4. For the purpose of these regulations the expression "education authority" includes the Council of an urban county district which is making separate provision by virtue of the provisions of Part IV. of the Act for technical instruction in that district in accordance with a financial scheme approved by the Ministry.

5. The grants payable under Regulation (3) shall be paid by the Ministry in such portions and at such times as the Ministry may think proper.

6. These Regulations shall only apply to grants payable in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1932.

7. In case of doubt or dispute as to the meaning and effect of any of these Regulations, the decision of the Ministry thereon shall be final.

8. These Regulations may be cited as the Parliamentary Grant (Education Authorities) Regulations, 1931-32.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, this 22nd day of August, 1930.

(L.S.) *Henry Garrett.*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations, in witness whereof the official Seal of the Ministry has been affixed hereto, this 26th day of August, 1930, in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. B. Spender,*
Secretary.

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## Public Elementary Schools: Bible Instruction.

REGULATIONS MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1930, FOR THE PROVISION OF BIBLE INSTRUCTION IN PROVIDED AND TRANSFERRED PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, AND LAID BEFORE PARLIAMENT IN TERMS OF SECTION 99 (2) OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.

1930. No. 149.

The Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland (hereinafter called "The Ministry") in pursuance of the provisions relating to the provision of Bible Instruction contained in Section 4 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1930, and in exercise of the powers therein and all other powers thereto enabling hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. The application for the provision of Bible Instruction, as in Section 4 of the said Act defined, in a provided or transferred public elementary school (hereinafter called " The Application ") shall be made in the Form in the Schedule to this Order, or in a form to the like effect giving the like particulars.

2. The application shall be made and addressed to the local Regional Education Committee, or Education Committee, as the case may be, of the area in which the particular provided or transferred school is situate.

3.—(*a*) The Application shall be signed under his (or her) own hand by each of the parents making the Application.

(*b*) Each such parent shall be the parent of a child in regular attendance at the school in respect of which the Application is made.

4. " Regular attendance " of a child shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, mean attendance by a child, required by the Principal Act and any bye-law made thereunder to attend school, who is resident in the local district or area for which the particular school is provided to supply elementary education, and who unless prevented by sickness or any unavoidable cause has made full attendances on not less than 85 per cent. of the total number of days on which the school was open for such attendances during the six calendar months immediately preceding the first day of the month in which the Application is made.

5. Where in compliance with an Application made under these Regulations an Education Authority require any teacher, as in the said section provided, to give Bible Instruction they shall do so by notice in writing, and shall notify him of the hours at which such instruction shall be given.

6. Where an Education Authority make arrangements, as in the said section provided, for giving Bible Instruction they shall take all steps necessary and proper for framing and adopting a programme of Bible Instruction as in the said section defined, and shall furnish every teacher required by them to give such Bible Instruction with a copy of the programme therefor adopted by them.

7. For the purposes of these Regulations the expression " parent " in relation to a child shall mean the father of the child or other the person having the actual custody of the child.

8. For the purposes of these Regulations, Sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 17 and 18 of the Education (Religious Instruction) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1924, as amended by the Education (Religious Instruction) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1924, Amending Regulations, No. 1, 1927, shall be deemed to be included in and shall form part of these Regulations and shall apply accordingly ; and for the purposes of such inclusion and application, " Bible Instruction " shall be substituted for " Religious Instruction " where the latter expression occurs in the said sections.

**9.** These Regulations may be cited as the Education (Bible Instruction) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1930.

**10.** In case of doubt or dispute as to the meaning and effect of any of these Regulations the decision of the Ministry thereon shall be final.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 19th day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty.

(L.S.) *A. N. Bonaparte Wyse,*
Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR BIBLE INSTRUCTION.

To.....Regional* Education Committee.

We, the Undersigned, being the parents of the children, the names and addresses of whom are given below, in regular attendance at the.....

.....Provided / Transferred Public Elementary School, being a school in which Bible Instruction is not at present provided, hereby make Application that Bible Instruction, as in the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1930, defined, shall be provided in the said School.

The names and addresses of the children referred to are :—

| Name of Child. | Address. |
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In Witness whereof we hereto subscribe our names.

Dated this.....day of.....193

*Delete if not required.