



SIR JOHN GUNN (Past President).

THE death of Sir John Gunn, on January 20th, removed one of Cardiff's most noted citizens, who was also much respected and esteemed for his good qualities. He will be greatly missed, and we beg to offer to his son and family circle our sympathetic regrets.

Born in 1837, in the county of Caithness, he was educated at Halkirk, near his native village. While his early training was with a view to study for the Bar, this was altered owing to conditions which intervened to prevent fulfilment, and at seventeen years of age the future knight left the North of Scotland for Cardiff, and became associated with the drapery business. In this line of industry he was so successful, by dint of close attention to his work, that, in course of time he developed capital and at the same time an aptitude for extension of business. This resulted in the formation of a ship owning firm, with which his brother, Marcus, was associated. Success still

attended him, and his manifest capacity for business method with cautious enterprise led to him becoming associated in several directions other than those already referred to. He was a partner of I. Bland & Co., timber merchants, and to his connection with this firm, of which he was chairman for some years, its progressive advancement was largely due. Another industrial undertaking which is flourishing and was under his chairmanship while being built up from comparatively small beginnings, is the Mount Stuart Dry Dock and Engineering Co. The business with which his name, also that of his brother, was more closely associated, J. and M. Gunn & Co., was recently formed into a limited company, under the designation Sir John Gunn & Co., ship owners and coal exporters. Sir John was also a director of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Co., of the Cardiff Collieries Co., and of the undertaking which provided for Weston-super-Mare the Grand Pier.

In the public and corporate affairs of Cardiff, he not only took an interest, but gave much of his time and talent towards furthering the affairs of the community, and occupied the position of President of the Chamber of Commerce in 1886, 1887 and 1896. He also represented the Cardiff Chamber of Commerce on Lloyd's Register of Shipping, as a member of the committee.

Sir John Gunn took considerable interest in the operations of the Institute of Marine Engineers, and was associated with the meetings held in Cardiff in connection with the resident membership. He was President of the Institute during the session 1903-4, in succession to the late D. J. Dunlop, of Port Glasgow.



