

XXVI.

He exposeth the
jealousy of his
brother officers,
and lamenteth
his downfall,

So now because of petty spite
And other jealous wiles,
I lose my rank and am come down
To Hodgetts or mere Giles.

XXVII.

And resenteth
that infer or men
are preferred be-
fore him.

And I can't see why these other men,
Mere clerks whom most I scawn
(Ecorn ?)
Should hold their rank like Walsh
and Stewart,
And Bossé, Smith and Braun.

XXVIII.

Alludeth to Cap-
tain White,
whose demeanor
he commendeth.

And that there Captain, Mr. White,
A most pleasant gentleman,
Which never puts on 'aughty hairs
But speaks nice an' off han'.

XXIX.

Telleth how his
vote and influ-
ence had gone for
the Captain at a
certain election
of national im-
portance.

Which I vote for at the Institoot
Against that Mr. Friel,
Which beat us though, as bold as brass,
And slippery as an eel.

XXX.

Acknowledgeth
that he is mysti-
fied.

Why Mr. White should keep his rank
Is a mystery to me,
Seeing how as I'm a weightier man
By seven stone more nor he.

XXXI.

Adverteth to
Captain Lindsay,
who holds a Mili-
tary School Cer-
tificate,

And Mr. Billy Lindsay, too,
By George !—or I'm a fool,
He's a Captain cause three weeks he
went
To a military school.

XXXII.

And avereth that
he can certify
that he himself
was at school in
his youth.

Why, I can certify on oath,
If 'twere needful to employ
Such proof, that two whole years I
went
To a dame's school when a boy.