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With this issue, LINACRE begins its seventh year. Various topics of medical ethics have been discussed. To our contributors we tender heartfelt thanks for their articles. It is to them, that we pass on the many favorable comments received. A magazine written by a few men would soon become tiresome and monotonous. Therefore we welcome articles by our Guild members as well as by the clergy and by all that are in sympathy with our cause. It is especially desirable that we receive copies of addresses which have been delivered before the various Guilds. If written notes only are available LINACRE would be pleased to submit these for correction by the speaker. We like to have contributors from widely separated areas so that we may have views of many geographical cross-sections of the country. Particularly grateful are we to those who have voluntarily sent articles for publication. We welcome all criticism, whether constructive or not; the one will help, the other will warn us.

The influence of the Federation is becoming more and more manifest. The good that is accomplished cannot always be heralded lest active antagonism be aroused. People are learning the attitude of Catholic physicians, and hold our position in ever-increasing respect.

This is no time for dissension in the ranks of our profession. Many plans for change in the practice of medicine are really communistic. Catholic physicians are ever ready to join in plans for distribution of adequate medical services to the needy and are always to be found with those who favor changes consistent with the high ideals of our profession. We are progressive, not radical. To the poor, great solicitude has always been shown; witness, the free services cheerfully rendered by physicians to ward patients in every hospital. They follow the example of Him who was as helpful to the son of the widow of Nain, as He was to Lazarus.

In the October issue of LINACRE, we spoke of firms which marketed articles recommended for "Female Hygiene." To this list may be added a manufacturer who sells a solution which appears to be an imitation of the Carrel-Dakin Solution, and, who, with another chemical, is now reaching for a share of this new, profitable, though unsavory business. We also call attention to a monthly publication of the Academy of Medicine of a large city, which booklet regularly carries an advertisement openly marketing a contraceptive, without even the disguise of a camouflaging title.