

*Ancestry—Parentage—Early Years*

Dr. McCaul was evidently of the same opinion, for he certainly acted upon it. The fact, however, is that he was a member of a well-known Irish family, one of whom was a professor of Hebrew in King's College, London, and another engaged in business in Dublin. His ancestors had emigrated from Scotland at an early period to the north of Ireland, and, like many other Scottish immigrants, were known as "Ulster Scotsmen." There are to this day, in the old country and in Canada, McColls and McCauls, the former Scots or of Scottish descent, and the latter Irish or of Irish descent, whose names, although not spelled the same, have the same pronunciation. Is it too much to assume that both have a common ancestry in the land of the heather, "the Mother of half a world's great men"?

Be this as it may, there seems no doubt that McCaul's parents, perceiving his abilities and ambition at an early age, did their best to promote his desire for a successful college career. That they judged truly, that their efforts were diligently seconded by the youth himself when he entered the lists as a competitor with some of the cleverest young men of his time, and that he brought honour and fame to the home and household where his tasks were first begun and his love of learning