

1843 he studied at a private academy, and in the latter year was named assistant to the principal of the academy. While teaching he also studied and continued to advance in his chosen profession. In 1849 he was elected superintendent of the public schools of Hanoverton, Columbiana County, and after a short stay there was made superintendent of schools at Lisbon, then New Lisbon, county seat of the same county. Failing health compelled him to give up this position, and he returned to Canfield, where he lived on a farm and taught a private academy during the winter until 1853, when he was engaged as superintendent of the Youngstown schools. In 1855 he accepted a similar position at Salem, remaining there until 1861, when he was again retained to head the Youngstown schools. His stay this time was for six years, but in 1867 his health again failed. In that year he was offered the superintendency of the Cleveland schools, but was unable to accept this offer.

His health restored by five years' retirement, Mr. McMillan was again called to the position of superintendent of the Youngstown schools in 1872, holding the position on this occasion until 1886. It was just thirty-three years prior to this that he had first accepted the Youngstown superintendency, and for twenty-two years of this period the schools here were under his charge.

It was not mere length of service, however, that endeared Youngstown school pupils and Youngstown men and women of mature years to Reuben McMillan. Blessed with great ability, he was also one of the kindest of men, tender, considerate, devoted to his work and caring little for personal gain. The poorer children of the schools were the object of his special solicitude. His beauty of countenance of itself stamped him as one of nature's noblemen. He was a tutor by example as well as precept, living the God-fearing life that he encouraged in the youth of Youngstown. In religion he was a Presbyterian, and for some years was an elder in the old First Church here.

The Youngstown school library was built up largely through the efforts of Superintendent McMillan, and in 1880 he was one of the incorporators of the Youngstown Library Association. It was due to his deep interest in this work that the Youngstown Public Library was made the Reuben McMillan Public Library when the library association was reorganized in 1897. It is a tribute rarely paid a man that he was thus honored before his death, and it was a still more rare tribute that was paid him when the present library building was named in his honor. Usually this distinction goes to the person whose financial assistance makes a public building possible. Reuben McMillan had labored for love of others and love of his work and acquired little competence in his almost four score years of life, but in this instance golden deeds were given preference over offerings of gold, and even though a great philanthropist subscribed liberally to the library fund the building bears the name of Youngstown's beloved educator of more than a generation ago.

On severing his connection with the Youngstown schools Mr. McMillan retired again to Canfield, where he lived a quiet existence until his death on June 23, 1898. He was survived by his widow, who was Susan

Campbell, daughter of John Campbell, of Salem, Ohio, and whom he married on June 30, 1849.

**HORACE W. SPEAR.** A resident of Mahoning County for half a century, while Horace W. Spear is widely known over this populous section of the state as one of the county commissioners of Mahoning County, his chief interests and labors have been centered in Goshen Township at Garfield, where through the early activities of his father, continued by the son, one of the big sources of fruit production has been established.

Horace W. Spear, who is a veteran in all branches of horticulture, including marketing and distribution, was born at Salem, Columbiana County, February 17, 1857, son of Dr. Benjamin Wells and Elizabeth B. (Ware) Spear. His paternal grandparents were Alexander and Rebecca Spear, the former probably a native of Scotland. Dr. B. W. Spear was born at Mount Jackson, Pennsylvania, in 1822, and in 1845 began the practice of medicine in Niles, Ohio, later in North Jackson and then in Salem. For twenty years he did the strenuous work of his profession, riding and driving over the country and willingly enduring the labors and hardships of such work. His health broke down, and though he had to abandon his professional labors he still had an interest and enthusiasm, that gave him a long continued lease of life and an opportunity for continued usefulness. This was the growing and handling of fruit, and in 1865 he moved to Garfield, where he developed a fine fruit farm in Goshen Township. In 1873 he built the large cold storage apple house at Garfield, and for a number of years continued to be engaged in the buying and shipping of fruit from this section. For ten years he was in business as B. W. Spear & Son, his son Horace being his partner. Doctor Spear removed to California in 1890 and lived in the genial climate of the southern part of that state, in Pasadena until 1914, when at the advanced age of ninety-one he died, leaving a record of honorable action and character that made him widely esteemed. His wife was a native of Mahoning County, and prior to her marriage, which was celebrated January 17, 1856, she was a teacher. Her death occurred in 1912 in Pasadena. Doctor and Mrs. Spear had four children: Horace W., Mary E. Harting, Eliza R. Hole and Arthur D. Spear.

Horace W. Spear has been a resident of Garfield since he was eight years of age, and was educated in the local schools and Mount Union College. In 1880, at the age of twenty-three, he became associated with his father in the apple business, and since the retirement of his father in 1895 has been the active head of the industry, now for a quarter of a century. He had a farm of eighty-five acres, a large part of which was devoted to the production of fruit, but sold this property in 1910. He continues the operation of the plant for the storage and marketing of the product of many of the orchards in this section of Ohio.

Mr. Spear married Isabella Stanley, daughter of Jonathan and Hannah (Miller) Stanley, of Salem. She received a high school education in her home town, and subsequently attended the Western Female Seminary at Oxford, Ohio, and Earlham College at Richmond, Indiana. For several years be-