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Obituary.

SÉAMUS BREATHNACH.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. Séamus Breathnach, Kinsale. His tragic death, following so soon on that of his friend and fellow-worker, the late Fr. Patrick MacSwiney, came as a shock to his many friends.

Gentle, modest and unassuming, Séamus Breathnach was a true patriot in the widest sense of the term. Over a period of almost half a century, since the early days of the Gaelic League, my association with him as a fellow-worker has been unbroken, and has given me a realisation of his worth. During all that time Séamus worked early and late, through all the vicissitudes of the changing years, earnestly and faithfully, to do all that was humanly possible to forward the cause of Irish Ireland, and to promote Irish culture and a reverence for everything that our history had made sacred. This quiet, modest man, this eager student, did not hesitate in playing an active part in the struggle for Independence.

In collaboration with the late Fr. MacSwiney, he was instrumental in setting up the Kinsale Regional Museun, of which he was Honorary Curator. To Séamus it owes its origin, and to his last end it was to him an abiding and loving trust. Their joint labours were responsible for the preservation of many of the historic buildings in Kinsale and its neighbourhood.

The late Mr. Breathnach was a valued member of our Society and a frequent contributor to its *Journal*. His researches into the past of the historic town of Kinsale were most assiduous, and his articles on its history and folklore were published in the Journals of many Irish Societies specialising in this important field. His book, *The Ramparts of Kinsale*, will long remain an authoritative guide and reference work for his native town.

We all regret his passing, for his death means to Kinsale a loss that cannot be replaced in our generation. He was patient, kind, earnest and devoted to his task, not seeking reward or recognition for his valuable work. He loved Ireland as few in my generation have loved her, and ever strove to inspire others to love and work for his country as he loved and worked for her. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Éamonn Ó Néill.

We also regret to announce the deaths of the following members:

T. A. England, LL.D.
P. Morris.

The sympathy of the Council has been tendered to the relatives of these deceased members.

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