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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
15th November 1871.*

No. 32. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, dated Simla, 31st October 1871, No. 430 (General) :—

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OBSERVATIONS.

A simple and concise popular work on medicine, suited to the wants of non-professional persons in this country, has long been wanted. To the many officers of the Forest, Survey, Customs, Opium, and other Departments, who are scattered over India in situations far removed from medical advice, simple instructions for the treatment of accidents, of diseases, and especially of those tropical diseases ~~which are not common, and which require early treatment,~~ would, it is believed, prove of much service, not only for their own use, but also for the use of their families and establishments. Such a work could not take the place of proper medical advice, nor is it proposed that it should be resorted to where such advice can be obtained; but, in the absence of such assistance, much might be done, and probably many lives might be saved, if a manual, well suited to the circumstances, accompanied by a small medicine chest, were placed in the hands of all those who have no other guide.

2. Such a work, however, to be really useful, must be *extremely* simple and concise. It must contain no technical terms, and it should deal with as few remedies as possible. With this object, all the medicines recommended as absolutely essential should first be enumerated, their action explained, and the proper doses, both for adults and children, stated. (Small medicine boxes will be hereafter distributed, arranged expressly with reference to this first chapter.) In the next chapter, the symptoms of the chief diseases, and the treatment which is best suited to each, should be described. A third chapter should be devoted to the diagnosis and cure of accidents; and a fourth should contain general instructions for preserving health, especially in those circumstances of exposure and of residence in unhealthy localities which so frequently attach to the performance of duty.

RESOLUTION.—His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council has resolved to offer a prize of Rupees 1,000 for the best manual of this kind (special regard being had to brevity and simplicity) which shall be submitted on or before the 15th October 1872. Manuscripts should be sent to the Inspector-General of

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* These will be printed in brackets.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be sent to all Local Governments and Administrations, for general information, and to the Home Department for communication through the proper channels to all branches of the Medical Services.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. O. HUME,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 15th November 1871, No. 1694.

Communicated to the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, who will cause the offer of the reward and conditions to be made known to the several Departments of the Medical Service.

2. A copy will also be sent to the Military Department for communication to the Inspector-General, British Medical Service. A copy will be laid on the Editors' table.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.

„ Military Department.

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Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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[General.]

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