2. In Schedule 2, Part 1,—Planning: for the paragraph entitled "(*a*) Site," substitute the following:—

(*a*) Site:—The site must be suitable for the building of dwelling-houses; be reasonably dry and free from any liability to flooding. In rural districts, the certificate mentioned in paragraph 1 (*e*) of Schedule 1 must be obtained from the Medical Officer of Health of the district. In all cases, prior to the issue of Certificate "A," the Surveyor must satisfy himself that the site is in all respects a suitable one.

3. In Schedule 2, Part II,—Specifications: In the paragraph relating to brickwork delete the words "in exposed positions."

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 31st day of July, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty.

(L.S.) *D. L. Clarke,*
Assistant Secretary.

HOUSING GRANT (AMENDMENT) RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1930.

1930. No. 124.

WHEREAS the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in pursuance of the powers conferred on it by the Housing Acts (Northern Ireland) 1890-1930, and of all other powers thereto enabling it, on the 10th day of March, 1930, made Rules (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Rules") prescribing the conditions under which grants might be paid to local authorities and private persons building houses under the Housing Acts:

And whereas by Article 3 of Order dated the 31st day of July, 1930, made in pursuance of the aforesaid powers the Ministry of Home Affairs directed that the specification relating to brickwork in Schedule 2 of Part II. of the principal Rules should be amended by deleting the words "in exposed positions":

And whereas certain doubts have arisen as to the application of the principal Rules as so amended:

And whereas it is expedient to amend the said Order of the 31st day of July, 1930, in manner following:

Now, therefore, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in pursuance of the aforesaid powers hereby makes the following Rules:—

1. Notwithstanding anything in the Principal Rules as amended by Article 3 of the Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs dated the 31st day of July, 1930, it shall not be necessary, and it shall be deemed never to have been necessary, to render in cement or finish rough-cast any wall faced with facing brick of good quality.

2. These Rules shall be cited as the Housing Grant (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland), 1930.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, this 18th day of September, in the Year One thousand nine hundred and thirty.

(L.S.) *D. L. Clarke,*
Assistant Secretary.

Restricted Areas for the purpose of Grants.

1930. No. 29.

To the Councils of the several Rural Districts, the names of which are set out in the second column of the Schedule hereto :

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS it is enacted by Section 4 of the Housing Act (Northern Ireland), 1929, that if the Ministry of Home Affairs is satisfied that in any particular area there is no urgent need for houses of the class in respect of which the building grant is payable, the said Ministry may, after consultation with the local authority or Council within whose district such area is situate, by Order declare that area (which shall be defined in the Order) to be a restricted area for the purpose of the building grant, and so long as such order remains in force no building grant shall be made by the said Ministry, or housing facilities be afforded by a local authority or council, to any person or body of persons in respect of a house constructed in such restricted area, unless the said Ministry is satisfied that the house is required and intended for continuous, as distinct from occasional, occupation :

And Whereas the Ministry of Home Affairs is satisfied that in the area described in the first column of the Schedule hereto there is no urgent need of houses of the class in respect of which the said building grant is payable :

Now, therefore, the Ministry of Home Affairs in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 4 of the Housing Act (Northern Ireland), 1929, after consultation with the Councils of the Rural Districts mentioned in the second column of the Schedule hereto (being the Councils of the several Rural Districts within whose respective districts the area described in the first column of the said Schedule is situate), by this Order declares that the area described in the first column of the said Schedule shall be a restricted area for the purpose of the building grant as defined by Section 8 of the said Act, until the said Ministry shall otherwise determine.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 11th day of March, in the Year Nineteen Hundred and Thirty.

(L.S.) *D. L. Clarke,*
Assistant Secretary.