

is lower than a brute, and like the *brute* will be conquered by man. We see this in the inability of the German soldier to face the enemy in the open. They fly from the hand to hand fight. They will not come out into the open sea. They attack the enemy with a poisonous gas, and they put poisonous germs in their shells. They make an illegal use of science take the place of moral courage.

One of the best evidences we have of the breaking down of the *nerves* of the German soldiers is found in the steadily increasing number of suicides among her troops. Efforts have been put forth to stop this by cutting off the pensions from the wives and children of those who end their lives in this manner. But it is not effective, and the numbers of German soldiers who are taking their own lives are steadily on the increase. This is a far surer sign of coming defeat, than that Germany might meet with a signal reverse on the battlefield. Once more—"self abasement paves the way."

THE DOCTOR IN THE ARMY—HIS PLACE AND VALUE.

From the Iliad we learn, as translated by Pope:

The physician skilled our wounds to heal
Is more than armies to the nation's weal.

In the present war the place and value of the physician and surgeon, and his co-worker, the scientist, have performed a most valuable service for the state. If they have not been able to control the bullets and shells, they have been able to repair in a remarkable way the damage wrought by these, and to hold in check all sorts of infections, both as regards the active soldier, and the wounded. The havoc resulting from disease and gangrene in bygone wars reveal the position of the scientist in the present war.

The Army and Navy of the first French Republic came well nigh to destruction for lack of medical men due to the suppression of the faculties of medicine in old France. Pestilence, disease, and gangrene was destroying more than the war itself. The result was that all medical men in France of suitable age and health were compelled to serve in the army and navy. Even students in their last year of study were forced into service. Every available building was filled with sick and wounded soldiers. Among the soldiers mortality was frightful. It was the field day of the bacillus. Compare that condition with the one now found in France, and one can at a glance see what science has accomplished.