

The press despatches of 17th June had this item:—

Dr. Friederich F. Friedmann, the Berlin physician, who announced several months ago that he had a cure for tuberculosis, sailed for home 17th June. His institute in New York was closed recently after the Board of Health had forbidden the use of his vaccine. The doctor did not say whether he would return."

We now think it is the duty of all health boards and public health officers to issue definite and positive orders for the prevention of the use of the Friedmann vaccine. Until it can be shown by trusted experts that the living bacilli obtained from the turtle is harmless, by oft-repeated experiments on animals, it should not be employed in the treatment of the human victim of tuberculosis.

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#### CARE OF THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

To Hon. W. J. Hanna in a greater degree than to any one else the hospitals and charities of Ontario are specially indebted. He has had in the discharge of his duties as provincial secretary an open mind, and the imagination to see what was most needed. Step by step he has conducted this phase of his departmental work to its present position. The various acts he has been responsible for, such as the Hospitals and Charities Act., etc., and the Prison Farm, and the new Hospital for the Insane at Whitby, are examples of his good work.

But this is not all. The general care of the sick, the insane, the feeble-minded and the prisoner has been constantly before his mind. All over the province are evidences of his thoughtful care in the way of numerous improvements in the public institutions for the care of the foregoing classes.

The latest move is the creation of a new office for the care of the feeble-minded. This has been in the air for some time, and has now some to be an accomplished fact. The office, however, would be of no value without a suitable incumbent to fill it. We think that all will approve of the appointment of Dr. Helen MacMurchy to fill this position. She has very many of the qualities both of head and heart that fit her for it, and, in addition to these, she has unlimited energy.

We congratulate the government on the new movement in behalf of a certain unfortunate class, and we congratulate Dr. Helen MacMurchy on being chosen to put this new department into useful operation.