

# SANITARY INSTRUCTIONS

## INFECTION THROUGH THE USE OF BOOKS



**I**N order to avoid possible infection of pupils in Indian schools by the use of the same textbook by different pupils, superintendents are hereby directed to supply their schools with enough textbooks so that no pupils will be compelled to use one, except as hereinafter provided, which has previously been used by another pupil:

Clean books for advanced grades, which have been used by pupils who are free from infections or contagious diseases may be used by other pupils after being disinfected and re-covered.

All books shall be covered, and when they become soiled they must be re-covered.

Schoolbooks in the hands of the pupils shall be covered by them with manila paper, and if superintendents have not enough for this purpose, requisition for an additional amount should be submitted.

Books which have been used by pupils having any contagious disease must not be issued to other pupils, but must be destroyed.

If additional supplies are necessary, in order to comply with this direction at schools having a specific appropriation, the superintendents thereof shall make immediate request to purchase additional books, unless their funds are entirely exhausted. In this case, however, every precaution must be taken to prevent the spread of disease from this source during the remainder of the school year. When funds are available from next year's appropriation ample books must be supplied.

Superintendents of schools supported from the general appropriation shall submit immediate requests if additional supplies are necessary to comply with this direction, and in so far as funds are available they will be approved.

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