

relief. On the jug, basin and tea pot, Dr. McCaul's crest was engraved, while the coffee pot bore the inscription—

PRESENTED TO THE
REV. JOHN McCaul, L. L. D.,
BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
TORONTO VOCAL MUSIC SOCIETY,
AS A TOKEN OF THEIR APPRECIATION OF HIS
UNWEARIED EXERTIONS
TO PROMOTE THE BEST INTERESTS
OF THEIR ASSOCIATION.

The Dr. ascended the platform amidst great applause, and delivered one of those brilliant impromptus for which he is famed, and concluded with these words: "Gentlemen, I feel that I have far transgressed the limits which the occasion would prescribe, and which I had proposed to myself when I commenced speaking. Permit me then, in conclusion, again to express to you my grateful acknowledgments for the uniform kindness which you have evinced towards me, and to assure you, that intrinsically valuable as is the elegant and highly finished service which you have presented, in my estimation it has an untold value—ininitely beyond what costly material or exquisite workmanship can give—as the token of your esteem—the testimony of your regard.

'Oh! the value of that which is given unsought
Is not in the ore or the art,
For it tells of kind feelings that gold never bought,
And breathes the pure warmth of the heart.
And in memory's sad musings 'twill call up sweet
dreams
Of those that are absent or dead,
And brighten life's darkness with sunshine-like gleams
Of joy that was once but has fled.'"

PRIZE MEDAL.

Although late, we think it right to record the interesting fact of a Gold Medal being presented a few months since to *Wm. Hutton, Esq.*, late of Belleville, by the Johnstown Agricultural Society. The medal is thus described by the *Picton Sun* :—

"We were shown a few days ago the gold medal presented by the Johnstown District Agricultural Society for the best essay on "Agriculture as a Pursuit" to *Wm. Hutton, Esq.*, late of the County of Hastings. It is made of very fine gold, weighing one oz. and seven dwts. and is about 2½ inches in diameter. On one side there is engraved "Provincial Exhibition of Upper Canada held at Brockville in September, 1851, running around the border. In the centre, "Presented to *Wm. Hutton*, of Belleville, C. W., for the best essay on Agriculture as a Pursuit, by the Johnstown District Agricultural Society. On the reverse a sheaf of wheat, "Canada" with a group of cattle, pigs, sheep, &c., a man ploughing, a farm-house and barn in the distance, and a clump of maple

and cedar trees on each side, with the rose, thistle, and shamrock, formed into a wreath on the outer edge. This beautiful medal was designed by *Dr. Reynolds* of Brockville, and the workmanship is by *Mr. Townsend* of Montreal. It is one of the most beautiful specimens of workmanship we have ever seen, and reflects the highest credit on the artist, while the design is the happiest thing of the kind that could be conceived.

Every farmer should be proud to know that the importance of his calling is looked upon in such a light as the presentation of a medal like that we have noticed above indicates. With a spirit of emulation among neighbouring societies to excel, and a tangible wish to disseminate information, such as the presentation of this medal gives, and a special department of the government for furthering the interests of agriculturists, they as a class ought to rejoice to know that they are beginning to occupy their true position in the country.

WEIGHT OF A DURHAM STEER.

WOODHILL, Waterdown, Jan. 8, 1853.

DEAR SIR,—As the Journal of late has contained some discussion upon the relative value of Short Horns, Herefords, and Devons, I beg to transmit a short statement of a thorough-bred Durham Steer, bred and lately slaughtered here.

My own firm, deliberate opinion, gives a decided preference to thorough-bred improved Durhams, of the right stamp, and this for all purposes; but I should indeed be greatly ashamed, were I to make any depreciating remarks upon other breeds, which may justly find favor with other breeders.

I have no doubt that in the long run, the best paying breed will ultimately prevail; and we have only to bear in remembrance that one breed may thrive and pay well, where another would prove far less successful.

The Steer in question was a white bull Calf, dropped in April, 1849, and not entirely pleasing me in his points, I had him altered. This Steer never tasted turnips or grain, nor was he ever pampered in any way. In fact he got bare justice, even in his ordinary grazing. He was slaughtered about the middle of December last, taken direct from a December pasture. His net weight was as under :—

Four Quarters,	- - -	900 lbs.
Tallow,	- - -	80 "
Hide,	- - -	100 "

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I am aware that this has no pretensions to being called anything remarkable, but taking into account his age, *three*, rising *four*, and the