

MISCELLANEA.

Obituary.—The ranks of our local antiquaries have been diminished during the last year by the death of one of our most venerable and learned members, Mr. George James Hewson, M.A., who died at Hollywood, Adare, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. Mr. Hewson was for many years one of the local Secretaries of the Royal Society of Antiquaries for the County of Limerick, and filled that position with distinction. He was an authority on Irish Antiquities, and especially on all that concerned the castles, abbeys, and historical sites in the County of Limerick. He contributed many Papers to the Journal, of the R.S.A.I., amongst which may be mentioned the following :—

- “On a Dublin Penny of Edward IV.”; Dunlicky Castle,” and “A Processional Cross of the Fifteenth Century,” vol. xv. (1879-82).
- “On the Pedigree of the White Knight,” and “On Bronze Pins,” vol. xvi. (1883-4).
- “On the Memorial Slab to Sir Nicholas Devereux”; “On Folk-Lore,” vol. xviii. (1887-8); and some other miscellaneous contributions.
- “Report on Kilmallock Castle,” vol. xix. (1889).

He has also contributed to our own Field Journal a series of Papers on “Adare and some of its Ancient Buildings,” which appeared in our first volume, as well as occasional notes.

Mr. G. Hewson lived the quiet life of a county gentleman, yet there were few who possessed such a wide field of knowledge. His knowledge of the county was accurate, but his reading covered the whole range of European history, and his tenacious memory retained what he had studied in all its important details. He was always kindly and courteous, and ready to place his information at the services of others. He was born so far back as 1826. In due time he entered Trinity College, and was a student of the Engineering School. He did not carry on his professional career, as circumstances led him to the life of a county gentleman, but he obtained his B.A. degree in due course, which was followed by the degree of M.A. in 1871. His was a striking personality, and many will recollect his tall, venerable figure like that of some kindly, rugged chieftain, whose innate nobility shone through homely surroundings, and added a peculiar grandeur to the character of a scholar and a gentleman.