

wealthy relatives, who held high office under government, and a very rich father, who allowed him a handsome sum over and above his pay, yet, from his spendthrift conduct, he was almost always without cash in his pocket or at his command. His position as an officer in the British army gave him at once character and influence in the community, and with any of the tradespeople wherever the regiment might be stationed ; but their confidence was pretty sure to be abused by his reckless purchases, and then in his equal recklessness in fulfilling his promises to pay—and very many were his victims. In this way, poor but honest hard-working mechanics, it might be with small capital but large families, were often irretrievably involved. He would purchase a valuable carriage or a set of harness, which he would use for a short time, and then, when deteriorated perhaps more than half their value, for some frivolous pretext he would return them to the maker without any recompense ; so derelict was he to all moral principle. His haughty and imperious manners to those with whom he came in contact, plainly told how deeply he was impressed with the consciousness of his own greatness, and that the whole world was bound to render him the most abject obedience ; while, at the same time, he was a complete sycophant to his superiors. With a frame tall and full, he was a fine commanding person ; and his face was handsome, of which it might be seen he was not a little vain. He had the voice of a lion, and a kind of dare-devil spirit to correspond. Woe be to the poor unhappy being who came within the lash of his ire !

Lieutenant Darlington was one of the youngest mem-