(*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 4*s*. 9*d*. 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.

17. Article 166 of the Principal Regulations is hereby repealed.

18. Article 208 of the Principal Regulations is hereby repealed and the following article substituted therefor:—

208. A fee of £3 per annum in respect of each senior pupil teacher shall be payable to the principal teachers of public elementary schools attended by senior pupil teachers. This fee shall not be paid unless the inspector is able to certify that due attention has been given by the teacher to the instruction of the senior pupil teacher in the art and practice of teaching. Criticism lessons shall be given weekly.

19. These Regulations shall be construed with and as forming part of the Principal Regulations and they shall take and have effect from 1st July, 1936.

20. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Elementary Schools Regulations, 1934, Amending Regulations, No. 2, 1936.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 17th day of June, 1936.

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

REGULATIONS, DATED 25TH NOVEMBER, 1936, 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 AND DULY LAID BEFORE PARLIAMENT.

1936. No. 159.

The Public Elementary Schools Regulations, 1934 (Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1934, No. 40) (hereinafter called the "Principal Regulations") are hereby amended as follows:—

1. The following clause is hereby added to Article 35 of the Principal Regulations:—

35.—(*e*) in schools in which an annual examination in the religious or bible instruction of the pupils is held, the

minimum time constituting an "attendance" may, on the day of the examination, be reduced from four hours to three and one-half hours, and the minimum time constituting a "half attendance" may be reduced from two hours to one and one-half hours. This proviso may be availed of on only one day in any school year.

2. Clause (*c*) of Article 37 of the Principal Regulations is hereby repealed and the following clause substituted therefor :—

37—(*c*) When, owing to the severity of the weather or other exceptional cause, the number of pupils in attendance on any day or days is under one-half of the average daily attendance for the whole month in which the day or days occur, the attendance on each day or days may be excluded from the calculation of the quarterly and annual averages.

3. Article 42 of the Principal Regulations is hereby repealed and the following Article substituted therefor :—

42. In a school staffed by a principal and an untrained junior assistant mistress where an average daily attendance of 60 pupils is maintained for two successive quarters, the Ministry may require that the junior assistant mistress be replaced by a trained woman assistant unless the reports on the work of the junior assistant mistress are of a distinctly favourable character.

4. Clause (*b*) of Article 51 of the Principal Regulations is hereby repealed and the following clause substituted therefor :—

51.—(*b*) In mixed schools (other than infants' schools or junior schools) with four or more assistants the number of men teachers (including the principal, if a man) must, as a rule, be not less than as follows :—

4, 5 or 6	assistants—	2	men teachers.
7, 8 or 9	,,	3	,, ,,
10, 11 or 12	,,	4	,, ,,
13, 14 or 15	,,	5	,, ,,
16, 17 or 18	,,	6	,, ,,
19, 20 or 21	,,	7	,, ,,
22 and above	,,	8	,, ,,

If, at the date of these Regulations, a school has fewer men teachers than required by this Article the deficiency shall be made good as vacancies in the staff occur.

5. Article 53 of the Principal Regulations is hereby repealed and the following Article substituted therefor :—

53.—(*a*) In convent schools and schools conducted by the Christian Brothers which are paid on the capitation system set forth in Article 133, the members of the community may

discharge the office of teachers either exclusively by themselves, or with the aid of qualified lay persons employed by them as assistants.

(*b*) The members of the community who discharge the office of teachers must

(i) possess the qualifications prescribed for the teachers of ordinary public elementary schools;

or

(ii) in the case of nuns only, either be eligible for recognition as untrained assistant teachers in a convent public elementary school under Article 66 (*e*) or have been, on 1st January, 1937, members of the teaching staff of a convent public elementary school in Northern Ireland;

or

(iii) in the case of Christian Brothers only, have been specially recognised as teachers by the Ministry when the school conducted by the Christian Brothers was first aided by the Ministry.

The case of a nun or a Christian Brother who was a member of a teaching staff prior to 1st January, 1937, but was temporarily out of the service on that date, will be specially considered.

(*c*) The lay assistants must possess the same qualifications as teachers of ordinary public elementary schools unless they have been recognised as qualified to act as lay assistants in convent schools under the rules in force prior to 1st April, 1920, or were recognised in April, 1927, in schools conducted by the Christian Brothers.

(*d*) The Ministry does not interfere with the discretion of the conductors as regards the employment of lay assistants in addition to those forming part of the recognised staff of schools paid by capitation grant, but such additional lay assistants must possess the same qualifications as teachers of ordinary public elementary schools, and their salaries must be paid wholly by the conductors. Persons so employed are not in the recognised service of the Ministry, and shall not be entitled to claim any privilege attaching to service in public elementary schools.

6. Clause (*a*) of Article 59 of the Principal Regulations is hereby repealed and the following clause substituted therefor:—

59.—(*a*) A trained woman teacher who has not completed her probation shall, at any time within three years from the date from which she is recognised as trained, be eligible for appointment provisionally as principal of a school having an

average daily attendance of less than 30 pupils but if she fails to secure the diploma at the end of the first probationary period as defined in Article 71 of the Principal Regulations she shall cease to be recognised as principal.

7. Clauses (*d*) and (*e*) of Article 66 of the Principal Regulations are hereby repealed and the following clauses substituted therefor :—

66.—(*d*) Untrained junior assistant mistresses who have given not less than ten years' service and have been rated as highly efficient for the last three years may be recognised as untrained assistants.

(*e*) Nuns who are certified by the Manager to be members of a religious order, and who have passed the King's Scholarship examination and have reached therein a standard satisfactory to the Ministry, are eligible for recognition as untrained assistant teachers for a period of service not exceeding four years, provided they secure such appointment and take up duty within three years from the 1st July of the year of examination.

Monks and nuns who, on or before 1st January, 1937, have already given recognised service as untrained assistants in monastery or convent schools not paid by capitation grant shall continue to be eligible for such recognition.

8. Article 68 of the Principal Regulations is hereby repealed and the following article substituted therefor :—

68. The following are eligible for appointment as junior assistant mistress subject to the other requirements laid down in these Regulations :—

(*a*) Women qualified to act as principal or assistant teachers.

(*b*) Women who were serving as recognised junior assistant mistresses at the date of these regulations or who, having served previously as such, were temporarily unemployed on that date.

(*c*) (i) Women who passed the King's Scholarship examination prior to 1932 and women who passed that examination in 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935 or 1936 in the first or second division if they secure an appointment and take up duty within three years from the 1st July in the year in which they passed the examination.

(ii) Women who, prior to the date of these regulations, have obtained the degree of a British or Irish University if they secure an appointment and take up duty within five years from the 1st July in the year in