

10. In case of doubt or dispute as to the meaning and effect of any of these Regulations the decision of the Ministry thereon shall be final.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 13th day of October, 1924.

L. M'Quibban,
Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations, in witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry has been affixed hereto this 13th day of October, 1924, in the presence of

G. C. Duggan,
Assistant Secretary.

Medical Inspection and Treatment of School Children.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND AND APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 47, SUB-SECTION (2) OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.

1924. No. 71.

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in pursuance of the provisions of Section 47 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), and in virtue of all powers thereunto enabling the Ministry, and with the approval of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the Regulations following:—

I. (1) Each education authority, as defined in Section 2 sub-section (1) of the Act, shall, within three months or such longer period as the Ministry may in special circumstances determine after the date of these Regulations or of any Order bringing the provisions of Section 47 of the Act into operation in the case of such education authority, which ever date is the later, submit for the approval of the Ministry, a draft scheme of School Medical Service providing for—

(a) the medical (including dental) inspection, in the manner, and at the times and places prescribed in the Schedule to these Regulations, of children attending public elementary schools within the area of the education authority, being under the management of or aided by the education authority;

(b) the making of arrangements for attending to the health and physical condition of children attending such schools ;

(c) the medical (including dental) inspection of children attending any school or educational institution, whether aided by the education authority or not, if so requested by or on behalf of the persons having the management of such school or educational institution.

(2) Any such scheme may provide for encouraging and assisting the establishment or continuance of voluntary agencies, and for the association with an education authority of representatives of such agencies, in so far as may be expedient or necessary for the purpose of the scheme.

(3) Each scheme shall provide for—

(a) the appointment of such medical and dental practitioners and nurses as may be necessary for giving effect to the scheme. All such medical officers shall be registered on the Medical Register in respect of a diploma in sanitary science, public health, or State medicine, or shall have such qualification or experience of public health work or school inspection work as the Ministry may approve. In making each medical appointment education authorities should consider whether the circumstances are such as to render the appointment of a woman doctor desirable.

Dental practitioners appointed for the purpose of the scheme shall be duly qualified registered dentists in actual practice.

Nurses appointed for the purpose of the scheme shall be registered nurses, and arrangements may be made with voluntary Nursing Associations for the provision of the services of such nurses ;

(b) the provision of medical, surgical, dental, ophthalmic, and nursing instruments and appliances, requisite for inspection and treatment of the children ;

(c) the provision of such premises or accommodation as may be necessary for the purpose of the scheme, and provision for the equipment, heating, lighting and cleansing of such premises ;

(d) the making of provision for the admission of children to, and their treatment in, hospitals, institutions, or dispensaries ;

(e) such other matters as may be necessary or expedient for the proper working of the scheme.

Provided always that if in any education area the Ministry is satisfied that the duties to be discharged by a School Medical Officer, Dentist or Nurse will not be sufficient to occupy the whole time of such officer, or if the employment of a local medical or dental practitioner or nurse would tend to greater efficiency or would prove more economical without loss of efficiency, the Ministry may authorise such alternative arrangements for medical, dental or nursing services as the Ministry may consider suitable to the special requirements of such area.

II. In submitting their scheme an education authority shall give in such form as may be prescribed by the Ministry after consultation with the Ministry of Education full particulars of the estimated total annual cost of the scheme and of the estimated annual cost under such headings as may be set forth in the said form.

III. No expenditure shall be incurred under a scheme, nor shall any steps be taken in connection with the making of any appointment thereunder, until the scheme shall have been approved by the Ministry, and the incurring of expenditure thereunder shall be further conditional on such expenditure having previously been included in the financial scheme submitted to and approved by the Ministry of Education under the terms of Section 73 of the Act.

IV. The appointment of any Medical Officer, Dentist, Nurse or other person professionally employed in connection with a scheme, and the salary or remuneration fixed for such appointment, shall be subject to the approval of the Ministry, provided that the Ministry shall consult the Ministry of Education in respect of the amount of the salary or remuneration.

V. (1) The work of medical inspection carried out at a school shall as far as possible be arranged so as to suit the convenience of the School Authorities and teaching staff and so as to bring about the minimum possible interference with, or disturbance of, the school arrangements. Should any question arise in regard to the application of this regulation, the decision of the Ministry of Education shall be final.

(2) Time spent by a child during school hours in undergoing inspection under a scheme of school medical service shall be reckoned as attendance at school as required by Part VI. of the Act relating to school attendance and by Regulations made thereunder.

