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

Education for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following Regulations, that is to say :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the School Health Service Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, and shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1949.

(2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

" the Act of 1946 " means the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 ;

" the Act of 1947 " means the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947 ;

" the Acts of 1948 " means the Health Services Acts (Northern Ireland), 1948 ;

" the corresponding local education authority " means the local education authority constituted under the Act of 1947 for the same area as the area of the health authority ;

" dental inspection " means inspection by a dental officer and may (except in relation to Regulation 5) include inspection by a medical officer ;

" dental officer " means a person registered in the dentists' register under the Dentists Acts 1878 to 1923 employed or engaged, whether regularly or for the purposes of any particular case, by a health authority ;

" health authority " means a health authority constituted under the Act of 1946 ;

" medical inspection " means inspection by or under the directions of a medical officer ;

" medical officer " means a duly qualified medical practitioner employed or engaged, whether regularly or for the purposes of any particular case, by a health authority.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF SCHEMES

2.—(1) Every health authority shall, within two months from the date of coming into operation of these Regulations or such longer period as the Ministry may in any particular case allow, submit to the Ministry a scheme for the performance (in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1947 and of these Regulations) of their duties in relation to —

(*a*) the medical inspection and dental inspection of pupils in full-time attendance at every grant-aided school in their area ; and

(*b*) the provision of free medical and dental treatment for such pupils ;

and a copy thereof shall at the same time be sent to the corresponding local education authority who shall submit their comments and observations (if any) thereon to the health authority and to the Ministry within one month of receipt of the copy of the scheme.

(2) A scheme submitted in accordance with the foregoing paragraph shall specify the details of arrangements which the health authority proposes to make for the performance of their duties in accordance with the terms of the Act of 1947 and of these Regulations and shall include particulars of any arrangements made in respect of a voluntary grammar school and which have been, or are about to be, approved by the health authority.

(3) Arrangements, included in a scheme, which make provision for the medical and dental inspection or treatment of pupils shall be in addition to and not in substitution for any similar provision for the time being available to such pupils in accordance with the terms of the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, or the Acts of 1948, but in making such arrangements the health authority shall consult, and so far as practicable, act in co-operation with such organizations or bodies providing facilities and services under the said Acts as they consider appropriate.

(4) Any scheme submitted under this Regulation may be approved by the Ministry (after consideration of the comments and observations (if any) of the corresponding local education authority), either without modification or subject to such modifications as the Ministry may think fit and on notification of such approval to the health authority it shall be the duty of the health authority to give effect to any such scheme as approved whether with or without modifications.

PROVISION OF PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION THEREOF

3.—(1) The arrangements made by a health authority for the medical inspection or dental inspection and for the treatment of pupils shall include provision for such inspection and treatment to be conducted on the school premises or at a clinic or health centre where special facilities are provided for such inspection or treatment or at any other place approved by the health authority.

(2) It shall be the duty of every health authority, in co-operation with the corresponding local education authority, to make arrangements for securing the provision of adequate accommodation, facilities and equipment for the conduct of medical inspections and dental inspections and for treatment and, with the concurrence of the Ministry, for the carrying on of medical and dental research and to make all necessary arrangements for the maintenance of such accommodation, facilities and equipment to the satisfaction of the Ministry.

(3) Any premises provided in accordance with the last preceding paragraph of this Regulation shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by a person duly authorised by the Ministry in that behalf, and the health authority and the corresponding local education authority shall afford to any such person all reasonable facilities for informing himself of the arrangements made under the Act of 1947 and these Regulations.

MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

4. The arrangements made by a health authority for the medical inspection of pupils shall be such that —

(*a*) every pupil shall be inspected within the period of twelve months following the date of his initial admission to school;

(*b*) every pupil shall be inspected between the date on which he attains the age of ten years and the date on which he attains the age of twelve years;

(*c*) every pupil shall be inspected within the period of twelve months preceding his attainment of the age at which attendance at school is no longer by law required;

(*d*) every pupil shall be inspected at such other intervals as the Ministry may from time to time direct or the health authority with the approval of the Ministry may determine:

Provided that nothing in this Regulation shall prevent or be construed as preventing the re-inspection of any pupil who in the opinion of the health authority or of a medical officer requires such re-inspection.

DENTAL INSPECTIONS

5. The arrangements made by a health authority for the dental inspection of pupils shall be such that —

(*a*) every pupil shall be inspected within the period of twelve months following the date of his initial admission to school;

(*b*) every pupil shall be inspected within the period of twelve months preceding his attainment of the age at which attendance at school is no longer by law required;

(*c*) every pupil shall be inspected at such other intervals as the Ministry may from time to time direct or the health authority with the approval of the Ministry may determine:

Provided that nothing in this Regulation shall prevent or be construed as preventing the re-inspection of any pupil who in the opinion of the health authority or of a medical officer or a dental officer requires such re-inspection.

