Religious Education

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

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(*b*) the times during which pupils may be withdrawn from the school so that they may receive religious instruction in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (6) of section 21 of the Act;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