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BRONX GUILD—The Bronx Guild had their Fall Meeting on Sunday, December 6, 1941, at Fordham University. Mass was celebrated at 9 A. M. in the University Chapel by the Reverend Ignatius W. Cox, S.J., Moderator of the Guild. After Mass breakfast was served in the Freshman Dining Room where a Special Program was arranged. Professor Bernwaller of the Economic Department of the University gave a talk on the Physician's Economic Position After the War.

Election of officers was held following the lecture. The officers for 1942 are: Dr. Hamilton Ham-mill, President; Dr. Clarence O'Connor, 1st Vice-President; Dr. James B. McGrath, 2nd Vice-President; Dr. James Ryan, Treasurer; and Dr. Thomas Leahy, Secretary. A vote of thanks was given to Dr. Paul Cas-son, retiring President, for his untiring efforts during the past year.

Dr. James B. McGrath, Chair-man of the Retreat Movement, an-nounced that a Retreat would be held for the Bronx Guild Mem-bers from Friday evening to Sun-day evening at Mt. Manresa Re-treat House.

Bronx Guild Physicians made the necessary physical examina-tions of 1,043 students required for admission to the new Cardinal Hayes High School, in coopera-tion with Mr. Gallagher, Health Education Director of the School. These students were the ones who

were unable to pay for this exam-ination.

Thirty members of the Guild are working as Advisory or Local Examiners for Selective Service under the direction of Dr. Edward R. Cuniffe who is chairman of the Medical Civilian Defense Commit-tee of the Bronx.

BELLEVILLE GUILD—The last regular meeting of the Guild, held at St. Henry's College, was a very successful one. An extra Communion meeting was intro-duced into the Guild's program for the year. Shortly before 7:30 o'clock the members of the Guild assembled at the College, and at 7:30 the Very Rev. V. Goetz, O.M.I., Superior of St. Henry's College, celebrated the Holy Mass for the intentions of the Guild in the College Chapel. After the Gospel he spoke a few well chosen words of welcome.

After Mass a delicious break-fast was served in the dining hall of the College. A sincere vote of thanks was extended to Father Goetz and all at St. Henry's Col-lege for their generous hospitality.

Dr. Donahue spoke on the work of the Guild to stem the tide of immoral literature on newsstands. While the actual program of the Guild has been completed, he in-sisted on the necessity of being watchful and of checking any vio-lation of the policies of the Guild at first sight, when members visit

the drug stores and newsstands of the diocese.

Dr. Eugene Moore reported on the splendid work of the Guild in collecting sample medicines for the missions.

Dr. John F. Brennan told of the heartening work accomplished by the committee of which he was a member, for the rehabilitation of problem girls, especially in the larger centers of the Diocese. He explained the policies and the program of the newly organized Rita Club in East St. Louis.

The Rev. F. A. Kaiser, Diocesan Director of the Propagation of the Faith and pastor of St. Luke's Church, addressed the members of the Guild briefly. He paid tribute to the doctors as being a group of charitable men and agreed heartily with them in the choice of their patron, St. Luke.

Thanks to the industry of Dr. Feder, our genial Vice-President, Dr. A. J. Wagner, of Belleville, Ill., holding the rank of Lieutenant in the Medical Corps and stationed at Scott Field, engaged in eye, ear, nose and throat work, was received as a member of the Guild at the last meeting. Dr. Wagner was himself present at the meeting. We welcome the new member and ask him to be an apostle of the Guild at Scott Field.

CLEVELAND GUILD—On November 30, the Cleveland Chapter held a communion breakfast at St. John's Hospital. The princi-

pal speaker was Hon. Jay Seth Hurd, K.S.G., of Common Pleas Court and a trustee of the hospital. Mass was celebrated in the hospital chapel by the Chapter Chaplain, Very Rev. Msgr. Jas. Duffy. This is the second year the Cleveland group has held these breakfast meetings. Another is being planned for the first Sunday in Lent.

Plans are now being made for the annual physician's retreat to be held next June. This activity has been steadily growing and it is expected that the 1942 retreat will be the largest ever held. As has been the custom for the past seven years, the retreat will be held at the Seminary of Our Lady of the Lake, where the facilities of the entire institution are turned over to the Guild members.

The Cleveland Chapter has evidenced more activity this fall than it had in the past several years. The interest of its members is on the increase. It is the goal, however, to have at least one hundred active members—which would be 50% of the Catholic physicians in greater Cleveland.

NEW ORLEANS GUILD—At the meeting held on October 22nd, at Notre Dame Seminary, the Catholic Physicians' Guild met with Dr. Leckert acting as Chairman, Dr. Zander as Secretary. The meeting was opened with prayer by Father Larkin.

Father Victor J. Dossogne, S.J., was introduced by Dr. Leck-

ert, and gave a splendid talk on "Religious Conditions in Occupied Countries." In his talk he brought out facts gathered from actual observations made during the time he spent in Germany as well as in Belgium and France.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted without correction. Dr. Thiberge read the report of the Treasurer which showed a balance on hand of \$56.23. He also requested that the Secretary give him a list of all the new members.

Dr. Nix, as Chairman of the committee on the question of taking in dentists as Associate Members, made his report. The subject was then discussed, and it was suggested that Catholic dentists be invited to the next meeting as guests of the Guild.

It was moved and passed that Father Larkin be given the privilege of getting up a questionnaire to be sent to all the members which would request suggestions in regard to work that the Catholic Guild could accomplish. It was announced that the Holy Name Society had requested the Catholic Guild to man first-aid stations at their Rally which is to be held shortly.

Dr. Thiberge gave a very splendid talk on the past and present accomplishments of the Guild, and felt that the purposes had been

well served during the time of its existence. Dr. Leckert in discussing the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society stated that most of the calls are made by Catholic doctors, not as members of the Guild, but as individuals, and it was brought out that this group could do better work as a Catholic Guild, as the various specialists in the Group could be of material help in taking care of these poor

WILMINGTON GUILD — At the last meeting of the Wilmington, Delaware, chapter, a Communion breakfast was held, with the Chaplain, Rev. Francis J. Desmond, officiating. Discussion of future plans for meetings was held with the final decision to have both a medical man and a clergyman versed in Catholic medico-legal problems as guest speakers. Following this, an election of officers for the next chapter year was held.

The officers elected are Dr. E. M. Bohan, President; Dr. J. L. Rigney, Vice-President; Dr. C. J. Dougherty, Secretary; and Dr. F. P. Rovitti, Treasurer.

A statement was made by the incumbent treasurer, J. J. Cassidy, M.D., to the effect that the finances of the organization are in a satisfactory condition.

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