

municipal electors, and it is nothing short of an insult for a candidate to put any one to the annoyance of explaining his reasons for voting or not voting. We are, however, glad to learn that at least in one instance this sort of thing met with a rebuff. Let a man be as affable during a canvass as he may choose, if he thinks any one will be influenced by such a course of action. But we hope the state of things which existed years ago will after this, again obtain, when a candidate would as soon have cut his hand off as try to obtain a vote by personal pleading.

THE power of conferring the doctorate is the only means by which a University can voluntarily recognize worth in the world of literature science and the professions, and consequently the idea which should attach to the degree of LL. D., is that it is purely honorary. This we believe does prevail. It probably took its rise in, and has been fostered by the universities in the Old Country, who every year single out for laureation, only men who have made their mark in the different walks of learning. In Canada, Queens has used this power most judiciously, and her small list of honorary graduates contains the names of the most eminent men in the country. Consequently thinking as we do that this degree should be distinct from others, we regret that some universities should see fit to confer the degree on men of a very few years university standing, merely on the condition that they pursue some post-graduate study. Such a course detracts from the degree, that attribute which tradition, and popular opinion have given to it.

THE JOURNAL has always eschewed politics, but a Canadian love of independence and fair play compels us to refer to, and protest against a recent act of the Militia Department. Among the orders for

the Brigade Camp, Picton, was one that no liquor was to be sold on the ground. Notwithstanding this, some individual obtained a permit from the department to erect a canteen within the camp, and did so. The Lieutenant Colonel in temporary command of the camp noticed this proceeding and ordered a company of his battalion to throw the whole concern over the fence. For this act, he has been publicly censured in the *Canada Gazette*, although there can be no doubt he was right from a military point of view, in enforcing the Brigade order. From a leading Conservative paper, we learn that the local member of parliament was most active in inducing this action of the Department. Now if the *Gazette* is to be made a vehicle in which to express political spite, no officer who ever shows any pluck or decision can be sure of escaping censure, if he should happen to be of a different political stripe from the party which may be in power; and if one party has abused the office of the *Gazette* it may be looked on as certain that the other party will do the same. The militia we have always looked upon, as above politics, where merit alone is considered, and we would be sorry indeed, to see such a mischievous ingredient as the one we have referred to, introduced.

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. We wish it to be distinctly understood that the JOURNAL does not commit itself in any way to the sentiments which may be expressed in this department.

The Editors of the Journal.

GENTLEMEN:—As you have discussed the question of the Military College, or rather the adaptation of its course of study to the present condition of Canada, allow me a word of criticism. The spirit in which your article is written is all that could be desired, and at first sight the point you make seems to be conclusive. Your argument is this in effect, is it not?—Our military system should be connected, correlated, and thus an effective unity. One part should fit into another part. We should not, for instance, put the head of a man to the body a fish. Now, the body of our system is the militia. But the Military College does not prepare officers for the