

give an example, the Board of this township, of which I am medical health officer, has not met, that I know of, this year, and I have no doubt the farce is carried on in other townships in a similar manner.

In Elma there had been in former years "a great deal of diphtheria." Dr. Hamilton reports that: "During the last few years under the new drainage law, a very large area of the township has been thoroughly drained and put in a state of cultivation, and I have noticed a great diminution of diphtheria as a consequence, more especially is this the case where the saw-mills have been torn down and the mounds of saw-dust removed.

The township has several villages included in its area, all unincorporated. One of these contains about 400 inhabitants, and had two slaughter-houses in full operation until we had a few cases of typhoid (previously referred to) when I wrote to the Central Board asking for their removal. One of these has since been taken to the country, and the other which was not in close proximity to any residence and well kept allowed to remain.

An important suggestion: In this township Elma are nearly a dozen cheese factories; at several of these, hogs are kept during the warm summer months, causing a great nuisance and I have seen a few cases of typhoid on such premises, or in close proximity thereto. "Such nuisances must in my mind, says Dr. Hamilton,

have a deleterious effect on the cheese manufactured on such premises, and I think the authorities should give the matter their serious consideration, inasmuch as cheese is an important article of food, much of which we export to other countries.

Dr. Sproule, M. P., Medical Officer for Euphrasia, reports a severe case of diphtheria, in a school teacher, under his own care. He had the house and premises disinfected, and the well cleaned out before any more of the water was used. The infection was clearly from drinking foul water contaminated by the drainage of the stable manure which was located within a short distance of the well, and on higher ground with the surface drainage always flowing towards the well." I analyzed the water Dr. Sproule continues "and found it contained a large percentage of organic matter evidently from the manure heap. I ordered the school to be cleaned out, whitewashed, and disinfected before being used again, and I am pleased to say no other cases occurred except one in a neighboring family that I was notified of the day of my second visit." This family submitted to the same quarantine regulations and the disease did not spread. The Dr. regrets "that some medical men completely ignore the law" in respect to notification of infectious cases. He also suggests the advisability of having health sheets published and distributed.

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THE HEGIRA TO BERLIN.

PROBABLY the world has never presented another such precipitate flight of physicians and their patients to any hygienic goal as that which has been just recently and is now taking place to Berlin. The medical world has learned to believe that any work of Dr. Koch is genuine and likely to be serviceable, and that it may be received without the usual "grain of salt." Far be it from us to cast a doubt on his efforts now. We do, however, regard the rush in the pro-

fession to Berlin as precipitate in the fullest sense of the word, and premature; while, and which will be of greater consequence, a large proportion of the tuberculous sufferers will be doomed to disappointment. Koch's remedy is of course in no sense, a prophylactic, but only a therapeutic agent, and we do not propose to discuss it at any length. He himself claims as yet but comparatively little for it as a cure for consumption and of the permanency of such cure; while it is only