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.

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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.