

OBITUARY.

WE regret to record the death, on the 21st November last, of Mr. James Marshall, actuary of the Jamaica Mutual Life Assurance Company. In vol. iv., p. 39, of this *Magazine*, will be found an interesting notice by Mr. Marshall on the mortality of Europeans residing in Jamaica, with tables recommended by him to be used for the purposes of life assurance in the island. The original observations on the subject are however of little value at present, and Mr. Marshall was engaged in collecting more authentic data. With this view he had recently published an elaborate work; and we are sorry to hear, by a letter from his friend Dr. Dunn to Mr. A. G. Finlaison, that his "his decease must be mainly attributable to his excessive application and labour in getting up his work." He adds, "I frequently cautioned him that when the excitement was over a reaction would take place, and I regret to say it has done so fatally. His disease was *angina pectoris*, symptoms of which must have presented themselves some time back; but I suppose his mind was so preoccupied with his publication that he paid no attention to them. . . . Mr. Marshall's outlay in getting up his work has been at least £200 and upwards." He is said to have left a widow and nine children (almost all very young), in very indifferent circumstances.
