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Apologies are in order this month for the delayed appearance of the October issue of the LINACRE QUARTERLY. This was directly due to the war emergency, as several men who had promised papers were called into service, and some of those who were hastily approached, were so busy, due to the shortage of physicians, that they were unable to take on any additional work.

Despite the difficulties which lie in our path during the duration of the war, we shall do our utmost to "carry on", especially since we have just learned that the *Catholic Medical Guardian*, the British "big brother" of the LINACRE QUARTERLY, has had to suspend publication, due to the stress of war. This, as far as we know, leaves our journal the only Catholic medical paper in the English tongue.

The question of whether or not to admit dentists into the physicians' guilds arises every once in a while and we, therefore, think that the article by James T. Nix, M.D., founder of the Nix Clinic

in New Orleans, and former president of the flourishing Catholic Physicians' Guild of that city, will be of interest.

In going through some of the papers of the late Doctor Joseph A. Dillon, former President of the Federation as well as editor of LINACRE, we found an address delivered by him in Baltimore, which we are printing, as we think it may prove helpful especially to the younger members of the Guilds.

We are glad to note that the Belleville Guild has joined the National Council of Catholic Men. On a separate page, an account of this will be found.

The result of the Birth Control movement is shown in the sharp enrollment drop in the New York Public Schools. The elementary grades in February, 1943 will drop to 530,180, whereas ten years ago the registration was 701,387. We, therefore, ask everyone who has friends living in Massachusetts to immediately wire them to vote "No" on the proposition which is brought before them in the coming elections, per-

mitting physicians to legally give contraceptive information. It was opposed by the Catholic Physicians' Guild of Boston, but, despite the action of the opposition which had as its legal representa-

tive the former Mayor of Boston, the Supreme Court decided that it be permitted to appear on the ballot. All are asked to influence their Massachusetts friends to vote "No" on this referendum.

CATHOLIC ACTION

The following news item has been received from the Belleville, Illinois, Guild:

Outlining the purpose of the Most Rev. Bishop in establishing the Council of Catholic Men in this Diocese, Dr. John G. Bowen, field representative of the National Council of Catholic Men, spoke to the members of the Guild before their breakfast.

On motion of Dr. Donahue, the following resolution was unanimously passed by the Guild:

"Whereas, His Excellency, the Most Rev. Henry Althoff, D.D., Bishop of Belleville, has instituted the Diocesan Council of Catholic Men of this Diocese for the purpose of establishing official Catholic Action for the men, and likewise for the purpose of affiliating them with the National Council of Catholic Men of Washington, D. C., and

"Whereas, in doing this His Excellency has issued an inspiring call to all loyal laymen of the Diocese to 'participate in the apostolate of the Hierarchy' and thus share in an official and direct manner in the transcendently im-

portant and holy apostolic work of the Church, and

"Whereas, a principal purpose of the Catholic Physicians' and Dentists' Guild of the Diocese of Belleville is to assist Holy Mother the Church and the ecclesiastical authorities in the diffusion of the knowledge of Catholic principles and practices, particularly in respect to the ethics of our own honorable and essential professions,

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the said Catholic Physicians' and Dentists' Guild does hereby voice its willing and affirmative response, and that of its various individual members, to the invitation and call to Catholic Action of His Excellency, the Bishop; and that in keeping with his desires it hereby associates and affiliates itself with the Diocesan Council of Catholic Men of the Diocese of Belleville; and

"Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be prepared suitably by the Secretary and forwarded to His Excellency, the Bishop."