children who, though not Afflicted Children as defined in the Act, are subject to disability which renders necessary a larger staff of teachers possessing the ordinary qualifications."

(ii) Article 14 of the Principal Regulations is hereby repealed and the following article substituted therefor :–

"14. A trained teacher who has not completed his probation shall not be recognised as principal of a school with an average attendance of 30 or over, unless the Ministry is satisfied that the special circumstances of the case warrant the appointment."

(iii) The present clauses (*g*) and (*h*) of Article 21 of the Principal Regulation shall be (*h*) and (*i*) respectively, and the following shall be clause (*g*) thereof :—

"(*g*) Junior Assistant Mistresses with at least ten years' service and rated as "highly efficient" for the last three years."

(iv) Clause (*d*) of Article 27 thereof is hereby amended as follows :—

The word "ten" in second line shall be altered to "fifteen" and the last words of the clause "if the applicant is over 30 years of age" are hereby repealed.

2. These Regulations shall be construed with and as forming part of the Principal Regulations, and shall take and have effect from the same date as the Principal Regulations save in the case of 1 (iii) and (iv) hereof which shall take and have effect only from 1st April, 1929.

3. These Regulations may be cited as the "Regulations for Staffing Public Elementary Schools, Northern Ireland, 1928, Amending Regulations, No. 1, 1929."

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, this 2nd day of December, 1929.

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

Pupil Teachers.

REGULATIONS, DATED 25TH JUNE, 1929, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER SECTION 65 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923, AND PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 99 (2) OF THE ACT AFORESAID.

1929. No. 59.

In pursuance of the powers conferred by the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, the Ministry of Education for Northern

Ireland (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") hereby makes the following regulations.

1. Pupil teachers appointed in connection with public elementary schools shall be of two kinds :—(*a*) Junior, and (*b*) Senior. The appointments shall date in each case from 1st September, and shall be conditional on good conduct and satisfactory progress in study.

(*a*)—JUNIOR PUPIL TEACHERS.

2.—(*a*) Junior pupil teachers shall be appointed by the Ministry from amongst the more promising pupils of public elementary schools who are not less than twelve or over fourteen years on the 1st June in the year of appointment, and are recommended by the inspector in accordance with Article 12 (*b*).

(*b*) They shall be selected by the Ministry on the result of an examination on the courses set forth in the Programme for Public Elementary Schools and including oral tests in Reading and Singing. For this purpose use may be made of the written examination held, on papers prepared by the Ministry, for the award of secondary school scholarships by education authorities.

The awards shall be based upon the marks obtained in the oral tests and in English, English Composition and Arithmetic, together with any two of the following subjects :—Geography, Algebra, Geometry and Drawing. The courses in Algebra and Geometry shall be as laid down for Standard V. (1st year course) and the courses in the remaining subjects shall be as laid down for Standard VI.

These subjects and courses may be varied by the Ministry from time to time after due notice.

3. Applicants for junior pupil teacherships shall send their names through the principal of the public elementary school which they attend to the local inspector before 1st April in the year in which appointment is sought.

4. The period of service for a junior pupil teacher shall be three years.

5. Junior pupil teachers on appointment shall attend a recognised intermediate or secondary school, and shall present themselves at the junior certificate examination at the end of their period of service in a course of study officially approved.

(*b*)—SENIOR PUPIL TEACHERS.

6. Senior pupil teachers shall be appointed by the Ministry from—

(*a*) those of the junior pupil teachers who have completed their course as junior pupil teacher and have passed the

junior certificate examination obtaining at least four credits therein. (One distinction to be reckoned as equivalent to two credits).

(*b*) a limited number of secondary school pupils who are over fifteen years of age on the 1st June in the year of appointment and who have reached a satisfactory standard in the junior certificate examination. Awards in this class shall be made in order of merit on the aggregate marks obtained in English and any other five subjects (the other subjects counted shall be those in which the candidate has obtained the highest marks).

(*c*) a limited number of secondary school pupils, who are over sixteen years of age on the 1st June in the year of appointment, and who, having passed the senior certificate examination, have obtained at least three credits in that examination (one distinction to be reckoned as equivalent to two credits). Awards in this class shall be made in order of merit on the aggregate marks obtained in English and any three other subjects (the other subjects counted shall be those in which the candidate has obtained the highest marks.)