(3) Time spent by a child undergoing treatment under a scheme of school medical service, whether at a school clinic, at home, or in a hospital or other institution, shall count as attendance at school for the purpose of Part VI. of the Act, provided that such time is certified by the School Medical Officer or other registered medical practitioner to have been necessarily so spent.

VI. (1) An education authority may by agreement, and subject to the approval of the Ministry given after consultation with the Ministry of Education—

(a) appoint or employ for the purpose of a scheme of school medical service any or all of the officers appointed for the same purpose by the education authority of any other area; and may

(b) arrange with the education authority of any area concerned in the matter in regard to the treatment of any child attending school in the area of an education authority other than that of the education authority in whose area such child resides.

(2) In the case of a child residing in the area of an education authority other than that of the education authority in whose area he attends school, the inspecting School Medical Officer shall,

where necessary but subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) (b) of this regulation, report to the education authority in whose area the child resides that the child is in need of treatment, and the obligation of making arrangements for attending to the health and physical condition of such child shall thereupon devolve upon the education authority in whose area he resides, provided that in the case of a child attending a school in Northern Ireland but not resident in Northern Ireland, the inspecting Medical Officer may report to the parent of the child that the child is in need of treatment, but the education authority of the area in which the school is situated shall not be under any obligation to provide such treatment.

VII. All information obtained in the course of inspection or treatment of children, and all entries upon forms, cards, or reports in regard to the results of inspection in a particular case shall be regarded as confidential. Such forms, cards, or reports shall not be open to public inspection, but shall be used only for the necessary purposes of the scheme, such as the treatment of defects and the compilation of returns and statistics. Such forms, cards, or reports may be left in the custody of the principal teacher of the school and shall be kept in a locked card index drawer or other locked receptacle, of which the School Medical Officer shall ordinarily retain the key.

VIII. Failure of any education authority to comply with the requirements of regulation I. of these Regulations within the period therein mentioned, or within such extended period as the Ministry may in writing approve, shall be deemed to be failure to comply with the provisions of Section 47 (1) of the Act.

IX. (1) School Medical Officers shall rank as Assistant Medical Officers of Health and together with the Assistant School Medical Officers, Dentists, Nurses and other persons employed by the education authority in a professional capacity under a scheme of school medical service, shall not only discharge the duties prescribed in the Schedule to these Regulations or in any subsequent Regulations altering or amending the same, but shall, unless otherwise expressly authorised under an approved scheme, act under the supervisory direction of the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health, where there is one, so far as relates to the co-ordination of the health services of the local authority. To this end they shall likewise co-operate with the Medical Officers of Health, and shall do all such other acts and things appropriate to their respective positions as are necessary for the efficient and satisfactory working of the scheme of school medical service.

(2) The expression "Medical Superintendent Officer of Health" means the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health of a County Borough appointed in pursuance of Article I. of the Sanitary Orders Nos. 3. and 4. of the 3rd May, 1900. The expression "Medical Officer of Health" means a Medical Officer of Health of any Urban or Rural Sanitary Authority.

X. (1) A copy of the Annual Report of the School Medical Officer (referred to in Parts I. and VII. of the Schedule to these Regulations) shall, on receipt, be furnished to the Ministry and to the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland.

(2) The education authority shall also at all times furnish the Ministry with such information or statistics as the Ministry may require to be furnished in connection with a scheme of school medical service.

XI. In these Regulations words and expressions importing the masculine gender shall, unless repugnant to the context, include also the feminine gender.

XII. In these Regulations :—

Expressions generally shall have the same meaning as in the Act :

the expression " financial year " means the year ending 31st March :

the expression " registered nurse " means a nurse whose name is on the appropriate part of the Register of the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland :

the expression " school nurse " shall include a registered nurse, attached to or employed by a voluntary nursing association, discharging the duties of a school nurse under an approved scheme :

the expression " School Medical Officer " unless otherwise stated includes Assistant School Medical Officer :

the expression " these Regulations " or any equivalent expression includes the Schedule hereunto annexed.

XIII. These Regulations may be revoked, altered or amended at any time by the Ministry with the approval of the Ministry of Education.

XIV. If any question arises as to the interpretation of these Regulations it shall be referred to the Ministry whose decision shall be final.

XV. These Regulations may be cited as the Education (Medical Inspection and Treatment of Children) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1924.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 24th day of November, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-four.

(Signed) *Geo. A. Harris,*
Assistant Secretary.

Approved in pursuance of the provisions of Section 47 (2) of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, by the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland.

