

★ **Obituary.**—The death is announced of Sir William O'Shaugnessy Brooke, as having occurred at Southsea, after a short illness. Dr. O'Shaugnessy, who afterwards assumed the name of Brooke, was born in 1809, and was consequently in his 80th year. He graduated as M.D. at Edinburgh, and shortly afterwards joined the Bengal Army as an assistant surgeon in 1833. He was promoted to surgeon in 1848, and to surgeon-major in 1861. In 1852 he was appointed Superintendent-General of Telegraphs in India, and retained the post till 1862, when he resigned, and at the same time retired from the Indian Medical Service. He was the author of numerous works on scientific and engineering subjects, particularly one on the electric telegraph, published in Calcutta in 1839. For his valuable services in establishing a system of telegraphs throughout India he was knighted, and was also elected a Fellow of the Royal Society and of the Society of Arts. Sir William married in 1835, as his second wife, the daughter of Mr. Francis O'Shaugnessy, of Curragh, Co. Clare, Ireland, and his third wife was a daughter of Captain John Sabine. One of Sir William's daughters is the wife of Major-General Robert Murray, C.S.I., who served for many years in the Indian Telegraph Department, from which he retired as Director-General in 1883; and another daughter is the wife of Colonel Mallock, the present acting head of the department.