## \*THE FOOTLIGHTS.\*

## WAR ON A WHITE SHEET.

T is not often that an opportunity occurs of hearing a 1 man who has been "in eight campaigns on three continents" relate his experiences, with illustrations by his own hand; but such an opportunity presented itself recently when Mr. Frederic Villiers gave his lecture, "War on a white sheet," in the opera house here. Mr. Villiers was already well known to his audience through the sketches of his that have appeared during the last twelve years in the Graphic, and when the lecturer was introduced by Major-Gen. Cameron he was warmly received by the large and fashionable audience that had gathered to hear him.

Mr. Villiers began with a description of the manner in which illustrations are prepared for the papers, and then, for nearly two hours, held his audience deeply interested, while he related his experiences in the Turko-Russian war, in Egypt and in the Soudan.

The great charm of the entertainment lay in the fact that Mr. Villiers did not deliver an elaborate lecture, but talked to his audience; now thrilling it to the core with the account of the death-tramp of the Plevna prisoners, or of the march of the square to the Nile, now exciting sensations of a different nature by describing Lord Wolseley's wardrobe, or the Abyssinian St. George.

The fine presence and picturesque costume of the lecturer, the easy and natural manner in which he addressed his audience, and the sketches, drawn on battlefields that are still fresh in the memory of everyone, gave to the entertainment a tout ensemble that was quite unique in the experience of Kingston theatre-goers.

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