

Regulations as to Cremation.—(H. 2/92.)

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this 16th day of
October, 1928.

Present :

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE J. G. COATES, P.C., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in him by the Cemeteries Act, 1908, and of all other powers and authorities in anywise enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby make the following regulations prescribing conditions for the cremation of the dead, without the observance whereof no cremation shall be effected.

REGULATIONS.

REGULATION 1.—PRELIMINARY.

- (1) THESE regulations may be cited as "The Cremation Regulations, 1928."
- (2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of August, 1928.
- (3) In these regulations, where not inconsistent with the context,—
 - "Approved crematorium" means a crematorium approved for the cremation of human remains, as hereinafter provided :
 - "The said Act" means the Cemeteries Act, 1908, and its amendments :
 - "Medical Officer of Health" and "Inspector of Health" have the respective meanings attributed to these terms by the Health Act, 1920 :
 - "Medical Referee" means a Medical Referee or a Deputy Medical Referee appointed pursuant to Regulation 5 hereof, and, in case of cremations taking place elsewhere than in an approved crematorium, means a Medical Officer of Health :
 - "Trustees" includes the persons appointed to be the trustees of a cemetery under the said Act and the managers of a burial-ground under the said Act and a local authority having the control of a cemetery under the said Act, and the person, company, or corporation owning or exercising control over any crematorium :
 - "The Minister" means the Minister of Health :
 - "Sexton" means any person having, under the trustees, the management of any crematorium.

REGULATION 2.—USE OF CREMATORIA.

- (1) No crematorium shall be used for the cremation of human remains until it shall have been approved in writing for that purpose by the Minister.
- (2) Should any breach of these regulations be committed in connection with any crematorium, or should it appear to the Minister desirable for reasons of health, change in character of the locality, or any other reasons, that its use should be discontinued, then the Minister may, by notice in the *Gazette*, withdraw any such approval.
- (3) Every crematorium shall be maintained in good working order and provided with a competent attendant or attendants when required, and kept at all times in a clean and orderly condition.
- (4) On the closing by the trustees of any crematorium the trustees shall forthwith give notice in writing thereof to the Minister.
- (5) Every crematorium shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by any Medical Officer of Health or Inspector of Health, or any other person appointed for that purpose by the Minister.
- (6) The Minister may make any inquiry he thinks fit as to the carrying-out of these regulations in connection with any crematorium.