(Signed) *L. M'Quibban,*
Secretary, Ministry of Education,
26th November, 1924.

Schedule.

PART I.

DUTIES OF SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICERS, DENTISTS AND NURSES.

1. The inspection or treatment of children at a school shall be carried out on a day and hour to be arranged by the School Medical Officer with the Manager or other person in charge of such school.

2. As far as possible due notice shall be given to the teacher in charge of the school of the day and hour fixed for the visit of the Medical Officer or Dentist. The teacher should be requested to read the notice to the children for the information of their parents.

3. The medical inspection shall be carried out in the manner prescribed in Part II. of this Schedule, and the results of particular inspection in the case of each child shall be noted upon a card in the form prescribed in Part III. of this Schedule.

4.—(1) The dental inspection and treatment of children shall be carried out in the manner prescribed in Part IV. of this Schedule, and the defects observed and treatment afforded shall be recorded upon a card in the form prescribed in Part V. of this Schedule.

(2) The School Dentist shall at such times and in such manner as required furnish to the education authority reports, returns and statistics in regard to his work, and shall furnish the School Medical Officer with such information as he may require.

5.—(1) Subject to the provisions of Regulation IX of these Regulations, each School Medical Officer shall report forthwith to the education authority the result of his inspection of each school in his district, in regard to the matters and in the form prescribed by Part VI. of this Schedule.

(2) Each School Medical Officer shall, subject as aforesaid, report annually to the education authority as early as possible each year in respect of the general work of school inspection and medical treatment of children in his district during the previous calendar year in regard to the matters specified in Part VII. of this Schedule.

(3) The School Medical Officer shall forthwith notify to the appropriate Medical Officer of Health the name and address of each child found by him on inspection to be attending school and in his opinion to be suffering from an infectious disease, within the meaning of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, or from a disease which the Ministry shall at any time require to be notified.

6.—(1) The School Nurse shall attend as required by the School Medical Officer at medical or dental school inspections, and at local medical or dental school clinics, and shall assist the Medical Officer or Dentist by the preparation of children for examination or treatment, or otherwise as required.

(2) She shall follow up any cases specially referred to her by the School Medical Officer, conveying his advice to the parents and watching and reporting to him the progress of the child, unless there is already another medical practitioner in attendance upon such child.

(3) She shall visit each school in her district as and when directed by the School Medical Officer.

(4) She shall, if so directed by the School Medical Officer, have the custody and care of the medical, surgical, dental and other instruments and appliances in the school clinic.

(5) She shall when required assist the School Medical Officer in the completion of the record cards prescribed in Part III of this Schedule.

PART II.

SYSTEM OF MEDICAL INSPECTION.

1. The inspection shall, as a rule, be conducted in school hours and on school premises.

2.—(1) Without prejudice to any sufficient notice of objection* received, and without prejudice to the power of the Ministry to approve an alternative scheme, the inspection shall be:—

(a) *General*: in respect of all the pupils in the school;

*NOTE:—It is provided that nothing in the Act shall be construed as imposing any obligation on a parent to submit his child to medical inspection or treatment. This however does not apply to the examination for the detection of vermin and treatment for same under the Act 8 Edw. 7 ch. 67 Sect. 122.

- (b) *Particular* : (i) in respect of any child who is obviously in need of special and detailed examination, or who is reported by a parent, teacher, or school nurse to be in need thereof ;
 (ii) in respect of all children admitted to the school within the past six months, or since the date of the last inspection, who have not been already duly inspected in another school ;
 (iii) in respect of any child whose former *particular* inspection was not less than three years previously, or who would attain the school-leaving age before the date of the next inspection ;
 (iv) in respect of any child found defective at the last inspection.
- (2) The *general* inspection shall consist of a rapid but searching observation of the hands, head, eyes and mouth of each child.
- (3) The *particular* inspection shall involve a thorough medical examination of the child with a view to ascertaining the information required for the completion of the record card prescribed by Part III, of this Schedule.
- This inspection shall be conducted where possible in a room set apart for the purpose or in a section of the class-room adequately screened from observation.
- (3) The parents of children undergoing *particular* inspection should be encouraged to be present at the inspection, and should be informed of the result thereof and advised as to any special treatment required.
- (4) The School Medical Officer shall give to each child found to be in need of treatment, or to the parent of such child, a form specifying the defect or defects found for which treatment is necessary.

PART III.
 ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTION SCHEDULE.

