

better in the business. The colonel made a speech to the boys after 'tattoo,' last night, and expressed his happiness in meeting them again. It was natural to see him once more with us, and we all hope that his health will permit him to remain. He certainly looks improved in every respect, and if he is as well as he looks, we have no fears."

Col. Larrabee's will power kept him up as long as possible. He was proud of his regiment, loved the service, and was popular with all classes of the army, from the highest officer to the humblest in the ranks. In May, for a few days, in the absence of General Lytle, he commanded the brigade; but disease had fastened itself upon him. "I visited Col. Larrabee, yesterday," writes a Murfreesborough correspondent, May 21st; "he looks very much worn out." At length, wasted by disease contracted in the swamps of the Chickahominy, he yielded to the inevitable, and resigned, August 27th, 1863, retiring from his command greatly to his regret. Had not his health failed him, he was well adapted to military life, and well calculated to have risen, by his force of character and sterling merit, to the highest honors of the service.

On this occasion, Gen. P. H. Sheridan, commanding the division of which the Twenty-Fourth Wisconsin formed a part, wrote thus kindly to Col. Larrabee, under date Stevenson, Ala., Aug. 31st: "*Colonel*:—On retiring from the service, I desire to express to you, in some manner, my regard for your past services in connection with my division. Having had every opportunity to observe, it gives me great satisfaction to testify to the ability you have always displayed as a commander. Your conduct and bearing have always been that of an intelligent, brave and obedient officer; and I feel assured that whatever position you may hereafter be called upon to occupy, you will win for yourself the same credit to which, I am happy to say, you are justly entitled, for the valuable services you have, in your patriotism rendered the government while commanding a regiment in this division."

James Adair Grover, assistant adjutant-general, addressed to Col. Larrabee, Aug. 30th, in behalf of Gen. W. H. Lytle, the following official order: "*Colonel*:—I have the honor to forward the acceptance of your resignation to the headquarters of the