treatment has been inculcated, and the different operations exhibited on the dead body, from year to year, to the pupils of our medical schools, by more than one of our surgical teachers. This statement will, I feel assured, be confirmed by the members of this society, many of whom have been connected with our Infirmary for years, and who, besides having had intimate acquaintance with the prevailing practice of the place, are so well qualified to estimate the correctness of these observations, and of others which are to follow. In fact, the propriety of the practice has been so long known, and so generally, I may say, universally, acted upon in this city, that many of the gentlemen who now hear me may deem these remarks and historical data superfluous."—London Medical Gazette, 30th Jan. 1836.

43. Extermination of Goitre.—M. Roux, has reported in the Archives Générales for Jan. last, a case in which M. Roux performed this operation. The patient died 56 hours after the operation.

MIDWIFERY.

41. On the Death of the Fetus in the first months of Pregnancy, the Uterus preserving the product of Conception.—Chevalier Gennaro Galbati, communicated to the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Naples, at their meeting 29th Nov. 1834, an interesting memoir on this subject which is particularly interesting in connexion with the recent discussion which took place at the French Academy of Medicine, upon an analogous subject.

It has often been observed that in the last months of pregnancy the fetus ceasing to live by some cause, may remain many weeks and even months in the uterus. But those cases have not equally been studied in which the fetus having died during the first months, the uterus has preserved for a certain length of time the product of conception; these have been considered as aberrations of nature, but the symptoms for determining this state, and the indications for its treatment, have never been sought for.

Observations I.—The marchioness of M. the mother of several children, had some years since indications of pregnancy. Dr. Galbati examined her at the third month, and believed himself warranted in asserting that she was pregnant. At this epoch, in consequence of a moral cause, traces of blood showed themselves in the genital organs, and afterwards evident signs of approaching abortion made their appearance. Opportunity means prevented the abortion, and the lady escaped with a slight loss of blood continuing about ten days.

Dr. G. examined her again at the fourth month. The uterus presented only the same volume as at the former time, which led him to consider her pregnancy as doubtful. Nothing new occurred during the fifth month. At the sixth month, another moderate discharge of blood took place, lasting five or six days, the uterus had a volume equal to that of the preceding month, but less than he had observed at the third month.

At the seventh month there was a recurrence of the bloody discharge, but more abundant and accompanied with pains, which two days afterwards, produced the expulsion of a fleshy, fresh, and organized body, offering an interior cavity in which the fetus was found shrunk and atrophied as if it had been plunged into alcohol, and which appeared to be a little more than two months old. The fleshy body was formed by the membranes and the placenta, the latter scarcely visible, as distinct as it usually is in the first periods of pregnancy; the membranes were thicker than ordinary, and the deciduous membrane of Hunter was particularly remarkable, it was pulpy, vascular and villous.

After the expulsion of this body, the discharges and the pain moderated for some days, but afterwards these two symptoms augmented; the pains were incessant, the discharges continued, and it was feared that the neck of the uterus would become fungous. It was not until the end of a year of pains and hemorrhages, and with the aid of large doses of ecauta, of the tincture of guaiacum in lime water, and astringent injections, that the patient was completely restored and became again pregnant, and was delivered of a daughter who is still living.