the basis of instruction. While formal instruction in morals does not often occupy a separate place on the school programme, we believe that teachers in general seize every opportunity of inculcating good principles, while very few teachers shirk the duty of enforcing right conduct.

At the close of this the first year of severance of official ties that formerly bound the Inspectorate to the Board, we are pleased to be able to report that the change has in no way interrupted the continuance of the harmonious relations which marked the old regime, and we desire to thank the members for the courtesy and consideration extended to us under the new conditions. We also wish to thank the teachers of the district for their evident desire to facilitate our work by the completion of all examination arrangements prior to, and for the valuable assistance rendered on the occasion of, our announced visits to the schools.

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