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Preface

In rural education the problem of single-teacher schools assumes much importance in view of the large number of single-teacher schools spread over in small villages. A singleteacher school has to face some special problems which multiteacher schools never encounter, and in view of this some special techniques of work and organisation have to be developed for single-teacher schools. The G.K. Institute of Rural Education undertook to experiment with a plan of work in this respect in 1962-1963 in the single-teacher school attached to it at Gargoti. The same plan was further tried out in twenty single-teacher schools round about Gargoti in 1965-66. This book gives an account of the results of the implementation of the plan in the twenty single-teacher schools.

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