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Once again a great hue and cry went up from the various Boards of Education all over the country, when schools opened in September with a greatly diminished attendance.

In the higher grades this is, of course, due to the unfortunate situation created by the War, due to lack of manpower and a resumption—temporary, we hope—of child labor; but in the lower elementary grades, the small number of births in the past few years—1936-1941—is the main factor. In New York City, the elementary schools fell 30,000 below last year's registration, the senior high schools almost 25,000 below last year's figure. We feel certain, no comment is needed as the figures speak for themselves.

One of the popular magazines for women, in its October issue, prints an article telling about the great abortion evil among *married*

women in war plants throughout the country. Statistics are given for plants in many cities. At the end of the article, a list of organizations is given, that are studying the situation and planning remedial measures. We note in sorrow that one is the Planned Parenthood Association. We feel that the Physicians' Guilds could be of help if they were to interest themselves in this situation.

We were glad to receive a card from Scotland from the former National Secretary of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds, Major Francis L. Denzer, M.C. He reports that he is well and hopes soon to send in an article for LINACRE.

It is with great pride, that we present three timely and scholarly articles this month. We feel certain that LINACRE readers will find them both interesting and stimulating.