

Chinese inn. The whole place, barracks, shops, church, and everything, was not so large, and certainly not so well built, as the barracks of my regiment in India.

We were close here to the Korean frontier, so there were numbers of Koreans about. Many are settled in this valley, and seem to flourish, and to be looked upon with favour by the Russian authorities. They appeared to me to be rather a dull, insipid race, but they are said to be quiet and orderly, and as the Russians want population to cultivate and improve the land, so much of which is now merely run to waste, they are welcomed to Russian territory to carry out the work of which the Russians themselves seem incapable. Colonel Sokolowski told us that his government were extremely anxious to have all this Eastern Siberia colonised by Russians. They gave every encouragement they could to settlers; free farming implements, horses, and cattle, and brought them out from Russia free of expense; but the settlers had no energy or vigour; they accepted all that was given them, and set to work to produce enough to live on, but nothing beyond. "If you English," said