(*b*) The Ministry may, in special circumstances, recognise as Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent a person who does not possess the qualifications set forth in sub-section (*a*), but who possesses such other qualifications as the Ministry may regard as adequate.

(*c*) The " helpers " should be girls who have attended school to at least the age of 15, and who have an aptitude for this type of work. They should not, as a rule, be employed in Nursery Schools after 21 years of age."

3. Article 15 of the Nursery Schools Regulations, 1937, as amended by the Nursery Schools Regulations, 1937, Amending Regulations No. 1, 1938, is hereby amended by the addition of the following sentence to the first paragraph thereof :

" The scale of salary payable in the case of a person appointed under Article 13 (*b*) shall be that applicable to untrained teachers appointed to public elementary schools for the first time on or after 1st January, 1921, viz., £120 rising by five annual increments of £5 to a maximum of £145 per annum (together with, in the case of a Superintendent, Principal's Grant)."

4. These Regulations shall be construed with and as forming part of the principal regulations, and they shall take and have effect from 1st July, 1942.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 11th day of January, 1943, in the presence of

R. S. Brownell,

(L.S.) Secretary.

Public Elementary Schools.

REGULATIONS, DATED 28TH MAY, 1943, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 TO 1942, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

1943. No. 73.

1.—These regulations may be cited as the Public Elementary Schools Regulations, 1934, Amending Regulations, No. 16, 1943.

2.—The Public Elementary Schools Regulations, 1934 (Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1934, No. 40), as amended by Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1935, No. 69 ; 1936, No. 83 ; 1936, No. 159 ; 1937, No. 17 ; 1937, No. 57 ; 1937, No. 87 ; 1938, No. 28 ; 1938, No. 63 ; 1938, No. 125 ; 1939, No. 79 ; 1940, No.

21 ; 1941, No. 73 ; 1942, No. 43 ; 1942, No. 47 ; and 1942, No. 192 ; which Regulations as so amended are hereinafter referred to as the " Principal Regulations ", are hereby amended as follows :—

3.—Clause (*a*) of Article 37 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended, as from 1st April, 1943, by the deletion of the words " from 4th April to 8th August, 1942 " and the substitution therefor of the words " of Double Summer Time ".

4.—Clause (*c*) of Article 68 of the Principal Regulations is hereby repealed and the following Clause substituted therefor as from 1st July, 1942 :—

" 68.—(*c*) Women who have obtained a degree of a British or Irish University, or have passed the King's Scholarship examination or the Ministry's Secondary School Senior Certificate examination, or possess such other qualifications as the Ministry may consider adequate, provided that they secure an appointment as a junior assistant mistress and take up duty within five years from 1st July in the year in which they obtained the degree or passed the examination, or obtained the qualification.

The period of five years may be extended in the case of a person who, within that period, has served in any recognised teaching capacity : provided always that such extension shall not exceed one year."

5.—Sub-section (ii) of the proviso to Article 85 (*c*) of the Principal Regulations is repealed as from 1st April, 1942, and the following substituted therefor :—

" (ii) the absent teacher shall not be entitled to salary for any days of absence during which a substitute has not been employed in excess of a total of twenty-three working days in any calendar year, save where the Ministry is satisfied that every practicable effort was made, but without avail, to obtain a substitute, in which case the deduction from the salary of the absent teacher shall be as laid down in (i) hereof."

6.—These regulations shall be construed with and as forming part of the Principal Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 28th day of May, 1943, in the presence of

(L.S.) *R. S. Brownell,*
Secretary.