

LECTURERS TO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES.



FIG. 1096. —MR. JOHN CRAIG.

A VERY interesting feature of the work of our Association is the sending out of lecturers on horticulture each year, to address the affiliated societies. This is a line of work hitherto largely neglected by horticultural societies, but among the most important of the objects for which they exist and receive government support. In taking up this work we are filling this want, and doing, in a small way, extensive work in horticulture such as is being carried on at great expense in other countries.

We have now twenty-eight Affiliated Societies, and for these we provided three lecturers. For the nine Societies east of Toronto, the Hon. S. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, sent us Prof. Craig, horticulturist of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, a sketch of whose life appeared in a previous number. His subjects for lectures were (1) "Decoration of Home Grounds" (illustrated); (2) "Window Plants and Perennials"; (3) "How Varieties Originate,

and How Individuals are Multiplied"; (4) "Fruit Growing Regions of Canada" (illustrated).

Mr. W. M. Robson, Pres. of the Society at Lindsay, sends us a glowing account for the hearty reception given Mr. Craig at that place, on Thursday evening, Feb. 25. The chair was occupied by the Mayor, and the hall was packed. The local paper gives two columns to a report of the address, and the answer to questions. Similar reports came from Smith's Falls, Napanee, and other places.

Mr. D. W. Beadle, a sketch of whose life has also appeared in this Journal, is a well-known pioneer Canadian horticulturist and first editor of this magazine, has made the following tour of lectures, viz., to the Affiliated Societies



FIG. 1097.—MR. D. W. BEADLE.

at Freeman, Grimsby, Niagara Falls South, Port Colborne, Hagersville, Port Dover, Simcoe, Thornbury and Meaford. He treated of such subjects as