

to have found it, the etiological factor is still unknown. The treatment consists in removal of the crusts with olive oil compresses, cleansing the skin with hot water and soap, boric acid solution, etc., followed by the use of Lassar's paste:

R. Acid, salicylic.....30 grains.
 Petrolati..... 1 ounce.
 Zinci oxidi.....
 Amyli.....a. a. $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.

VINEGAR AS AN ANTIDOTE TO CARBOLIC ACID.—Applied to the skin or mucous membrane burnt by carbolic acid, vinegar causes a rapid disappearance of the characteristic whiteness, as well as the numbness produced by the acid; it also prevents the formation of a slough. Vinegar also neutralises carbolic acid introduced into the stomach. In cases where carbolic acid has been swallowed, therefore, Professor Carleton suggests, the patient should be made to drink vinegar diluted with an equal quantity of water, and the stomach should then be washed out.—*Practitioner*.

THE MICROBE PATHOLOGY.—*Phila. Ledger*. It is a sad time for medical art and for the sick when physicians turn from the study of individual patients to the investigation of disease as an abstract condition, forgetting that every disease is profoundly modified in its type and issue by the peculiarities of the persons in whom it occurs. Of the many evils begotten of this error, a very serious one is that it tends to impair a physician's sense of responsibility, and, therefore, lessen that anxious vigilance which he should never suspend while the issues of life and death are in his hands. At the same time the patients of a physician who appears to have little faith in his own powers soon tend to lose their faith in him. It is through faith alone that innumerable cures are wrought, cures that have even been called miraculous.

We desire to draw special attention to the high encomiums of Dr. Playter's recent book, from the medical press and eminent physicians; and also to his Sanatorium for cases of incipient phthisis, heart disease, rheumatism, neuroses, etc., on page xx of advertisements, etc.

The American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists at its ninth annual meeting held at Richmond, Va., elected the following-named officers for the ensuing year, namely:—President, James F. W. Ross, M.D., Toronto; vice-presidents, George Ben Johnson, M.D., Richmond, and John C. Sexton, M.D., Rushville, Ind.; secretary, William Warren Potter, M.D., Buffalo; treasurer, Xavier O. Werder, M.D., Pittsburg; executive council, Charles A. L. Reed, M.D., Cincinnati; Lewis S. McMurry, M.D., Louisville; A. Vander Veer, M.D., Albany; J. Henry Carstens, M.D., Detroit; and William E. B. Davis, M.D., Birmingham.

The next annual meeting was appointed to be held at the Cataract House, Niagara Falls, N.Y., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th, 1897.