



JAS. BLAKE.

It is with sympathetic regret we record the death, on January 20th, of Mr. Jas. Blake, superintendent engineer and manager, also a director by a more recent appointment, of Messrs. Henry Tate and Sons' works at Silvertown. Born in 1849, at Greenock, where he received his educational and technical training as an engineer in the works of Messrs. Blake and Barclay, Greenock, where subsequently, in 1881, for a short period on the death of his father, he became a resident director. His first responsible job was as engineer in Messrs. Richardson's sugar refinery, Greenock, and in 1877 he was appointed as superintendent engineer by Messrs. Henry Tate, whose works were then in Liverpool, and on their removal to Silvertown, in 1877, Mr. Blake supervised the erection of the machinery, and since that date, save for the time he was occupied in Greenock in 1881, he has ably filled the position at Silvertown of superintendent engineer

and manager. A large gathering assembled in Maryland Point Presbyterian Church for the funeral service, and the high tribute paid to his life and work by the minister was listened to with appreciation of its truth. He was every ready to help or advise and further the work of a good cause. Having been associated with many marine engineers, he became a member of the Institute of Marine Engineers soon after it was incorporated. He served as a vice-president and was hon. treasurer in 1904, having been re-elected for 1905. A supervening illness which demanded rest, led to his resignation and the appointment of Mr. A. H. Mather, who had assisted as the hon. financial secretary. On referring to this retirement from office of Mr. Blake, it was noted in the annual report that "the Institute was deprived of the valuable co-operation and help of an Office Bearer who had been most painstaking and attentive to the details of his department, and whose valued assistance would be much missed. It was the earnest hope of the Council that Mr. Blake might speedily be restored to health and strength; his return to the Council would be most welcome." We would further express our sympathy with Mrs. Blake, her son and daughters, and as we do so, our thoughts go back to the day in 1916 when the youngest son, Lieut. I. Jeffrey Blake, was killed in France. The surviving son, John Blake, has an appointment as electrical engineer in Messrs. Tate's works.



