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PREFACE TO THIRD EDITION.

The second edition having become exhausted, and the Provisional Regulations made by the Treasury in conjunction with the Postmaster-General and with the Local Government Boards of England, Scotland, and Ireland, having been replaced by the permanent Regulations made on the 15th October, 1908, a third edition of this book was called for.

As is explained in the Circular issued by the Local Government Board on 27th October, the new Regulations are for the most part identical with the Provisional Regulations. Apart from a few alterations which are merely verbal, the following are the points on which the new Regulations differ from the Provisional Regulations:—

No. 19. Words have been added to paragraph (2) of this Regulation requiring that a committee on receiving notice of any decision of the Local Government Board on an appeal by a person aggrieved other than the claimant or pensioner, shall send information of such decision to that person as well as to the pension officer and to the claimant or pensioner.

No. 22. This Regulation has been slightly altered with the object of making it clear that the right of a sub-committee to the use of offices of a local authority extends to any such offices in the area of the council of the county, borough, or urban district by whom the local pension committee are appointed, and is not confined to offices within the area of the sub-committee.

A proviso has also been added to paragraph (3) of the Regulation directing that, except with the sanction of the Local Government Board, a committee or sub-committee shall not hold a meeting on any licensed premises, nor shall any such premises be used without such sanction as an office of the committee or sub-committee, or for any purpose of or incidental to their business. The sanction of the Local Government Board in any such case is only to be given when no other suitable room is available, either free of charge or at a cost not exceeding the scale fixed by the Treasury. For the purpose of the Regulation, the expression "licensed premises" is defined by paragraph (4) of the Regulation to mean premises licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquor, and to include any club at which such liquor is supplied.

No. 24. A proviso has been added to paragraph (2) of this Regulation, to enable the Local Government Board, in special circumstances, to authorise a smaller or a greater number of members of a sub-committee than that specified in the Regulation.

No. 31. Some alteration has been made in paragraph (2) of the Regulation, with respect to the disposal of documents by the pension officers.

No. 36. Paragraph (1) of this Regulation has been altered to bring it up to date. It requires that every council by whom a local pension committee has not already been appointed shall forthwith hold a meeting for the purpose of appointing such committee.

No. 38. This Regulation is new. It provides that everything done in pursuance of the Provisional Regulations shall, notwithstanding anything contained in the present Regulations, be deemed to have been validly done, and have full effect accordingly.

The opportunity has been taken to amend and add to the notes to the various sections with a view of elucidating such points of difficulty as are likely to be raised during the early stages of the application of the Act.

All important Circulars issued by the Local Government Boards of England, Scotland, and Ireland since the publication of the second edition have been inserted in the present edition.

W. A. C.

Temple,
2nd November, 1908.

PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION.

The first edition of this little book was hurried through the press at such speed that some mistakes were unavoidable. The opportunity which the preparation of a second edition has afforded has been taken advantage of to correct any errors, and to add further matter. In view of some opinions which have been elsewhere expressed as to the mode of calculating the incomes of married persons, a special note has been added to section 4 (2), in which it is pointed out that the total income of a married couple is not to be divided in every case, but is only to be divided for the purpose of providing a technical minimum income for one of the couple. Complete lists have been added to Appendix C, giving the local authorities in Scotland and Ireland by whom local pension committees are to be appointed, as well as those given in the previous edition for England. Additions have been made to Appendix D so that it now comprises the three Naturalization Acts of 1870, 1872, and 1895.

W. A. C.

Temple,
15th September, 1908.