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No. 51. Read the following letter from GEO. PEARSE, Esq., M.D., Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 7th July 1860, No. 97.

I have the honor to inform you, that my attention has lately been called by Dr. Mudge, the Surgeon of the 2nd District, to the numerous cases of accidental drowning which occur in the Town of Madras and its vicinity, and it has been suggested that plain directions for the treatment of persons apparently drowned, if distributed to the various Police Tannahs, might instruct the Police and others, how to act, in such cases, with the view of saving, or restoring life.

2. The accompanying simple rules have been compiled, from the instructions of the late "Dr. Marshall Hall," by Dr. Mudge, and I have the honor to request, that they may be translated into Hindustani, Tamil and Telugu, and that printed copies of the various translations may be hung up conspicuously in each Police Tannah.

Directions for the immediate treatment of persons apparently drowned.

1st. As soon as the person is taken out of the water, lay him down on the ground and let the wind blow upon the surface of his body.

2nd. Wipe the lips, open the mouth and remove any mud or weeds, turn him over gently with the face to the ground and place one of his hands under the forehead. By doing this, the water will run out of the mouth and the tongue will fall forward leaving the breathing opening free.

3rd. If the person breathe, wait a little and observe carefully. If he do not breathe or after breathing once or twice appear to stop, then turn him quickly on the side and apply snuff or ammonia to the nostrils, or tickle the fauces or back part of the throat with a feather, or rub the face smartly with a cloth and afterwards dash cold water on it.

4th. If there be no benefit, begin immediately to imitate the movements of breathing. Place the person with the face towards the ground and put a double cumbly or a pillow under the chest. Turn the body very gently on the side and towards the back and then back again with the face downwards and continue these movements steadily and regularly once in four seconds, sometimes rolling it to the right side and sometimes to the left. Every time the body is placed face downwards, press briskly on the back between the shoulder blades on each side and low down. Stop this pressure when you turn the body over on the back.

5th. If this plan be followed carefully before it is too late, breathing will be restored and life saved.

6th. When breathing has been restored, apply warm cumblies or flannel, bottles of hot-water or heated bricks to the stomach, arm-pits, between the thighs and to the soles of the feet. From the first rub the limbs upwards with cumblies or handkerchiefs and shampoo them.

7th. On no account let people crowd round the body.

8th. Send quickly for Medical assistance, continuing the treatment till it arrives.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1860, No. 862.

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Copies of the paper received with this letter, will be furnished to the Government Translators, who will submit translations of it in the Tamil, Telugu, and Hindustani languages.

2. The Commissioner of Police will state how many copies of it in each of these languages, as well as English, he will require for distribution among Police Officers and to the Tannah Stations.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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