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In looking through some magazines, we found the following words spoken by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, to the Catholic Physicians' Guild of that city at the first annual Communion breakfast a few years ago, and we think they are well worth quoting: "The primary purpose of the Catholic Physicians' Guild is to unite the latest scientific and theological knowledge in solving current medical problems, and guiding the conscience of Catholic doctors."

Archbishop Mooney pointed out that the Guild is neither a political nor a pressure group, nor is it a clique within the general medical association. He stressed also the fact that the Guild can become a "great force in upholding the high ideals of the medical profession." The principal means suggested by which the Guild can offer assistance, not only to its members but also to the Church are: a wider knowledge of general Catholic affairs on the part of the doctor; the diffusion of knowledge concerning questions that may be decided only through joint study by priest and doctor; a thorough survey of the physical and sociological harm of birth control.

In this issue, we are printing an article on St. Luke, written especially for THE LINACRE QUAR-TERLY by the Very Reverend C. M. Thuente, O.P. For about thirtyfive or forty years, this noted Dominican traveled the length and breadth of our country, first as a preacher of Missions, then as Retreat Master for Priests and Sisters. Father Thuente is never tired of saying that in all these years, he met with the greatest co-operation on the part of Catholic physicians in every corner of the land; that never-whether in crowded city or small hamlet-did a member of the medical profession refuse his help when asked to aid some poor unfortunate. This is an enviable record. May it never grow less!

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