

to have a perfect cleansing agent it must be both alkaline and antiseptic. My success in treating these diseases, viz., acute and chronic nasal catarrh, including ozena, acute and chronic tonsillitis, pharyngitis, catarrhal deafness, etc., has been due almost entirely to the systematic and thorough cleansing of the mucous surface with Glyco-Thymoline. I have been using this ideal alkaline antiseptic in my practice for years and have never been disappointed in it.

ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Committee on Papers of the Ontario Medical Association, in addition to the address on Surgery by Dr. Crile, of Cleveland, is now able to announce that an address in Medicine will be delivered by Dr. Ravenal, of the Phipps Institute, Philadelphia, on "The Methods of Infection in Tuberculosis."

One of the afternoons of the meeting will be given up to a series of papers dealing with the "Relation of the Profession to the Public." These will touch the medico-legal, public health, and psychiatric aspects of the question, the preservation of water supplies being taken up in a distinct paper.

The programme in both the medical and surgical sections is being rapidly filled up in a manner that leaves no doubt about the interest that will attach to the discussions.

THE PURITY OF HOWARD'S CHEMICALS.

It is now universally recognized that the utmost care is necessary in selecting drugs and chemicals for pharmaceutical purposes as free as possible from deleterious impurities.

In no case is this more necessary than in that of calomel, because the impurity most likely to incur is the extremely poisonous corrosive sublimate. The necessity of constant watchfulness is well illustrated by the following cutting, which we take from the "Answers to Correspondents" column of the well-known English periodical, *The British and Colonial Druggist* :—

"We find about .84 per cent. of hydrarg. perchlor. in the sample of calomel sent us. This is rather less than you found yourself, but possibly the sample is not uniform in composition. Anyway, it is unfit for use in medicine."

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