

receive honor for their services. But while the government, the press, and the people freely attested to their heroism, there were some who looked to still further honors. The authorities of the County of Welland ordered dies for a medal, which were however but little used, owing to unwillingness on the part of the government, to allow the wearing of such decorations unless emanating from the authorities usually charged with the distribution of such honors. It was naturally feared that the indiscriminate bestowal of medals would lessen the value now attached to them, by British soldiers. The medal of which a facsimile is given is exceedingly plain, and but poorly executed ; nevertheless, from the fact that (so far as we can learn) but a few specimens were struck, it will always be scarce. On the obverse is a cannon, and the inscription, "Fort Erie, June 2nd, 1866." The reverse in a circle : " Presented by the County of Welland."

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THE opinion that the character of individuals may be discovered by their writing, has had numerous advocates ; and D'Israeli in one of his works says : " The vital principle must be true, that the hand-writing bears an analogy to the character of the writer, as all voluntary actions are characteristic of the individual." This mode of judging the character of persons, can, however, only have any reality when the pen, acting without constraint, may become an instrument, guided by, and indicative of the natural dispositions. Whether nature would prompt every individual to have a distinct sort of writing, as she has given a different countenance, voice, and manner, is not for to pretend to determine, though many persons seem to have that opinion. Leaving these speculations, which are at least but fanciful, there is a