

purpose of bringing about an alkaline condition of the oral fluids, by neutralizing the excess of acids present. A teaspoonful of the preparation taken into the mouth and allowed to float around over the teeth, coats them with a slight film of alkaline magnesium hydrate, which is sufficiently adherent to protect the tooth-surface from the acid action for a number of hours. I have tested the reaction of the saliva three hours subsequent to the application, and found it still markedly alkaline. It is probably sufficient to prescribe its use three times daily, after meals, though when used night and morning the action is markedly beneficial in retarding erosion. Its advantage over soda bicarbonate, chalk, or lime-water is because of its continued action over a considerable time and the film-like alkaline coating which it forms upon the surfaces of the teeth."

We should like to ask our exchange if it is true, as stated in an advertisement in a London (Eng.) paper that Mr. Labouchere, M.P. the editor of *Truth* wrote a puff of a "One Guinea Dentist," saying that this genius "had one of the largest practices in the world and that he can do everything that science and experience suggest to satisfy every customer?" If it is true that *Truth* in this case belied its name, we are not at all surprised, knowing the erratic reputation of the Laboucheres and Steads and their ilk. We have reason to be grateful that so far the Dominion of Canada has not, in this direction, yet produced a public man so ready to show himself an unmitigated ass.

WE acknowledge the receipt of the Antikamnia Calendar for 1900. There are human faces that are almost expressionless; but the artist has here actually put the shadow of smiles and sorrow on the very skull. The conceptions are clever enough to reconcile a fellow to his skeleton. It is not all unbecoming.

WE shall have an interesting announcement to make in the next issue.