

loose curb that restrained their rampant passions while under tutors, they having now become, in a great measure, the arbiters of their own actions. And when we consider that the younger part had been successively thrown into the company of those already schooled by thorough culture among these fashionable rakes, and the aptness also of the young to copy from those older than themselves, especially in the darker shades of character—their pertness and wish to shine—it is not difficult to conceive of their ability to contribute their share in supplying fuel to this seething cauldron of fashionable vice.

From a necessarily hasty and general view of the company now before us, as they appear in the officers' mess-room, and from general appearances, we judged that they were a goodly and noble-looking company. We will, however, be more special and personal in our survey and remarks, and endeavor with an impartial judgment to portray the personal appearance of a few, and to sketch their moral character ; for that, after all, is our main object and aim.

Of course, the highest in point of office must claim our first regard, and for other reasons than merely being the highest in office. He appeared to be the oldest, and had no doubt been a dashing fellow in his time. The Colonel bore all the marks of being a man of the world and a highly polished gentleman, easy and affable in his manners among his compeers, and, at will, could throw just enough of hauteur into his bearing to bespeak at all times due deference and respect from all the officers in the regiment under his command ; but he held in supreme contempt any and every person who in