

*Highley's Catalogue.*—We have received through the hands of Dr. Gibb a catalogue of scientific works published by Mr. Highley, Fleet Street, London. This we have placed with Mr. Dawson, Great St. James Street, where our readers can consult it.

#### OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the death, at the early age of 45, of Dr. Robt. MacGregor, Glasgow. Of mild and unassuming manners, he was highly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. We spent one or two evenings in his company while on a visit to Europe, and were favorably impressed with his unostentatious conduct. There was none of that repulsive hauteur or offensive dogmatism about him which renders many who have achieved a name in medicine actually disagreeable to approach.

“Dr. MacGregor was a native of Ardhattan, Bonaw, near Oban, Argyllshire. After receiving such elementary instruction as could be imparted in his native village, he was sent, when about 15 years of age, to Glasgow, in the University of which he successfully cultivated classical literature, and acquired the rudiments of medical science. At this period he became the pupil of the late Mr. John Stirling, an able and accomplished practitioner, a dexterous operating surgeon, and an enthusiastic teacher of anatomy in the Portland Street School of Medicine. Under such tuition the strong natural talents of young Macgregor were evoked and matured to such a degree that he became the intimate friend and companion, and ultimately the colleague, of his accomplished preceptor. Before entering on the duties, however, of lecturer on chemistry in the School of Medicine already referred to, Dr. MacGregor had resided for several years in the Glasgow Royal Infirmary as Superintendent and Apothecary; in which institution he conducted those investigations into the nature of Diabetes, which at once stamped him as an accurate observer and an original thinker, and acquired for him a European reputation. The experiments and observations which he made on Diabetes were presented to the scientific world in the form of a probationary essay to the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, when he became a member of that body in the year 1837. To Dr. MacGregor belongs the merit of unfolding the true nature and pathology of the dreadful malady just named, and of directing the medical profession to sounder views and more rational practice. This just tribute to minute