while submitting the present work, the investigator

deems it unnecessary to detain the inquisitive minds and

the sympathisers who think for the distressed children

in India, by many prefatory remarks, the study being made

about the growth of personality of the institutionalised

Orphans in Assam, the subject is one of acknowledged

importance at the present socio-economic condition of

India.

The children are the spring board of future
generation, yet, the condition of an appreciable number

of children in India is very distressing which is due
to multifarious conditions of which special mention is
made about deprivation of parental affection, dejection,
cruelty and economic distress for which a vast number of
Orphaned children are suffering from aversive environments.

Involvement in some social welfare works made the
worker to feel the fact of deprivations of the fundamental
needs in the life of the Orphans and to pay up dated
attention for their protection in the Orphanages/Homes and
also to find out opportunities for normal development of
personality in the organisational and administrative set-up of the institution. With this end in view the present study is designed to find out the 'Personality Characteristics of the Orphans with reference to the Orphanages in Assam'.

Though no dispute will arise as to the importance of the work, the worker has no reason to expect that she delivers the present study to the countrymen, of which there cannot be derth of more discerning eyes to discover many truths which are invisible to her. As there has been no work in this region regarding the present problem, the worker thinks better it should be done even as she might be capable of doing it, than the study not be started at all.

The work was undertaken amidst numerous difficulties; the sources of her information were scattered, information regarding the condition of the emotional aspects of the samples were too tough to decipher, often very minute look could not be spared off; a very small portion of the life style of the individuals, two drops of tears too could not be considered trifling; it was useful and significant.
It was this strenuous task to explore their emotional and socio-cultural life of the institutionalised Orphans of the Orphanages/Homes in Assam that involved her constantly with the life of the children, sometimes as friend and many times with motherly affection.

Inspite of the fact that the Orphans are confronted with many problems in the Orphanages, there is no reason to feel that this problems defy solution, that these Orphans are to be simply doomed. New hopes have to be engendered by the elevated sociological and educational perspective for the welfare of these children so that they can be at par with the other normal children and rehabilitate themselves as normal citizens. This hope has been nurtured by the realisation that the resource we have, can be utilised for coping with the problems of the Orphans, the kind of their personality growth and rehabilitation in normal life and their future prospect depends on our decisions and actions as well as on our devoted dedication to the cause of 'child enterprise'.

Relevant scientific findings, case materials, analysis, comments and illustrations have been introduced throughout. Many illustration programmes have been designed
to convey the reality of many unhappy experiences and behaviours in their life. Over all, the attempt of the study has been made to present in a clear and appealing manner the major concepts, issues and trends in the life of the Orphans in the Orphanages/Homes, which direct the way of their personality growth.

Every chapter begins with a general introduction that places the following selections within the broader psychological and educational concerns they have been chosen to represent.

Attempts have also been made to maintain sequence of thought and investigation throughout the following chapters, which may be summarised as follows:

Chapter I, deals with the introduction of the research work which consists of changes in the socio-cultural and economic life of the people of India after independence and partition of India thereby affecting a sizeable section of children to suffer in various ways which have caused alarm to the growth of nation as a whole. The orphans who are the natural outcome of the various changes in the life of Indian society, are those sufferers whose condition and growth of personality to be investigated, the concluding part of this chapter has been used to show the methods employed.
Chapter II, deals with the role of society in developing normal personality with an emphasis being put on the sufficiency of the organizational set-up of the institutions to develop normal personality of the Orphans.

Chapter III, deals with the fundamental needs of the children and their importance in normal development of personality with elaborate discussions on the attainment of satisfaction of the said needs of the children in the social setting of the orphanages to the effects of acquired type of behaviour patterns when they leave the place and enter the world on their attaining adulthood.

Chapter IV, Findings of the case study.

Chapter V, Behaviour characteristics of the inmates of the orphanages.

Chapter VI, Analysis of the data & findings : illustrations in tables, figures, graphs & diagrams.

Chapter VII, comprises a comparative study of the group of Orphans with a group of children living in their own homes under parental care.
Chapter VIII, deals with the evaluation of measures adopted by voluntary organizations and the government with a discussion on the remedial measures to be adopted.

Chapter IX, is concerned with the summary of the findings and comments on the growth & pattern of personality of the Orphans and also a suggestion for further research.

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