

some horticultural varieties. From the point of view in our photograph a handsome weeping elm partially hides the front porch from view.

Mr. Wm. Stevenson, the occupant of this home, has always been passionately fond of the cultivation of fruits and flowers. For twenty-five years he conducted the Maple Bank Nursery, and then, retiring from that, gave his whole attention to growing fruits and especially strawberries.

He has twice been elected Mayor of Guelph, viz., in 1885 and again in 1886, besides holding many other prominent offices.



FIG. 984.—REV. E. B. STEVENSON, GUELPH, ONT

Under these favorable surroundings and conditions our strawberry experimenter grew up, and became an enthusiast in the study of it. To quote his own words :

“As for myself I do not remember the time when I did not take a great interest in the strawberry. I always thought it the queen of fruits from the time when as a boy, I used to go down cellar with a bowl and spoon and skim off