

FRANCIS CHARLES MIERS, second son of the late Mr. John Miers, F.R.S., was born on the 30th June, 1821, at Concou, near Valparaiso, Chile. He was educated in England and commenced his practical training at the works of Mr. John Hague, under Mr. (afterwards Sir Frederick) Bramwell, completing it at Messrs. Miller and Ravenhill's Marine Engine Works, Glass House Fields, London. In 1842 he entered the drawing office of Messrs. Fox, Henderson and Company, Birmingham, remaining there until 1844. He was then invited by his brother, the late Mr. J. W. Miers,¹ to join him in Brazil, and in the following year they established an engineering factory at Rio de Janeiro. Between 1848 and 1853 Mr. F. C. Miers undertook the superintendence of the Ponta d'Arèa Foundry and Shipbuilding works on the opposite side of the bay; but in the latter year he rejoined his brother at their own establishment, where an extensive business was built up in the construction of machinery of various descriptions, and in the building of steamboats for river and coast service. The partners also undertook many Government contracts, including contracts for dredging, and for the erection of iron structures and lighthouses at Rio Grande do Sul and on the Abrothos reefs; the latter being erected under the personal supervision of Mr. Francis Miers. Mr. Miers returned to England in 1862, and in 1866 he founded, in co-operation with his brother-in-law, the mercantile and engineering firm of Fry, Miers and Company, London, supplying steam-vessels, machinery, and other engineering materials, for railways and other undertakings in Brazil.

Mr. Miers married, in 1850, Susan Mary Fry, who survives him. In 1886 he retired into private life. Mr. Miers died, after an illness of some months, on the 20th February, 1908, in his 87th year, at his residence, Eden Cottage, Beckenham, Kent.

He was elected a Member of The Institution on the 3rd March, 1863.

GEORGE EDWARD PAGE, who died on the 12th November, 1907, was the only son of the late Mr. George Thomas Page, of Plymouth.² After serving his pupillage under the late Mr. James Wilson, he was appointed to the metropolitan district of the London and South Western Railway, resigning in October, 1876, to take up an appointment on the staff of the Cape Government Railways. In

¹ Minutes of Proceedings Inst. C.E., vol. cix, p. 429.

² *Ibid*, vol. x, p. 91.