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Few Graduates of Trinity College, Dublin, have had so distinguished a career in the department of Modern Literature as Mr. J. W. EATON. Having obtained a high place at Entrance, he competed in 1905 in three subjects, English Literature, French, and Modern History; and in each subject he gained a First Honour. I examined him on several occasions, when he distinguished himself in English Literature, and I always expected MR. EATON to do well, and always found my expectation fulfilled.

A series of First Honours in English Literature, French and History, led up to his obtaining a First Class Senior Exhibition. Two years later this was followed by a Foundation Scholarship in Modern Languages (French and German) and in the following year (1909) MR. EATON took his qualification for the B.A. Degree by a Senior Moderatorship (2nd of 1st rank) in Modern Literature (French and German).

This is a remarkable career, and during part of his time of study MR. EATON was obtaining experience as a teacher in Germany.

I have no hesitation in saying that there is here evidence of great ability, power of steady work, and not only knowledge, but the power of presenting his knowledge effectively—his qualifications for teaching I believe to be high, and it is with great pleasure that I bear this testimony in MR. EATON's favour.

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