

cent. benzol. The ethereal extract is then mixed with a 3 per cent. solution of copper acetate in distilled water. An emerald green color in the ethereal layer indicates pancreatic activity. If no color change results, pancreatic lipase is absent. Hydrochloric acid in the gastric contents may interfere with the test. It is, therefore, advisable to add soda to a second test meal to overcome the acidity. It may be said that the reaction is based upon the fact that neutral fat, free from fatty acid, is split up by the lipase from the pancreas, the resulting acid forming green salts with copper.

MEDICAL RESEARCH AT UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Through the enterprise and progressiveness of Professor McPhedran, twenty to fifty thousand dollars has been secured to prosecute research work in the Medical Department of the University of Toronto. The Board of Governors of the University have appointed President Falconer, Dean Clarke, Professor McPhedran, Professor Leathes, Professor Brodie and Professor J. J. Mackenzie to direct the research work. A portion of the fund will be directed towards tuberculosis.

"SYNTHETIC MILK"

This new food product of German scientific origin early found its way into England and *The Lancet* soon had an opportunity of examining into its claims. Their consulting chemist says the substance looks very like milk and has a round, sweet, fatty flavor not unlike that of rich milk. It is said to be an ingenious uniform emulsion, its constituents being mostly derived from the soya bean and other vegetables. As the product can be retailed at 3d. a quart, it may in time prove an undoubted rival of the genuine article.

SHALL DOCTORS ADVERTISE?

Dr. Holder Sneve, the retiring President of the Minnesota State Medical Association, gave expression to the following in his retiring presidential address. "I am a believer in newspaper publicity as regards new methods, accomplishments and successes. I believe in doctors advertising to an extent that will justify the newspapers in excluding patent medicine advertisements, which