



CORONER HUGHES.

MARTIN HUGHES, second son of Robert Hughes, was born in New York in 1857, and was educated at the Brothers' school and at St. Francis Xavier's College, after which he spent considerable time in the study of medicine. In 1871, he came, with his father's family, to Staten Island, where he has resided ever since. In 1885, he opened an undertaking office in Clifton, and he has built up a large and successful business. In 1886, he was elected coroner on the Democratic ticket, and at the expiration of his term, was re-elected, and again in 1892, making three consecutive terms. Among the important cases which he has investigated as coroner, were the death of Miss Mary Tobin, the mystery of which no skill has been able to solve; the Emmons murder case, which resulted in the conviction of the murderer; the Crooke's crossing railroad accident, in which three persons were killed, and many other important cases which attracted much public attention at the time.

Coroner Hughes' knowledge of medicine, gained in early life, has proved a useful training, and enabled him to conduct difficult cases to a successful issue.