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#### JAMES FRANCIS POWER, M.D.

The Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds has lost an able executive and The Linaure Quarterly an efficient officer in the person of Dr. Power, National Treasurer of the Federation. On Thanksgiving Day, at his summer home in Belle Harbor, New York, the doctor had a cerebral hemorrhage and passed to his reward in a few hours.

Unsparing of himself in his work for the Catholic Physicians' Guilds, he was a faithful attendant and adviser at all the meetings of the Executive Committee. The Guilds' principles and antipathies were ever in his mind even to his last conscious moments. A member of his family relates that after he was anointed, Doctor Power suggested to the attending priest to avoid using the brand of absorbent cotton manufactured by a firm which markets a product for contraceptive use!

Born in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, he subsequently lived in Detroit. Coming to New York in 1895, he matriculated in Bellevue Medical College from which he was graduated in 1898. He interned in St. John's Hospital, Long Island City, and in St. Francis Hospital, New York City. Later, he studied at the nose and throat clinics of Vienna. He then attended as otolaryngologist at St. John's Hospital, the Post-Graduate Hospital and Metropolitan Throat Hospital. Dr. Power practised his specialty in New York City up to the day before his death.

He was a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State and the New York County Medical Societies. He was active in the affairs of the Catholic Summer School at Cliff Haven for twenty years. He was Secretary of the New York Chapter Hospital Association Knights of Columbus, Chief Medical Examiner of the Catholic Women's Benevolent Legion, and a charter member of Regina Coeli Council Knights of Columbus.

He was an ideal Catholic physician. May his reward be great!

—J. A. D., M.D.