

Mr. Joseph Smith

Secretary of Field Club and One of Town's Learned Men

MR. JOSEPH SMITH, of Willis-street, died on Thursday afternoon from heart failure, following a short illness. He was 66 years of age and leaves a widow and daughter.

He was known principally as a naturalist. He was secretary of the Field Club, which will miss his light and leading, and wrote the papers on the activities of the club which had appeared regularly in "The Examiner." At one time he was joint editor, with Mr. Linnaeus Greening, of "The British Naturalist." He was a member of the Royal Irish Academy, a fellow of the Linnaean Society, and a member of other scientific bodies. He was constantly at work on some form of literary enterprise, a pamphlet on Ancient Irish Metals being typical of his versatility. On one of his visits to Germany he read a paper before the Catholic Congress in Munich.

The congregation of St. Mary's, Buttermarket-street, and indeed the whole Catholic body of Warrington, have lost in Mr. Smith a very devoted member.

HIS FIELD CLUB WORK

A correspondent writes :-

Mr. Joseph Smith's intellectual interests coincided very exactly with the programme of the Field Club, of which he was an original member. Anthropology, geology and caelenterate-zoology were his favourite pursuits, but it was his amiable personality rather than his knowledge of science which accounted for his popularity among the members. With Mr. Smith as honorary secretary this was done, and the club has since flourished as in its palmiest days, with an attention greater than ever.

"Joseph Smith, Jn., High Street, Warrington, England, was elected new member of the Kilkenny Archaeological Society at the Annual General Meeting held at apartments of the society Butler House, Kilkenny 29/1/1875." K.A.S. Journal p.311.

He was also a Fellow of the Royal Antiquarian Society. (Mr. Smith is father of Miss G. Smith, member of K.A.S.)

