

## OBITUARY.

DEATH OF SIR JAMES M'GRIGOR, BART., K. C. B.—We regret to announce the death of Sir James M'Grigor, Bart., M.D., K.C.B., late Director-General of the Army Medical Department, which mournful event occurred at 3 Harley street, Cavendish square, London, on Friday 2nd April, 1858, in the eighty-seventh year of his age.

Sir James was born at Cromdale, Strathspey, Invernesshire, and was educated at Marischal College, Aberdeen, of which college he was elected Rector in 1822, and again in 1823, when he was opposed by Mr. Hume, M.P. Having concluded his course of study at Marischal College, he proceeded to Edinburgh, where he had the advantage of the able tuition of Black, Monro, and Gregory. Sir James held successively in the field and at home the highest offices in the Medical Department. He was chief of the Medical Department during the disastrous Walcheren campaign; after this he was appointed Inspector of Hospitals for Portsmouth, Severn, and the south-west districts. He was then appointed chief of the Medical Department under the Duke of Wellington in the Peninsula, and so ably discharged his duties, that the Duke wrote of him: "I consider him one of the most industrious, able, and successful public servants I have ever met with." His long tenure of the office of Director-General must be fresh in the recollection of our readers. His scientific productions are not numerous; being chiefly "Medical Sketches of the Expeditions to Egypt and India," and some observations on "Fevers."

Sir James gained the esteem and affection of all the members of the Service whilst he presided over the Medical Department, as was evinced by the collection of subscriptions to the amount of £1,000, for a service of plate and a portrait of him, which was presented to Lady M'Grigor. For some years before his decease he lived in retirement, and until within a short time maintained an appearance of healthy vigour. We append a summary of the principal events of his life:—Sir James entered the Service in September, 1793, as Surgeon of the 88th Regiment; he served in Holland and Flanders in 1794-5; in the West Indies in 1796; in the East Indies in 1798; in Egypt as Superintending Surgeon of the Anglo-Indian Army in 1801; with the Army at Walcheren in 1809; and in the Peninsula from 1811 to the end of the war. His commissions bear date as follows: Surgeon, September 13, 1793; Deputy Inspector-General, June 27, 1805; Inspector-General, August 2, 1809; and Director-General, June 13, 1815. Sir James, for his service had received the war medal with five clasps, for Egypt, Badajoz, Vittoria, Pyrenees and Toulouse.