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Strongly the re-introduction of the
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the Reformatory School Rules be
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From

THE HON'BLE MR. G. H. STUART, M.A., Barrister-at-Law,

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Educational DEPARTMENT,

Fort St. George.

SIR,

Referring to G.O.No 232, Educational, dated 6th June 1900, I have the honour to offer the following remarks on the subject of the revival of punishment by birching in the Reformatory School, Chingleput.

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2. Article 19 of the old rules for the working of the school laid down that "corporal punishment shall be administered after the manner of school discipline with a light cane" and that "the number of stripes shall in no case exceed twelve". In recommending in May 1895 that the number of stripes be raised to fifteen in the case of boys of the senior division, the Superintendent wrote: "Stripes on the buttocks is the only punishment which most pupils dread, but in the case of older and stronger boys the maximum of 12 stripes is decidedly insufficient. Twelve stripes will answer well as the maximum for pupils in the junior division. X X X. I propose to resort to 15 stripes only on very rare occasions; and the knowledge of such a punishment is likely to have a sufficiently deterrent effect to do away with the necessity of resorting to it". Further Mr. Cardew, ^{the late} Inspector-General of Prisons, whom the Superintendent consulted in the matter, was of opinion that any number of stripes above three or five should be inflicted on the buttocks. Dr. Duncan accordingly supported the above proposal, which was

sanctioned in G.O.No 572, Educational, dated 10th July 1895.

3. When, however, the rules were revised in 1898, the old rule 19 was so recast as to provide for the infliction of corporal punishment only on the palm of the hand. Considering that this restriction was prejudicial to the maintenance of discipline in the school the Superintendent made a strong representation in his report (paragraph 14) for 1898 and, for reasons stated in paragraph 6 of my review thereof, I deferred addressing Government on the subject. The question was again fully discussed in paragraph 14 of the Superintendent's report for the past year recorded in the G.O. under reply. I am not aware on what grounds birching was abolished in the new rules; but, agreeing with the Superintendent in thinking that it ought to be restored, I beg to recommend that article XVIII of the new rules, approved in G.O.

No 599, Educational, dated 26th September 1898, be amended by omitting the words "on the palm of the hand."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G H Stuart

Director of Public Instruction.

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NOTE FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

40. 19 of the rules for the regulation of the Chingleput reformatory school sanctioned in G.O. No 2545 Judicial d/10th December 1888 runs as follows:—

"19. Punishments. No boy shall be kept in solitary confinement for a period exceeding three days, or in gunny clothing for more than twenty days. Corporal punishment shall be administered after the manner of school discipline with a light cane. The number of stripes shall, in no case, exceed twelve."

In the new rules sanctioned in G.O. No 599 d/26th September 1898, the above rule was recast as follows:—

"XIII. Punishments"

(i) * * * * *

(ii) * * * * *

"(iii) No boy shall be kept in solitary confinement for more than three days or in gunny clothing for more than twenty days."

"(iv) Corporal punishment shall be administered in the manner of school discipline with a light cane on the palm of the hand provided that the maximum number of stripes in the case of boys of the junior division shall not

Exceed twelve and in the case of boys of the Senior division shall not exceed fifteen".

By the addition now underlined, birching was abolished. The D.P.P. recommends that this addition may be omitted, there is no information in the office to show why these words were inserted. ^(so that birching may be revived) In the draft rules at flag Co. explanation is furnished for other important alterations in the rules but nothing is said about the above addition.

As ~~submitted~~ the Superintendent of the reformatory school & the D.P.P. consider that birching should be revived, it is submitted that the proposed alteration in the rules as it now stands may be approved.

The change was, ^{By} 21/8/00 it is submitted, an amuse one, & identically introduced. Mr. Street's present proposal to re-^{the wholesome practice,} state the old rule should ^{"on the palm of the hand"} by birching the hands added in 1898, may be approved.

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* The Hon. Mr. Sturges noticed the passage, as there is a verbal alteration in his handwriting; but there was nothing to show that the change had not been duly discussed before.
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The Government sanction the proposed omission of the words "on the palm of the hand" in rule XIII (iv) of the code, in order to enable the [voluntary practice] of birching to be re-introduced in the Reformatory School.

2. The necessary corrigendum should be printed and copies sent to Government.

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