

and ready method of applying the ONE CHIEF REMEDY in all such cases, viz., artificial respiration, and so aid in saving a life.

THE TORONTO CITY COUNCIL, moved by Alderman Mutton, have referred to a Committee the question of the cost, and keeping in order, of two floating bathing-houses. It is to be hoped Alderman Mutton will not permit the matter to rest until they are a-float. It would be a charity to the "great unwashed," and a good thing for the entire public in the city, if there could be one or two *free* bathing houses of that description built.

COMPULSORY VENTILATION.—We have a law compelling attendance at our public schools, but there appears to be no provisions in it to compel school sections or trustees to provide properly ventilated school-houses. It might become a question involving a nice point of law whether children could be compelled, or subjected to fine if they refused, to sit in a room which might be proved to be positively injurious to their health. It would be wisest to provide suitable school-houses before compelling attendance in them.

BEST KNOWN, LEAST LIKED.—Tobacco has perhaps never before received so strong a counter-blast as has recently come from its own supposed birth place. At a recent meeting of the Virginia State Medical Society, Dr. W. W. Parker, Chairman of a Committee upon tobacco, gave in, in a report, the following conclusions :—

“That the use of tobacco is more revolting and obnoxious to the natural physical man than is the use of alcohol.

That to the uninitiated it is a more deadly poison.

That the *toleration* of it by the system is no evidence that the drug has ceased its bad effects upon the organism.

That the moderate use of tobacco causes more dyspepsia than the moderate use of alcohol.

That no young man should begin its use without first consulting the most intelligent physician in his neighborhood as to its probable effects upon his nervous and digestive systems.

That the testimony of smokers and chewers *themselves* against the use of tobacco is that it is *uniformly damaging*; far more so than is the testimony of drinkers against the use of alcohol.