Religious Education

REGULATIONS DATED 20TH MARCH, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER SECTION 27 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

1948. No. 59

WHEREAS by section 27 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") it is provided that the Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") shall make such regulations as it may consider necessary for securing that the provisions of the Act relating to religious education are complied with in all county schools and voluntary schools, and in particular with respect to —

(*a*) the times during which any religious observance may be practised or any religious instruction may be given;

(*b*) the times during which pupils may be withdrawn from the school so that they may receive religious instruction in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (6) of section 21 of the Act;

(*c*) the making of arrangements for religious instruction in schools;

(*d*) the amount of time which may be allotted in the time-tables of schools to religious instruction:

Now, therefore, the Ministry, in pursuance of section 27 of the Act, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Religious Education Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1948.

2. Subject to the provisions of the Act and of these Regulations, the arrangements for collective worship and religious instruction in any county school or voluntary school shall be under the control of the managers of the school

3.—(1) The time at which collective worship is held, and the time or times during which religious instruction is given, in any county school or voluntary school, shall be clearly shown on the time-table of the school.

(2) The time or times during which religious instruction is given in any county school or voluntary school shall be so arranged as to cause as little inconvenience as possible to any pupils attending the school who, in pursuance of sub-section (3) of section 21 of the Act, have been excused from attendance at such religious instruction.

4. There shall be set apart for the purpose of religious instruction —

(*a*) in all county and voluntary primary schools, a period of at least one half-hour each school day or its equivalent within each week ;

(*b*) in all county and voluntary intermediate schools, at least two hours and a half within each week ;

(*c*) in all county and voluntary grammar schools, two periods of at least forty minutes each, or the equivalent, within each week ;

5. A local education authority shall, if so requested by the minister in charge of any church or other place of worship in the vicinity of any school under the control of the authority, communicate to him the names of any pupils attending the school who are, or are stated to be, of the same religious denomination as that minister.

6.—(1) Expressions used in these Regulations to which meanings have been assigned by the Act shall, unless the contrary intention appears, have the same respective meanings.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921 (Northern Ireland) shall apply 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.

(3) Regulations 178 to 197 of the Public Elementary School Regulations, 1934, (which relate to religious education in public elementary schools) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 20th day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, in the presence of

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

School Health Service

REGULATIONS, DATED THE 28TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, UNDER SECTIONS FORTY-TWO AND SIXTY-THREE OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

1948. No. 329

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland (in these Regulations referred to as " the Ministry "), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections forty-two and sixty-three of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the concurrence of the Ministry of