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A B S T R A C T

Guidance is the need of the hour in schools, for Sri Lanka today is perturbed by the unrest of its youth. The development of this branch of education which has frozen even prior to reaching infancy in this Island, is the major responsibility of the 'mentors of education destiny.'

Highlighting the obstacles found in the development of student potential and thereby emphasising that the development of guidance would be a significant movement in education for it would ease the lives of tomorrow's generations of students, are the centred aims of the writer.

The Initial task in this study is an attempt to stress the problems and the needs that are felt by the children of the Secondary School, unknown to the adult world. This is dealt with in CHAPTER I, and is followed in CHAPTER II by a survey of relevant literature which the writer found to be a discouraging activity, for, while it exposed the growing stature of guidance facilities elsewhere in the world, it also revealed that in Sri Lanka there is acute dearth of related information.

The motives which prompted the selection of this topic for research and the formulation of relevant hypotheses which prove the effectiveness of this study are the functions of CHAPTER III, while CHAPTER IV is a detailed explanation

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of the actual investigation undertaken in this study. The next three chapters are based entirely on the knowledge obtained from the investigation and so in CHAPTER V the data obtained from the study are subjected to statistical analysis; and in the chapter which follows ( CHAPTER VI ) the results of the statistical analysis are discussed in relation to conditions prevalent in the Island and the study is concluded in CHAPTER VII by recommending the speedy development of guidance facilities besides sketching a few relevant objectives.

The writer concludes the study by making a few suggestions for further research in this field, for, effective guidance is an exhaustive task calling for long range planning.

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