Name (Surname first).....		Date of Birth ¹	Reg. No....
Address I.....		School I.....	
II.....		II.....	
III.....		III.....	
IV.....		IV.....	
Previous Illnesses and Age :—	Vaccination (no. of Marks)	Family History ²	
Measles			
Whooping Cough			
Chicken Pox			
Scarlet Fever.....			
Diphtheria			
Other Illnesses ³			
Inspections	Parent Present	REMARKS :	
I.			
II.			
III.			
IV.			

		I.	II.	III.	IV.
1.	Date of Inspection				
2.	Age ⁴				
3.	Standard				
4.	Attendance ⁵				
5.	Height (inches) ⁶				
6.	Weight (Pounds) ⁷				
7.	Clothing ⁸				
8.	Footgear ⁸				
9.	Nutrition ⁹				
10.	Cleanliness—Head ¹⁰				
	" Body				
11.	Ringworm, Head				
12.	do. Body				
13.	<i>Skin</i> { Scabies				
14.	Impetigo				
15.	(Other Diseases (non-tuber.)				
16.	Blepharitis				
17.	Conjunctivitis				
18.	Corneal Ulcer				
19.	Corneal Opacity				
20.	<i>Eye</i> { Other Conditions ¹¹	c. Sp.	c. Sp.	c. Sp.	c. Sp.
21.	Vision R. ¹²	c. Sp.	c. Sp.	c. Sp.	c. Sp.
22.	do. L.				
23.	Squint				
24.	Hearing ¹³				
25.	<i>Ear</i> { Otitis Media				
26.	Other Diseases ¹⁴				
27.	<i>Nose</i> { Tonsils ¹⁵				
28.	<i>and</i> { Adenoids				
29.	<i>Throat</i> { Other Conditions				

		I.	II.	III.	IV.
30.	Cervical Glands (non-tubercular)				
31.	Speech ¹⁶				
32.	Teeth ¹⁷ Number decayed $\frac{T}{P}$				
33.	Teeth ¹⁷ Condition Oral (S) eptis				
34.	Heart & Circ. (O) rg. (F) unct ¹⁸				
35.	Anaemia				
36.	Lungs ¹⁹				
37.	Tuberculosis Pulmonary (D) efin. (S) usp.				
38.	Tuberculosis Non-Pulmonary ²⁰				
39.	Nervous System {				
Epilepsy					
Chorea					
41.	Other Conditions ²¹				
42.	Deformities {				
Rickets					
Spinal Curvature					
44.	Other Forms ²²				
45.	Other Defects and Diseases ²³				
46.	Mental Conditions ²⁴				
47.	Initials of Medical Officer				

NOTE :—The figures 1 to 24 printed in small type refer to the following Notes for guidance of School Medical Officers. These notes should not be printed on the Record Cards in actual use. They are intended for the general guidance of School Medical Officers. The vertical Columns I, II, III, and IV, are provided for noting the results of the first, second, third and fourth inspections respectively.

PART III.—Continued.

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER IN COMPLETING RECORD CARDS.

Reference number and note.

1. Date of birth to be stated exactly—date of month and year.
2. " Other Illnesses " should include any other serious disorder which must be taken into account as affecting directly or indirectly the health of the child in after-life, e.g. rheumatism, tuberculosis, congenital syphilis, small-pox, enteric fever, meningitis, fits, mumps, etc. The effects of these if still traceable should be recorded.
3. State if any cases of or deaths from phthisis, etc., in family.
4. Age to be stated in years and months thus: 5 $\frac{4}{12}$.
5. Note irregularity.

6. Without boots, standing erect with feet together, and the weight thrown on heels and not on toes or outside of feet.

7. Without boots, otherwise ordinary indoor clothes. Height and weight may be recorded in statute measures if preferred. In annual reports, however, the final averages should be recorded in both statute and metric measures.

8. Insufficiency, need of repair, and uncleanness should be recorded (good, average, bad).

9. General nutrition as distinct from muscular development or physique as such. State whether good, normal, below normal, or bad. Under-nourishment is the point to determine.

Appearance of skin and hair, expression, and redness or pallor of mucous membranes, are among the indications.

