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**BAPTISM OF THE INFANT AND THE FETUS.** An Outline for the Use of Doctors and Nurses. By Reverend J. R. Bowen, Chaplain, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Dubuque, Iowa. Fourth Edition. Published by the M. J. Knippel Co., Dubuque. Price 25¢.

This excellent pamphlet, bearing the imprimatur of Archbishop Beckman of Dubuque, should be in the hands of every Catholic physician and, even more urgently, in those of non-Catholic obstetricians, so that, when delivering the babies of Catholic patients, they may know the procedures required by the Church. The book is well-arranged, giving a different instance on each page, with the appropriate rules and regulations to be observed. Some of the subtitles are The Premature Fetus, In Case of Difficult Delivery, Baptism in the Uterus, Baptism of Monsters.

Father Bowen is also founder of the Nurses' Apostolate, which has a threefold purpose: 1. to convey the idea of God and his mercy to dying non-Catholics of good faith; 2. to acquaint nurses with a proper technique in approaching the critically ill; 3. to promote among nurses a special devotion to the sick and dying.

**A SURGEON REFLECTS.** By James T. Nix, M.D. Published by Louisiana State Uni-

versity Press, New Orleans, La. Price \$1.50.

This splendid book — which seemed entirely too short to this reviewer — contains, in the first half, short reflections on such subjects as Faith, Hope, Solitude, Ambition, Success, Prayer, Death. In its second part, there are short articles on The True Physician, The General Practitioner, Consultations, Medical Ethics, etc. These short essays were originally written for the medical student or young physician of today, but their human interest is so great that they will appeal to the patient as well as to the physician.

The author was formerly President of the New Orleans Catholic Physicians' Guild, and is one of the outstanding Catholic laymen of that city. He was a First Lieutenant in the World War, and since that time has, in his career as physician and surgeon, seen much sorrow and suffering. But his true and deep faith has colored his outlook on life and in this book we find courage and faith and hope—qualities greatly needed in these turbulent days. This viewpoint combined with a smooth, facile style of writing, makes the book well worth reading. We heartily recommend it.