

recognized methods of treatment or interrupted their use, and we are constrained to advise against any lessening of those well-known measures which not only had effected cures, but which have reduced the incidence of the disease. We are aware that Dr. Friedmann does not wish to be judged scientifically on newspaper statements, and we would certainly disclaim responsibility for certain of those which have appeared. Nevertheless, it is on those that the public bases its opinion until replaced by reliable and unbiased scientific pronouncements supported by convincing data.

"In our series of patients, Dr. Friedmann has almost exclusively made use of the intramuscular method alone in pulmonary cases, and a very considerable proportion of them have either developed no considerable infiltrate at all, or have suffered from abscess formations. It is evident, therefore, that a very considerable portion of these patients may expect their treatment at the hand of Dr. Friedmann to extend over a long period.

"Concerning the cultures submitted to us we may state that a series of experiments is under way. The bacillus has been found to be an acidfast organism having properties quite different from those of any tubercle bacillus with which we are acquainted. It appears to be identical with an organism cultivated from a few loopfulls of the material used for injection which Dr. Friedmann permitted us to place on culture media in his presence. We requested Dr. Friedmann to furnish us with a large amount of this material for examination, but this he declined to do.

"We can state, however, that living acidfast bacteria are being injected by the intermuscular and intravenous method, although we are ignorant of what medium they are suspended in or what additional substance or substances may be contained in the final mixture."

Immediately after the presentation of the Public Health Service report, a resolution was unanimously adopted declaring it to be the judgment of the association that "no specific cure for tuberculosis had yet been discovered to warrant the confidence of the public or the medical profession."

The Toronto Academy of Medicine adopted the following at its annual meeting on 6th May:

"While the Academy of Medicine of Toronto disapproves of the spectacular and commercial manner in which Dr. Friedmann's treatment of tuberculosis has been presented, it strongly advises both the profession and public to await results of investigation not yet complete.

"In the cases treated by him in Toronto there is nothing to show that there has been any improvement which is not secured by other methods of treatment.

"Dr. Friedmann has not received the endorsement of the medical