10. Cleanliness may be stated generally as clean, somewhat dirty or dirty. It must be judged for head and body separately. The skin of the body should be examined for cleanliness, vermin, etc., and the hair for scurf, nits, vermin, or sores. At the same time ringworm and other skin diseases should be looked for:

11. Including diseases of cornea and lens, muscular defects (nystagmus, twitchings), etc.

12. To be tested by Snellen's Test Types at 20 feet distance (6 metres). Result to be recorded in the usual way, e.g.: Normal V6/6. Examination of each eye (R and L) should as a rule be undertaken separately. If the V be worse than 6/9, or if there be signs of eye-strain or headache, fuller examination should be made subsequently. *Omit vision testing of children under 6 years of age.*

13. If hearing be abnormal or such as interferes with class work, subsequent examination of each ear should be undertaken separately. *Apply tests only in general way in case of children under 6 years of age.*

14. Including suppuration, obstruction, etc.

15. The presence or absence of obstruction in the nasopharynx is the chief point to note. Observation should include mouth-breathing, inflammation, enlargement, or suppuration of tonsils; probable or obvious presence of adenoids; polypi; specific or other nasal discharge; catarrh; malformation (palate), etc.

16. Including defects of articulation, lisping, stammering, etc.

17. General condition and cleanliness of temporary and permanent teeth, and amount of decay. Exceptional features, such as Hutchinsonian teeth, should be noted. Oral sepsis.

18. Include heart sounds, position of apex beat, anaemia, etc., in case of anything abnormal or requiring modification of school conditions or exercises.

19. Including physical and clinical signs and symptoms.

20. Glandular, osseous, or other forms.

21. Including paralysis, and nervous strains and disorders.

22. Including defects and deformities of head, trunk, limbs, bone disease, deformed chest, shortened limbs, etc.

23. Including any present infectious parasitical or contagious disease, or any sequelae existing. At each inspection the occurrence of any such diseases since last inspection should be noted; also any weakness, defect or disease not included above, specially unfitting a child for ordinary school life or physical drill, or requiring either exemption from special branches of instruction or particular supervision.

24. Including attention, responses, signs of overstrain, etc.

The general intelligence may be recorded under the following heads:—

(a) Bright, fair, dull, backward;

(b) Mentally defective;

(c) Imbecile.

Omit testing mental capacity of children under 6 years of age.

PART IV.

DENTAL TREATMENT OF CHILDREN.

1. The School Dentist shall attend as required at the school clinic, or other place appointed for the purpose of carrying out the dental treatment of children referred to him by the School Medical Officer.
2. The work of the School Dentist shall have for its object the preservation of the children's teeth. Teeth should not be extracted unless this course is rendered imperatively necessary. The treatment and extractions should as far as possible be painless.
3. The children and their parents who attend with them should be instructed as to the general need for care of the teeth and as to special treatment required in individual cases.
4. A record card as prescribed in Part V. of this Schedule shall be kept in respect of each child treated. The cards shall be kept separately classified for each school in the district.

PART V.

DENTAL INSPECTION CARD.

Name (surname first).....School.....

Address.....Date of Birth.....

Date of Opening.....Referred by.....

Date	Teeth.	Tartar.	Gums:	Temporary			Permanent			Observations
				So.	Sa.	Unsa.	So.	Sa.	Unsa.	
				S.	Sy.	R.	Instruction to Parent, Teacher, etc.			
T.										
P.										

Dental Officer.

DENTAL TREATMENT.

Name (Surname first) School.....

DATE	Extractions		Anæsthetics		Dress	Fillings		Scaling	Other Operations	NOTES
	Temp. Teeth	Perm. Teeth	Local	Gen.		Temp. Teeth	Perm. Teeth			

PART VI.

Confidential.

REPORT OF SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER ON INSPECTION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

- Name and Address of School.....
- Name and Address of School Manager or other person in charge of School.....
- (a) Date of inspection.....
(b) Date of last previous inspection.....
- Number of children
 - on School Roll.....
 - in actual attendance.....
 - absent.....
- Reasons (if any) for 4 (c.).....
- Number of children
 - inspected.....
 - in good health.....
 - suffering from.....
 - suffering from.....
 - suffering from mental defect.....
 - suffering from infectious illness.....
 - suffering from other serious illness.....

7. Summary of action taken and of advice given to parents, guardians or teachers in respect of several classes mentioned in Query 6.

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)
- (f)
- (g)

8. Cases, or suspected cases, of infectious illness, and action taken or recommended thereon.

NAME	Age	Sex	Class	Address	Illness	ACTION.	
						Taken	Recommended.

9. Cases of other serious illness or defect, and action taken or recommended thereon.

NAME	Age	Sex	Class	Address	Illness	ACTION.	
						Taken	Recommended

10. (a) Adequacy, (b) sanitation, (c) ventilation and lighting, (d) heating and general suitability of school premises.