ATTENDANCE OF PARENTS AT INSPECTIONS

6. The parent of every pupil for whom arrangements for medical inspection or dental inspection have been or are about to be made shall be permitted to attend on the occasion of such inspection if he so desires, and a health authority shall make proper arrangements to inform such parent of the date and place of any such inspection.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL TREATMENT

7. The arrangements made by a health authority for the medical and dental treatment of pupils shall include provision for —

(*a*) the further inspection of pupils who are found on inspection to need supervision or treatment ;

(*b*) advising the parents of the supervision or treatment needed ;

(*c*) referring to consultants or specialists pupils in respect of whom further advice is needed ;

(*d*) assisting pupils, with the consent of their parents, to obtain treatment other than domiciliary treatment ;

(*e*) providing pupils with treatment (in particular dental treatment but not being in any case domiciliary treatment), which is not otherwise readily available to them ;

(*f*) encouraging the personal hygiene of pupils and of their clothing.

CO-OPERATION WITH TEACHERS

8. In the making and carrying out of all arrangements for medical and dental inspection and treatment the health authority shall co-operate closely with the corresponding local education authority and in particular with the officers and teachers of that authority.

ARRANGEMENTS AT VOLUNTARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

9. For the purposes of sub-section (7) of section forty-two of the Act of 1947, the provisions of these Regulations shall, with all necessary modifications, extend and apply to the arrangements to be made for the medical and dental inspection of pupils at voluntary grammar schools and a health authority shall not refuse to approve a scheme framed by the managers of a voluntary grammar school if such scheme complies with the provisions of these Regulations.

MISCELLANEOUS

10. It shall be the duty of every health authority to provide and maintain records of the medical and dental condition of all pupils inspected in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1947 and of these Regulations. Such records shall be in a form approved by the Ministry after consultation with the health authority.

11. Any records provided or maintained in accordance with the terms of the last preceding Regulation shall be kept in a safe place and the information contained therein shall be treated as strictly confidential :

Provided that any such record may, with the consent of the person to whom it relates, (or in the case of a child under the age of 16 years with the consent of his parent) be made available, on his ceasing to be a pupil to whom these Regulations apply, to any medical or dental practitioner (as appropriate) —

(*a*) providing services to that person under the provisions of the Acts of 1948 ;

(*b*) having the care of that person under arrangements made by or with the approval of the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority or the Northern Ireland Tuberculosis Authority ;

(*c*) in the capacity of examining surgeon under the Factories Act (Northern Ireland), 1938 ; or

(*d*) in the capacity of medical officer to any University or other educational establishment, youth organization or similar body recognized by the health authority for the purpose of this proviso ;

and in the case of dental records be made available at any time to the Northern Ireland General Health Services Board.

12. It shall be the duty of every health authority to furnish to the Ministry such returns or statistics as the Ministry may from time to time require being returns and statistics indicating the nature, extent and operation of the school health service provided by the health authority, and at the same time to forward a copy to the corresponding local education authority.

13. The Medical Officer of Health of a health authority shall forward to the corresponding local education authority, and to the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, a copy of his annual report (made under Regulation 3 of the Health Authorities (Qualifications and Duties of Medical Officers) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, (**a**)) or a copy of that part which relates to the school health service ; and any such report shall include as a separate part of the whole report a report by the senior dental officer of the health authority (if such an officer has been appointed) on the general operation of the arrangements for dental inspection and treatment.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twenty-eighth day of December, 1948, in the presence of :—

(L.S.) *Thos. Elwood,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland hereby signifies its concurrence with the above Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this twenty-eighth day of December, 1948, in the presence of :—

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

(**a**) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1948 No. 26.

Teachers' Courses

REGULATIONS, DATED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

1948. No. 280

The Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry "), in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 59, 77 and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, (hereinafter referred to as " 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 Training of Teachers (Courses) Regulations, (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st October, 1948.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

" approved " means approved by the Ministry for the purpose to which the context relates ;

" recognised " means recognised by the Ministry for the purpose of the payment of grant ;

" teacher " means a teacher in full-time employment in a recognised school or institution in Northern Ireland ;

(2) Other expressions to which meanings have been assigned by the Act shall, for the purpose of these Regulations, have the same respective meanings.

3. With the approval of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry may —

(1) conduct courses of instruction for teachers or arrange for such courses to be conducted on its behalf and may pay any necessary expenses incidental to the holding of the courses ; and

(2) make grants to educational bodies towards the necessary expenses incurred by them in conducting approved courses of instruction for teachers.

4. The Ministry may make grants at rates approved by the Ministry of Finance towards the necessary expenses incurred by teachers in attending approved courses.

5. Where a teacher is released from his teaching duties without salary to enable him to attend an approved course, the grant payable by the Ministry under the last foregoing Regulation may include—