Nursery Schools.

REGULATIONS, DATED 16TH MARCH, 1937, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 TO 1935, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND AND DULY LAID BEFORE PARLIAMENT.

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NOTE :—The foregoing Regulations, being of temporary effect, have not been printed at length in this volume.

REGULATIONS, DATED 14TH APRIL, 1937, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 TO 1935, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND AND DULY LAID BEFORE PARLIAMENT.

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In accordance with the provisions of the Education Acts (Northern Ireland), 1923 to 1935, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland (hereinafter called "the Ministry") after consultation with the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations shall supersede the Nursery Schools Regulations, 1937 (Statutory Rules and Orders, 1937, No. 18).

2. Subject to the conditions herein laid down, the Ministry may grant aid to Nursery Schools.

3. The school must be under the control of an approved committee, which must act under an approved scheme setting forth its constitution and defining its functions. A copy of this approved scheme must be deposited with the Ministry, and no variation from or departure from its provisions may be made without the approval of the Ministry.

4. The committee must appoint one of its members to act as correspondent.

5. The Ministry must be satisfied that the school is not conducted for private profit, nor farmed out to the Superintendent or other person. The income of the school from all sources must be devoted to the use of the school and for approved purposes.

6. There must be sent to the Ministry at such date and in such form as may be prescribed a statement of accounts of the school

for each school year certified by a qualified accountant and supported by such vouchers and other evidence as the Ministry may require. The accounts of the school must be kept in such form as to show readily the information required by the Ministry and must be open to inspection at any time by the officers of the Ministry, and all such vouchers as may be required in support of any item must be forthcoming.

7. The premises in which a Nursery School is conducted must be reasonably suitable for their purpose in respect of situation, accommodation, furniture and equipment, and facilities for safe and speedy exit in case of fire. They must be adequately lighted, heated, ventilated and cleansed, and provided with proper facilities for the recreation of the children.

8. The Ministry must be satisfied that sufficient opportunity for rest, meals and recreation is provided, and that adequate arrangements are made for attending to the health, nourishment and physical welfare of the children.

9. No child may be admitted to a nursery school before attaining the age of two years, or retained therein after the date prescribed for school attendance in accordance with the Education Acts (Northern Ireland), 1923 to 1935, and regulations made thereunder.

10. The attendance of the children must be recorded in the books prescribed for the purpose in accordance with the instructions issued from time to time by the Ministry, and " average daily attendance " shall have the same meaning and be calculated in the same manner as is prescribed in the Regulations for Public Elementary Schools.

11. A nursery school must be in operation for not less than 200 days in each school year ending 30th June ; if not in operation for this period, the salary payable by the Ministry under Article 15 to the Superintendent may be disallowed for the days of excess closing. The school must be open at all reasonable times to inspection by officers of the Ministry.

12. The school must be conducted on approved lines and adequately staffed. It must be under the control of a Superintendent, who should have the assistance of at least one " helper " if the average daily attendance does not exceed 25, at least two if the average daily attendance exceeds 25 but does not exceed 50, and so on. If the average daily attendance is 50 or more an Assistant Superintendent should be employed ; if it is 80 or more two Assistant Superintendents should be employed.