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Perseverance, dear my lord,
Keeps honor bright: to have done is to hang
Quite out of fashion, like a rusty mail
In monumental mockery.
Shakespeare, "Troilus and Cressida".

THE purpose of this sketch is not to present an apotheosis of its subject: the man whose name appears at the heading is still in the flesh, still engaged in active service, and still in possession of those powers that have made him eminent. The circumstances call for neither flattery nor adulation. No better tribute can be paid to the services he has rendered than a plain statement of the facts, and a plain disclosure of the secrets of his success.

The energies of Dr. Mills have been engaged in the sphere of practical affairs, and in that sphere a principal element of success is achievement. In

this respect his career has been signal. He has done things, many and worthy. The writer of this article is not in the position of an apologist seeking to convince the public of what might have been accomplished in circumstances less adverse. The world disregards mere potential achievement, and is cold to all that might have been; but is not slow to honor what is done. It is the aim of this article to show in the briefest possible manner what has been accomplished at the College and by the College during Dr. Mills' regime; and more particularly to discuss the means used, and the personal qualities displayed by him in the process.

The Ontario Agricultural College has arisen out of small and not altogether auspicious beginnings to a position of commanding influence in