

## IODINE AND ACONITE.

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Of the therapeutical value of this preparation, first introduced to the profession by the late Dr. Frank Abbott, in the treatment of periodontitis and other inflammatory conditions of the oral cavity, I have for many years found nothing to equal the official preparations of these drugs, as follows:

Iodine (St. George's Paint).

Aconite (Fleming's).

Equal parts. The commercial tinctures are, in the large majority of cases, absolutely useless. Young practitioners need, however, to realize that they are dealing here with two dangerous poisons, and remember that it is better to repeat the painting of the part by small quantities, than to saturate the gums to such an extent that the throat and alimentary tract are irritated, and the stomach disturbed. I am led to give this warning on account of several very nearly serious cases witnessed, wherein a young practitioner applied a large swab of cotton, dipped in the mixture, to one side of an affected tooth. Such practice is safe in the use of astringents, as a rule, but it is highly reprehensible with iodine-aconite. In one case the entire mucous membrane of the mouth, throat and tongue was discolored from the excessive quantity used. In another case there were all the symptoms of aconite poisoning, and for several days the patient was under the care of a physician. In the use of poisons in dental *materia medica*, it is wiser to do too little than too much.

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## Proceedings of Dental Societies.

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### DENTAL ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The first session of the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Dental Association of the Province of Nova Scotia was opened at 9.30 a.m., in the Temperance Hall, Wolfville, N.S., on August 25th, 1897, with the President, Dr. F. H. Parker, in the chair.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and passed.

The election of officers was the first order of business, which resulted as follows:—

President, Dr G. K. Thomson, Halifax; 1st Vice-President, Dr. M. P. Harrington, Bridgewater; 2nd Vice-President, Dr. M. K. Langille, Truro; Secretary, Dr. J. A. Johnson, Parrsboro'.