

few men have attained a greater degree of popularity amongst their fellows. Officers who are strict disciplinarians are often voted bores, and rarely appreciated by their men, especially in volunteer companies, where there does not seem to them to be the same necessity for stern rule as there is in the Army. Captain Major is a noted exception to this rule. No officer could have a better command of his men, and very few are so universally liked by their subordinates. He learnt his first lessons in volunteering in the Nelson College Cadets. On being appointed one of the masters at St. John's College some few years since, he captained the Cadet Corps there, and with such a leader the boys went heart and soul into it, and have become one of the best school corps in Auckland. On moving to King's College he performed the same good office there. A little later he accepted the captaincy of the College Rifles on their formation. He also held the position of Adjutant in the Auckland Infantry Battalion. Captain Major is a man whose services in promoting the cause of volunteering cannot easily be over estimated.

performed his duties, were apparent in the fact that he held the position for sixteen years, two of which he had the added honour of spending in the Mayoral chair. Mr. Crowther's conduct of his civic duties led his fellow citizens to conclude that no fitter man could be chosen to represent them in Parliament, and the fact of his re-election at the last general election, when many good men were left out in the cold, showed that their confidence had not been misplaced. At various times during late years Mr. Crowther



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MR. WM. CROWTHER, M.H.R.

The life of the late Mr. William Crowther is an excellent example of what undeviating honesty of purpose, unflinching force of will, and unceasing energy and perseverance will do for a man in a new country, even without the adventitious aids of high class education, capital or influence. Mr. Crowther's record as a citizen and colonist is one worthy of note. Ten years of hard work, profitably spent on Victorian goldfields, provided him with the funds to bring to New Zealand plant in the shape of waggons and horses, with which he started a carrier's business at the Dunstan, in Otago. In 1863 he came up to Auckland, and spent the rest of his life here. In 1878 he was elected a City Councillor. The appreciation in which he was held by his fellow citizens, and the manner in which he

has done good service as member of the governing bodies of the University College and various other educational institutions. He was also on the Committees of the Charitable Aid Board and Sailor's Home. Few men have devoted so much of their time to the welfare of the city in which they dwell with such good results as the man who was lately laid to rest in our midst. The new generation owe much to the indomitable and unselfish labours of our old pioneers in the