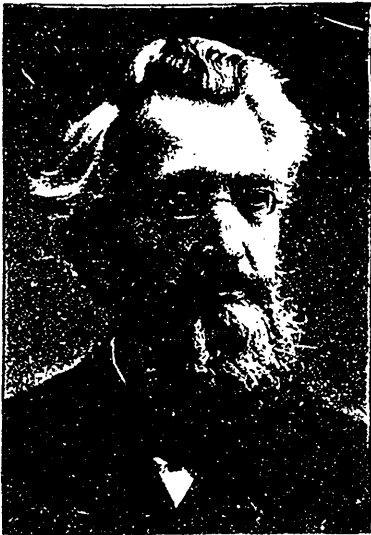


throughout Ontario, of which we are glad to see there are to be no less than 450, we publish again a full list of the staff of lecturers and speakers that have been chosen by the Superintendent to take part in the work this year; and with each name we print a portrait—made, in almost every case, from a recently taken photograph obtained expressly for the purpose. We also print short biographical sketches to accompany the portraits.

These sketches, we believe, will furnish most interesting reading to all our readers. To our younger readers, especially, they will, we trust, be as object lessons of encouragement and hope. The lives represented in them are among the best that our country has produced—earnest, useful, purposeful lives, that have achieved honor and distinction, and in many cases competency, by virtue of character and energetic industry. They are the sort of lives that give our country the standing it has for intelligence, integrity, industry, and thrift. To our young readers, therefore, we can give no better advice than this: "Follow their example, and emulate their good deeds."

MR. D. W. BEADLE may fitly be described as the veteran fruit-grower of Ontario. He was born in St. Catharines in 1823, and though in early life he followed the profession of law for some years he was for over forty years a professional



D. W. Beadle, M.A., Toronto.

nurseryman. The well-known St. Catharines Nurseries were his. Its trees are bearing fruit all over Ontario, and in many parts of Quebec, and in the United States from New England to California; also in England and France. This is a capital record of one man's enterprise. In 1890,

at Dr. Mills' request, Mr. Beadle began to lecture at farmers' institute meetings, and he has been engaged at the work ever since. Perhaps no man on the staff has a more intimate and practical knowledge of his own particular subject than Mr. Beadle has. Mr. Beadle has the honor of being a graduate of the University of Toronto, having received his degree in 1845. We are pleased to note the fact that a son of Mr. Beadle's is superintendent of the Vanderbilt Herbarium at Biltmore, N. C.

MR. ALFRED BROWN, of Picton, began business for himself on a farm so run down that tenants would not stay on it more than one year at a time. The farm is now fertile, and improving in fertility, and Mr. Brown attributes his success to having established and followed out persistently



Alfred Brown, Picton.

a three years' rotation: a pea crop, succeeded by a grain crop, and this seeded with clover. When he first began farming, he stocked his farm with cattle and sheep, and used two silos. But having a natural taste for horticulture, he has, during the last four years, gone in more for fruit-growing, especially plums and small fruits. He takes pains always to send his fruit to market in the neatest and most attractive form, and always to have it carefully graded, and in doing so realizes satisfactory prices. He uses a first-class spraying outfit for both field and garden work. His delight in horticulture has led him to plant the roadsides of his farm with maple trees, and his farm has thus acquired its name, "Maple Glen Farm." Mr. Brown has also made a specialty of potatoes, and has originated a large number of new varieties, some of which are very promising. Another of his specialties is poultry-raising. Although but a lad when farmers' institutes were first organized, he has taken an interest in them from the beginning, and has been honored with the office of president of his own county institute.

MR. MARTIN BURRELL, of St. Catharines, is of English birth and education, and came to this country in the spring of 1883. His original intention was to enter into farming