

iment or body. This we see very day in cancer, for all recognize and know that repeated surgical operations end disastrously, and Ewing<sup>3</sup>, as a result of pathological observation states, in regard to mammary cancer, "There can be no doubt that operation shortens life and aggravates the terminal suffering in a great majority of recurrent cases."

What now happens if a good and compassionate colonel is in charge of the same regiment? Hearing the rumors of dissatisfaction he investigates and happens in at the same meeting, or listens outside, in which the soldiers, or cells, are complaining to one another and proposing to kill their officers as the cancer cells if the bad conditions of body remained unchanged would of themselves kill the patient. The good colonel hears the soldiers declaim to each other the various sources of discontent which were leading them to riotous and mutinous conduct. "The beef and canned goods are rotten," "The potatoes are frosted and decayed," "The canned milk is all sour," "The cereals are full of maggots," "The black bread is sour and mouldy," "The drink called coffee is made from acorns," etc., etc. Moreover, "The hygienic conditions are dreadful," "The wooden flooring of the tents is decayed, and some are sleeping on the ground," "The tents are worn out and leak in the rain," "Filth prevails everywhere," "There is an insufficient supply of blankets, and the tents not being warmed and the clothing poor and worn out, some perish from the cold, while all suffer," "The shoes are worn out, and those that were

provided did not fit, but caused sore feet," "There were no gloves or mufflers to protect against the bitter cold," etc., etc. "Let us kill our officers and go home."

The good colonel hears all this from the outside and steps into the gathering and says, "Boys, I have been hearing all that you have said; why did you not come right to me? The things you mention are shameful and should not be, and I have been derelict and should have looked into and rectified them before; but all shall be changed and you shall all be the good soldiers, such as you always were before we came to Siberia."

By some means or other, with great care and attention to every detail he secures better transportation and supplies them with the proper and best food imaginable and rectifies all the hygienic and personal elements which were wrong. He dismisses all the commissary agents and also the non-commissioned officers, appointing new ones who carry out scrupulously all his personal orders, and he places everything as it would be in an ideally regulated camp, under his own personal supervision in every, detail.

What now happens to this discontented, riotous and mutinous group of soldiers? There is no need of shooting them because they have threatened to kill their officers and go home, for they thought they had, and did have, just reason for complaint. Now all is changed, and they take up their former life of obedience to just commands, do their work and drilling cheerfully, and become again even better soldiers than before, because they have experien-