

education at Canterbury College, where he easily outdistanced his contemporaries in the Modern Languages and History classes at a time when those classes were unusually large. He gained the Canterbury College English Exhibitions in 1892 and 1893. In 1893 he gained his B.A. degree, qualifying for the Tinline Scholarship in English, and winning the Senior University Scholarship in English and French, a unique performance in the history of the New Zealand University. In 1894 he gained his M.A. degree, and so superior was his work to that of the other candidates in the colony for honours in languages that he was placed alone in the first class in an extremely long list of honourmen. During the past four years Mr. Hight has filled the important position of chief Modern Languages Master at the Auckland Grammar School with signal success; his pupils invariably gained the highest places in English, French and German in the Junior University Scholarship examinations, when competing against the best scholars from the other secondary schools in the colony. Although Mr. Hight's profession leaves him little leisure he has found time to do literary work that has gained favourable notice even beyond New Zealand. Among Mr. Hight's published works are: — *Biographical Section of Professor J. Mac-Millan Brown's Manual of Literature, Introduction and Notes to Sartor Resartus*, and various educational and literary articles contributed to THE NEW ZEALAND ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE and other periodicals. Mr. Hight has been commissioned by Messrs. Blackie and Co. to edit some French classics and a handbook on French Synonyms, etc.

As a member of the Criticising Committee of the New Zealand Literary and Historical Association, Mr. Hight has done excellent work in reviewing manuscripts and giving advice to young writers. The disinclination of the rising generation to avail themselves of a University education, especially during the past few years, has been attributed by many to the fact that most of our educational governing bodies have given the best appointments in the teaching profession to men with Home degrees. The appointment, however, of Dr. Marshall and Mr. Hight to important lectureships at our University



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