

over the stile, and gave him a confidence in the examination hall and a peace of mind afterwards for which even the lapse of years has made him not ungrateful. Dr. McCaul had a good opinion of Anthon, and spoke well of his edition of the *Satires and Epistles*. Through the favour of a friend he had received what he understood was the only copy which had reached Ireland. It came into his hands when his own work was considerably advanced, but he speaks of it as "a compilation fully attesting, by abundant and diversified matter, the industry and perseverance of the laborious editor."

So far as the text was concerned, Dr. McCaul adopted that of Döring's edition as the basis. He occasionally introduced other readings from a comparison of Bentley's and Gosner's, but he rejected conjectural emendations, although there were not a few passages in which he would gladly have adopted them. In this part of his work he had anticipated great assistance from the early edition by Fea, but in this he was disappointed. Döring had passed a severe judgment on Fea's edition, but, although Dr. McCaul was well aware of this, he had heard high encomiums pronounced on it by eminent scholars. Fea, he said, "possessed no other qualification for an editor than industry; and even this he has grossly misapplied, in attempting to depreciate the talents and research of Bentley. The reputation of that illustrious critic stands on

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