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## GUILD NOTES

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### CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' GUILD OF BROOKLYN

THE Catholic Physicians' Guild of Brooklyn was organized, January, 1925, for the express purpose of conducting an annual retreat. This has been the outstanding feature of the Guild and the yearly average attendance is about fifty. Several years ago it was decided to add two lectures yearly. These are in the form of an address on some medico-moral topic and have drawn an average attendance of one hundred. For several years an annual dinner was held, but, because of the trying times, it was abandoned and the lectures substituted. The student body at the Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn are being interested in the work and an organization allied to the parent body is in the process of formation. In addition to the regular Guild lectures, there will be several solely for the students. The Guild has not made very rapid progress but is constantly interesting new men and now numbers an active membership of approximately seventy-five. Through the mailing list several hundred are reached and the Brooklyn Guild prides itself in having fathered the recently formed units in Manhattan and the Bronx.

THE Fall Meeting of the Catholic Physicians' Guild of Brooklyn will take place at the Columbus Council, Knights of Columbus Clubhouse, Union Street and Prospect Park West on Wednesday evening, December 14, 1932, at 8:30 P. M.

We are fortunate in securing as our guest speaker Mr. Michael Williams, the editor of *The Commonwealth*, who will speak on a topic of timely interest.

The meeting will no doubt be a splendid success, intellectually and socially, and all Catholic physicians as well as members and their guests are most cordially invited.

THE seventh annual spiritual retreat of the Brooklyn Guild was held the second week-end of May, 1931, at Mount Manresa, Staten Island, New York, starting Friday evening at seven and ending Monday morning at eight.

The attendance at these annual retreats varies between fifty and sixty-five physicians each year.

It is this activity of our Guild which has accounted for the solidity and permanence of our organization more than any other function.

Immediately after the termination of the retreat the annual meeting is held at which the officers and committees are elected for the ensuing year.

During the spiritual exercises an afternoon recreation hour is set aside for the answering of medico-moral questions met with in the daily routine of a doctor's life work. The questions from a question box, which is available for the retreatants, are answered by the Moderator and thoroughly discussed by the doctors, making it a highly instructive meeting. Another recreation hour is set aside for a talk from a layman invited by the Moderator to bring out points of historical interest in the life of the Church.

There is everything about the annual spiritual retreat to make it the outstanding function of the Guild activities.

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### CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' GUILD OF MANHATTAN

THE Manhattan branch of the Catholic Physicians' Guild held a meeting of its officers on the evening of November 4th. A full attendance was present. The names of the active members were read off, showing that the Guild for the first year had made satisfactory progress. The officers of this Guild suggested that all the Catholic physicians on their mailing list who practice medicine or reside in Manhattan receive copies of THE LINACRE QUARTERLY, the active members each issue, and those who had not paid their dues a few issues. It was decided to hold a second executive meeting on December 2nd, at

which arrangements will be settled for a lecture meeting for the first part of the year, and for a retreat or a Communion meeting in the early spring. The dues for 1933 have been reduced to three dollars, this to include the defraying of the expenses of the Guild, the per capita tax to the Federation, and the subscription to the new quarterly journal. It is hoped that each Catholic physician in Manhattan will pay dues the coming year. The greater the number paying dues the less these dues would be, the expenses of the organization being small. The main thing in this is that you encourage the officers to carry on this most worthy work, and you show that you want to do your part to carry on God's and Christ's work in the profession.

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### CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' GUILD OF THE BRONX

**T**HE Catholic Physicians' Guild of the Bronx held their first meeting for the season of 1932-33 at Fordham University, Sunday, November 13, 1932.

Mass was celebrated at 9 A. M. in the College Chapel, followed by breakfast in the College Refectory. The guest speaker was Reverend Father LeBuffe, S.J., whose address was on the subject of "Evolution." Several matters of importance were presented at this meeting.

Their Reverend Moderator, Ignatius W. Cox, S.J., is giving a series of conferences on "The Mystical Christ and the Modern World," each Sunday in November, at the University Church, at 4 P. M.

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### NOTES AND COMMENTS

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*How True.*—"Nothing is more necessary in Catholic philosophy than the elucidation of the formula that 'the spiritual soul of man is not an efficient cause but it is a formal cause.' The soul of man being completely immaterial, being directly created by God in each instance, in no wise supersedes or renders useless the operation of the laws known