(*b*) In the case of classes conducted under Article 152 (*b*) the following shall be substituted for the provisions contained in sub-clause (a) (ii) of this Article : a sum calculated at the rate of 5s. 0d. for each eligible girl pupil who has attended at least twenty-six lessons of not less than one and a half hours' each or any equivalent amount of instruction and during such attendance was enrolled in fifth or higher standard or had reached the age of twelve years."

14. Teachers in the service on 1st July, 1937, and teachers temporarily out of the service on that date but who afterwards re-enter the service, shall be placed on the scales of salaries set forth in the foregoing regulations at the incremental position corresponding to that which would have been their incremental position on 1st July, 1937, or on the date of re-entry into the service (as the case may be) on the scales in force up to 30th June, 1937, had the latter scales remained in force.

15. These Regulations shall be construed with and as forming part of the Principal Regulations and they shall take and have effect from 1st July, 1937.

16. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Elementary Schools Regulations, 1934, Amending Regulations, No. 5, 1937.

Given under the seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 18th day of June, 1937.

(L.S.) (Signed), *A. N. Bonaparte Wyse,*
Secretary.

REGULATIONS, DATED 6TH OCTOBER, 1937, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 TO 1935, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

1937. No. 87.

The Public Elementary Schools Regulations, 1934 (Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1934, No. 40), as amended by the Public Elementary Schools Regulations, 1934, Amending Regulations, No. 1, 1935, Amending Regulations, No. 2, 1936, Amending Regulations, No. 3, 1936, Amending Regulations, No. 4, 1937, and Amending Regulations, No. 5, 1937 (Statutory

Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1935, No. 69 ; 1936, No. 83 ; 1936, No. 159 ; 1937, No. 17, and 1937, No. 57, respectively), which Regulations as so amended are herein referred to as " The Principal Regulations," are hereby amended as follows :—

1. Article 54 of the Principal Regulations is hereby repealed and the following article substituted therefor :—

54.—(*a*) The maximum number of assistants, including vice-principals, which may be recognised in any large school in each year beginning on 1st July shall be determined by the average daily attendance for the year ended on the preceding 31st March, and, except as otherwise provided in this article, shall be in accordance with the " appointment average " prescribed in Clause (*d*).

(*b*) The grant in respect of an assistant teacher shall not be withdrawn owing to a decrease in average daily attendance until either—

(1) the average daily attendance for a year ended on 31st March is less than the appropriate " retention average " prescribed in Clause (*d*) ; or

(2) the average daily attendance for each of two consecutive years ended on 31st March is less than the appropriate " appointment average " prescribed in Clause (*d*).

In either of these events, except as provided in Clause (*c*), the grant in respect of the assistant concerned shall be withdrawn from the following 30th June.

(*c*) If it is claimed that the average daily attendance in respect of any year ended on 31st March has been affected by the occurrence of epidemic disease or other exceptional cause, the Ministry may, if satisfied that the claim should be admitted, decide what would have been the average attendance had such epidemic disease or other exceptional cause not occurred, and the average attendance so revised shall be regarded as the average attendance of the school for the year in question :

Provided that such revised average attendance shall only be applied to determine whether grants may be continued for an additional period to the maximum number of assistants warranted by the average attendance for the year ended on 31st March immediately prior to the year so affected ; and provided that in no circumstances shall the date for the withdrawal of the grant to an assistant be postponed beyond the 30th June following the third consecutive year in which the appropriate " appointment average " has not actually been reached.

(*d*) The " appointment " and " retention " averages shall be as follows :—