(a) Adequacy—

- (1) cubic space per pupil in average attendance.
 - (2) floor space " " "
 - (3) are adequate and suitable playgrounds provided or available ?
- Recommendations (if any).

(b) Sanitation—

- (1) No. of water closets.....No. of earth closets.....
 - (2) are they suitable in type and in good order ?
 - (3) Is there a good supply of water (i) for drinking ? (ii) for washing ?
 - (4) Are the school premises kept clean ?
 - (5) Can arrangements be made with the local sanitary authority for quarterly disinfection of premises and sanitary conveniences ?
- Recommendations (if any)

- (c) *Ventilation and Lighting*—
- (1) Is there adequate provision ?
 - (2) Is it availed of to the best advantage ?
- Recommendations (if any)
- (d) *Heating*—
- Is it adequate ?
- Recommendations (if any)
- (e) *General Observations.*
- Recommendations (if any)
11. (a) Duration of inspection.....
- (b) Average time per head for (i) general inspection :
(ii) particular inspection.
12. General observations or recommendations.

PART VII.

POINTS TO BE OBSERVED IN THE PREPARATION OF ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER.

1. The report shall relate to the calendar year.
2. As regards the scope of the Report it is desirable that it should deal with the whole subject of School Hygiene, and should cover as much as possible of the ground indicated under the following heads :—

It is recognised that these heads suggest a degree of comprehensiveness which in many, and indeed in most cases, will not immediately be attainable. The Ministry, however, considers it desirable to treat the plan of the Annual Report in such detail as to furnish Education Authorities with a standard, by reference to which they may regulate their arrangements for collecting and digesting the information which the work of the next few years will place at their disposal.

(a) General review of the hygienic conditions prevalent in the schools in the area of the Education Authority in respect of such matters as surroundings, ventilation, lighting, warming, equipment, and sanitation, including observations on the type and condition of sanitary conveniences and lavatories, water supply for washing and drinking purposes, the cleanliness of schoolrooms and cloakrooms, arrangements for drying children's clothes, and the relation of general arrangements of the school to the health of the children.

(b) General description of the arrangements which have been made for the correlation of the School Medical Service with the Public Health Service and for the organisation and supervision of medical inspection, and an account of the methods of inspection adopted, including :—

- (i) A statement showing the assistance given to the School Medical Officer and his Assistants by nurses, managers of schools, teachers, attendance officers, or other persons :
- (ii) A statement showing the methods adopted for securing the treatment of defects, together with a review of the effect of such methods :
- (iii) The extent to which disturbance of school arrangements was involved by the inspection.

(c) General statement of the extent and scope of the medical inspection carried out during the year, including :—

- (i) The number of visits paid to schools.
- (ii) The number of children inspected (classified for age at date of inspection and for sex).

- (iii) The number of children referred for subsequent or further examination.
- (iv) The number of children in respect of whom directions were given for treatment of defects, including a classified statement of such defects.
- (v) The average time per head occupied by inspection.
- (d) General review of the facts disclosed by medical inspection under the headings contained in Part III. of the Schedule to these regulations, including tables showing the height and weight of children inspected (according to age at date of inspection and sex).
- (e) General review of the relation of home circumstances and social and industrial conditions to the health and physical condition of the children inspected, so far as facts bearing on this point have come under notice.
- (f) Review of the methods employed, or available, for the treatment of defects, such as defective eyesight, carious teeth, nasal obstruction or adenoids, tonsillitis, discharging ears, pediculosis, ringworm and other skin diseases, including an account of the action of school nurses in obtaining, or assisting in the treatment of such defects.
- (g) Review of action taken to detect and prevent the spread of infectious diseases.
- (h) Review of the methods adopted and the adequacy of such methods for dealing with blind, deaf, mentally or physically defective and epileptic children.

Payments to Teachers in Public Elementary Schools.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND,
AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE,
NORTHERN IRELAND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS
OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.

1924. No. 5.

In pursuance of the powers conferred by the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") after consultation with the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(a) The incomes of teachers may consist partly of local payments in addition to grants from the Ministry.

(b) The local payments comprise subscriptions, donations and endowments, or school fees from pupils. In some instances residences are provided rent free.

(c) Where school fees are chargeable to the pupils, the rates are fixed by the managers, with the approval of the Ministry, and cannot be altered except with its sanction. (Irish Education Act, 1892, s. 18 (4).) Such fees are payable to the teachers as part of their emoluments in accordance with the terms of their engagements.