

school, with a school garden and a manual training room as part of the equipment. It is proposed to offer financial assistance to one locality in Ontario, and one locality in each of the Provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, to promote this.

Part 2 of the plan is for the purpose of giving object lessons of the value of school gardens and nature studies as a part of general education at individual rural schools, to be begun by means of a travelling instructor until a considerable number of suitable trained and qualified teachers are available. It is proposed to offer financial assistance to one group of ten or fewer schools in one locality in the various Provinces, to this end.

Progress in agricultural education would be made by starting evening continuation classes in the rural districts in connection with those groups of schools, or in connection with the consolidated schools.

Part 3 of the plan provides short courses of instruction and training for teachers for rural schools who desire to qualify themselves in those newer subjects and methods of education, at the Ontario Agriculture College at Guelph, in a special building.

If provision should be made for a class of about 30 teachers at each short course, it is hoped that the Government would arrange to enable approved teachers in rural schools to take the short course, without loss of situation or loss of salary. For the first year it is proposed to make an allowance for the teachers' travelling expenses to the college, and an allowance of \$25 to help in meeting the expenses of board and lodging, to every approved teacher who has taken a full course satisfactory.

It is proposed to offer to the province at the Agricultural College at Guelph, a residence building to accommodate not less than 100 female students.

It was suggested that suitable courses

would include instruction in dairying, poultry-keeping, bee-keeping, fruit-growing and general gardening; preparation and serving of foods, sewing, dressmaking, and the simpler forms of household art and decoration, care, and cleansing of rooms, etc.

Lord Roberts' Flower.—The Fruit Trade News, of London, England, proposes the wearing of the *Ixia* by patriotic citizens on Pretoria Day in honor of Lord Roberts' victorious entry into that stronghold. Its green color, it being a native of the veldt, its blooming at the period above mentioned,



FIG. 2237. LORD ROBERTS AND HIS FLOWER.

seem to combine in rendering the suggestion an appropriate one. *Ixia viridiflora* was found by Schomburgk in California, who stated that it bore a cluster of green flowers something like a green head of wheat. This *Ixia* is very pretty for table decorations and may be easily grown from corms planted in pots, or out doors in early spring.