moral Instruction in Elementary Schools.

Moral ~~instruction~~ where it is not systematically given in connection with religious instruction, will be for the most part indirect. Opportunities for impressing the essential truths may be and, it is hoped ~~will~~ be, found in Reading Lessons, History, etc. It will be left to the teachers' discretion to supplement these essentials in accordance with what they consider to be the interests of the school and the pupils. It is also desirable that the main points to be impressed by direct or indirect moral -- instruction should be summarized and committed to writing in a set of simple and concise rules. The drawing up of these rules will be left to the teachers and managers concerned who will choose the language and regulate the amount of detail with due reference to the age of the pupils and circumstances of each school. Some may put them in the form of a catechism and others in the form of simple homely proverbs. In any case, it is important that these written rules should be exposed in each school in a conspicuous place - that the pupils should commit them to memory and that the teachers should frequently illustrate them in the course of school work by stories, pictures, familiar sayings, etc.

2. It should be the aim of each teacher to see that the children are brought up in habits of cleanliness, punctuality, good manners and language and to impress on them the importance of cheerful obedience to duty - of patience - of consideration and respect for others - of honour and truthfulness in word and act, of temperance, courage and perseverance - of ~~in~~ kindness towards all living creatures but especially to those weaker than themselves. The need for politeness and

respect to elders and superiors should be impressed.
The rules should insist on the invariable use of
some honorific form of address by pupils when speaking
to teachers and on a respectable salute being made
when teachers are met by pupils in or out of school.
It will be found natural in most cases to base instruction
on the relation of child and parents- and to advance
therefrom to the relations of the child to his family-
his teacher- his class mates and friends- and society
at large as represented by the residents of the
locality.

3. Whatever efforts may be made to stimulate
the moral sense by instruction whether direct or
indirect, it should always be remembered that example
is more efficacious than precept and that the tone of
the school depends largely on the personal character
and conduct of the teachers.

4. With religious teaching the department is
in no way concerned and inspecting officers will be
asked to be most careful to avoid trespassing in
this sphere.

5. At the same time it should be understood that
the instructions given above are not intended to en-
courage the treatment of moral instruction as a subject
separate from religious instruction in schools where
the latter kind of teaching is possible. The great
truths of religion and morality are common to all
mankind and are liable to lose their force when treated
in isolation from one another.

Secondary schools 5.-
It may be mentioned that the Government
have sanctioned the introduction of moral instruction
as a compulsory subject in the 4th, 5th and 6th forms of
secondary schools.

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To reduce the allotment of Rs. 60,55,300 for
Grants to Local Bodies for primary education by Rs.100/-
(To urge the desirability of facilities for
religious, and moral education within school hours).

Law (Education) Department.

The Government do not interfere with the
imparting of religious instruction in schools under
private management. As regards the imparting of such
instruction in schools under public management, the
following instructions have been laid down in rule
9 of the Madras Education rules.

9. The following instructions shall be observed
- " in imparting religious instruction in schools and
 - " colleges under public management :---
 - " (1) Institutions under public management should not be
 - " used as a means of fostering any one religion at the
 - " expense of others and the principle of strict religious
 - " neutrality should be maintained.
 - " (2) Public funds should not be utilized for imparting
 - " religious instruction.
 - " (3) If without infringing the above conditions it is
 - " proposed to introduce religious instruction in a school
 - " under the management of a local body, a resolution appro-
 - " ving the same should be passed by a majority of the
 - " members of the local body.

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(4) Religious instruction may be imparted both in boys' and girls' schools.

(5) The school premises may be utilized for religious teaching or simple prayers. There is however no need to reserve one or two rooms specially for the purpose.

(6) Any time spent by a pupil or student on religious teaching or observance will be deducted from the prescribed curriculum period.

(7) The instruction will always take place either at the beginning or at the end of a school session, that is to say, immediately before the morning session or immediately after the morning session, or immediately before the afternoon session or immediately after the afternoon session.

(8) The services of the teachers in an institution, where they voluntarily undertake the work of religious instruction, shall preferably be utilized. The services of voluntary teachers from outside may be utilized if competent teachers are not available in the institution itself. The selection of such outsiders should be approved by the chairman or president of the local body maintaining the institution.

(9) No pupil shall be permitted to attend any form of religious instruction or observance without the written request of the guardian or parent which request should be made in writing and will be in force until revoked.

~~(10) The imparting of religious instruction in a school should be approved by Government or Local Body.~~

It will be seen that the rules allow of the imparting of religious instruction within school hours either at the beginning or at the end of a school session.

3. Moral instruction : --

Instruction in regard to the imparting of moral

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instruction in elementary schools are contained in Appendix IV to the Madras Inspection Code which is reproduced below:-

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