

ing the campaign as a whole, it cannot properly be said that the medical or hospital arrangements broke down. It adds that there has been nothing in the nature of a scandal in regard to the care of the sick and wounded, and no general widespread neglect. All the witnesses of experience in other wars were practically unanimous in declaring that, taking it all-in-all, the sick and wounded were never so well cared for in any other campaign.

The commission did not pretend that the medical service was in all respects satisfactory. It was found that the army medical corps was not in a good state of preparation for a heavy campaign. In certain cases, a few of the orderlies in the field hospitals were found to be guilty of serious offences, especially in pilfering stimulants from the medical supplies. It is a great satisfaction for us to learn from the inquiry that the conduct of the medical officers, taken all-in-all, and especially considering the very serious difficulties they sometimes had to contend with, was simply magnificent.

DIAGNOSIS OF CANCER OF THE STOMACH.

Those who have been in practice for a number of years will readily assent to the statement that it is, by no means, an easy task to make a diagnosis of cancer of the stomach in every instance. Indeed, in many it is very difficult, and in not a few instances almost, if not quite, impossible. The writings of Brinton, Habershon, Wilson Fox, Ewald, Hemmeter, Martin, Fenwick, Welch, Osler and others, make it abundantly clear that the stomach is one of the most reluctant organs in the body to yield up its pathological secrets. We shall endeavor to state in concise form some of the signs and symptoms of gastric cancer.

The disease has usually a gradual onset. This, however, is not always the case. In perhaps about 20 per cent. of all cases the disease seems to come on suddenly, the cause being usually some indiscretion in food or drink. The disease may have been already in existence and only brought into notice by such circumstances; or, these causes set up some inflammatory condition that ended in cancer.