

REVIEWS AND BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTICES.

ART. XI.—*A Theoretical and Practical Treatise on Midwifery, including the Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition, and the attentions required by the Child from birth to the period of weaning*; by P. CAZEAUX, member of the Imperial Academy of Medicine, Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Medicine of Paris, &c., &c. Adopted by the Superior Council of Public Instruction, and placed, by ministerial decision, in the rank of the classical works designed for the use of Midwife Students in the Maternity Hospital of Paris. Second American, translated from the fifth French edition, by Wm. R. Bullock, M. D., with one hundred and forty illustrations; pp. 992. Philadelphia: Lindsay and Blakiston. Montreal: B Dawson. Quebec: Middleton and Dawson.

"In the sciences of observation," says Professor Cazeaux, "a new work is necessarily enriched by the labours of all antecedent writers, and therefore its great merit consists in collecting the scattered materials and forming out of them a body of doctrine, which it illustrates in the clearest and simplest manner possible. Such is the end I have endeavoured to attain; and the medical public, and students especially, must judge whether I have succeeded in the attempt." The fact of the work whose title stands at the head of this article having attained a fifth edition in France, notwithstanding the publication of a spurious copy in Belgium, is sufficient evidence that in the estimation of his professional brethren in that country his attempt has been completely successful. The cordiality with which the first American edition, translated by Professor Thomas of Philadelphia, was received by the profession of this continent, and the demand which exists for a second edition, shows that a hearty appreciation of the faithfulness and efficiency with which the author has accomplished his task is not confined solely to the medical men and students of France.

In preparing the fifth edition for publication, Professor Cazeaux has carefully reviewed every division of his book, and increased it so materially, both by adding to what he had already written and in the form of entirely new chapters, the work is now about twice as voluminous as when the first edition was issued from the press. In the short notice we purpose making, it is our intention to examine the parts to which our author has added new matter, and those which he now introduces for the first time.

Book 5, which treats of the Pathology of Pregnancy, or the diseases induced by the pregnant condition, is one well worthy of attentive