7. The period of service for senior pupil teachers appointed under Section 6 (*a*) or 6 (*b*) shall be two years, but for those who have been appointed under Section 6 (*c*) the period shall be one year. All appointments as senior pupil teacher shall date from the 1st September in the year of appointment and shall be conditional on good conduct and satisfactory progress in study.

8.—(*a*) Senior pupil teachers shall attend a recognised secondary school, approved by the Ministry for the purpose, but shall, in each year of their course, devote one month of full attendance (preferably the month of September) to work in a public elementary school, approved by the Ministry for the purpose, in order to receive instruction and practice in the art of school-keeping in public elementary schools.

(*b*) The Ministry will require that, so far as possible, the schools in which practice of teaching is taken shall be schools in which the organisation, methods of instruction, premises, furniture, apparatus and accommodation are of a very satisfactory character, and that the number of pupil teachers attending a school for this purpose shall not exceed the number of teachers serving therein.

The consent of the manager and principal teacher must be obtained before the appointment is made and notification of the date of commencement of the attendance must be sent to the inspector by the pupil teacher before the attendance begins.

9. Senior pupil teachers shall undergo examination in their final year of service in the King's Scholarship Programme, on the

results of which candidates are selected for admission to training colleges.

10. All candidates for senior pupil teacherships (except persons already recognised as junior pupil teachers) shall forward their applications to the Ministry not later than the 1st July in the year of appointment.

(*c*)—GENERAL.

11. Girls who have completed their course as senior pupil teachers shall be eligible for appointment as assistant teachers in public elementary schools under the conditions set forth in the Regulations of the Ministry. (See the Regulations for Staffing Public Elementary Schools, Northern Ireland, 1928—S. R. and O. 41, 1928).

12.—(*a*) All candidates for pupil teacherships shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of age, a certificate of character from a clergyman or magistrate, a medical certificate that they are of sound and healthy constitution and free from any physical or mental defect likely to impair their usefulness as teachers, and a written undertaking to become public elementary school teachers in Northern Ireland.

(*b*) No candidate shall be appointed unless recommended by the inspector after a personal interview, and the inspector shall be precluded from recommending a candidate if he has ground for believing that the latter does not possess aptitude and temperament suitable for the teaching profession.

13.—(*a*) As the number of pupil teachers will be limited, no claim to an appointment can be entertained merely on the grounds that the conditions specified in these regulations have all been fulfilled.

(*b*) A holder of a scholarship awarded by an education authority shall not be eligible for appointment as a pupil teacher.

14. A daily record shall be kept of the attendances of pupil teachers both in the secondary schools where they receive their general education and, in the case of senior pupil teachers, in the public elementary schools where they receive instruction in the art of teaching.

15. The recognition of a pupil teacher may be withdrawn at any time should want of diligence, of regularity, of efficiency, or of good conduct, or any other circumstance, in the opinion of the Ministry, render such a course desirable.

16. The allowance for junior and senior pupil teachers shall be at the rate of £18 per annum. In addition, where the pupil teacher's home is more than five miles from the secondary school

at which the pupil teacher attends, he or she shall be allowed £5 per annum in respect of travelling expenses. This allowance may be raised to £10 per annum where the distance of the home from the secondary school is more than ten miles.

In cases where the distance from the pupil teacher's home to the secondary school is too great to enable the pupil teacher to travel daily to school, an allowance towards the cost of maintenance at or in the neighbourhood of the school may be made at the rate of £35 for the school year.

17. A fee of £3 per annum in respect of each senior pupil teacher shall be payable to the principal teachers of public elementary schools attended by senior pupil teachers. This fee shall not be paid unless the inspector is able to certify that due attention has been given by the teacher to the instruction of the senior pupil teacher in the art and practice of teaching. Criticism lessons shall be given weekly.

18. The Interpretation Act, 1921 (2 Geo. V. Ch. 4) applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

19. In any case of doubt or difficulty as to the construction of these regulations, or as to any claim right or liability thereunder, the decision of the Ministry shall be final.

20.—(*a*) These regulations shall supersede the Education: Pupil Teachers and Monitors Regulations (Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1926, No. 102) in respect of pupil teachers appointed after 31st December, 1929, and no monitors shall be appointed after that date.

(*b*) The Ministry may allow the provisions of Article 8 (*a*) to apply to any pupil teacher appointed under previous regulations.

21. These regulations may be cited as the "Education, Pupil Teachers, Regulations, 1929."

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 25th day of June, 1929.

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