

and continued to be as long as they lived, his warm personal friends.

It is an interesting fact in connection with these highest awards of an ancient University, which were given at the annual commencement, that the awarding of the series of gold medals began in 1793. In that year the Provost, who was the Head of the College, and the Senior Fellows resolved that a gold medal should be given to such students as shall have answered every examination from their entrance to the taking of their Bachelor's degree, "provided they shall have got judgments, at each examination, not inferior to one *Bene* with *Valde Benes*." This quaint mode of preferment was altered in 1816, when the medals were given, one to the best answerer in classics, and the other to the best answerer in science, at an examination held in distinct courses prescribed for that purpose. It was apparently under this altered regulation that McCaul won his gold medal in classics—a splendid prize, and one which the Hon. Edward Blake, Chancellor of the University of Toronto, used to say was, in his opinion, the prize *par excellence* of the graduating year.¹

The Berkeley gold medal was founded by the

¹ The regulation at Trinity was subsequently changed, and the gold medals for classics and science were superseded by the substitution of Moderatorships, with gold and silver medals, in classics, mathematics, and some other departments.