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control, in the face of an alarming decrease in the birth rate, or prohibition enforced on an unwilling citizenry, which ultimately unshackled itself through its rights of franchise, or human sterilization which, to at least a numerically respectable minority of the population, represents itself as a program based on a theory scientifically unproven and eugenically unsound.

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### SOME TOPICS FOR GUILD DISCUSSIONS

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**M**ost worthy and inspiring is the work being done by the Catholic Physicians' Guilds throughout the country. Notable speakers address our assemblies. The Catholic point of view is elucidated and the spirit of true Christianity pervades. The discussions at the meetings bring all doubts into the open. Each member speaks his mind and all ethical questions are clearly defined. It is unfortunate that it is not now feasible to put into print the many papers read at our gatherings. Suggestions from Guild members should be sent to the officers of the Federation, thus helping to attain our desideratum of united action.

As an aid in opening up fields of thought, the following are offered for consideration:

- Medicine and the Catholic Church.
- The Doctor and the Sacraments—our duty in the sickroom.
- Physician Saints and Holy Men.
- Catholic Leaders in Medicine and Related Sciences.
- Hygiene and Disease in the Bible.
- Ancient and Modern Medical Miracles.
- Manifestations by Holy Persons.
- Catholic Ethics and Catholic Hospitals.
- Medical Missionaries and Nursing Orders.
- Catholic Medical Colleges.
- The Catholic Medical Student.
- The Catholic Interne in Non-Catholic Hospitals.
- The Catholic Student in the University—Newman Clubs.
- Psychoanalysis—Psychotherapy—Hypnotism—Mesmerism.

Spiritism—Insanity—Hysteria.  
Evolution—Spontaneous Generation—Living Cells in Vitro.  
Death—Dissolution.  
Sex Information—Youth, Single, Married.  
Continnence—Virginity—Chastity.  
Sexual Malpractices and Perversions.  
Marriage Obligations—Annulment of Marriage.  
Eugenics—Disease Heredity—Sterilization and Annihilation.  
Prevenception—Safe Period—Effects.  
Contraception—Birth Control—Effects.  
The Catholic Family and their Doctor.  
The Non-Catholic Doctor and his Moral Code.  
The Catholic Maternity Case.  
Ectopic Gestation.  
Forbidden Operations and Methods.  
Unjustifiable Operations.  
Drug Administration—Narcotics—Delerifacients.  
Professional Secrets—Crime Detection.  
Experimentation on Humans.  
Euthanasia—“Mercy Killing”—Ante-mortem Sedation.  
Our Diminished Birth Rate—Retarded Growth of Population.  
The Catholic Physician as a Good Neighbor.  
The Catholic Physician and the Parochial School.  
The Propaganda for “Medical Abortion” Laws.

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## GUILD NOTES

BROOKLYN GUILD—The Catholic Physicians' Guild of the Diocese of Brooklyn has continued its activities under the leadership of Dr. Thomas M. Brennan, who was elected President of the Guild at the May, 1935, Manresa Retreat.

In October last the Guild was fortunate in securing as a guest speaker, Dr. Harry Blaber, one of our esteemed young members, who has seen five years of the most active general medical and surgical services in the heart of China, to which he was assigned as a medical missionary by Maryknoll. Dr. Blaber thrilled the lay and medical audience who attended his talk. By the time this notice goes to press Dr. Blaber will probably be back at his permanent address, which is Toi Shan, care of Catholic Missions, South China.

A number of committee meetings were held and arrangements made for a Mass of Requiem which was celebrated in November of last year by his excellency the Right Reverend Thomas E. Molloy, D.D., Bishop of Brooklyn, for the deceased Catholic physicians of the Diocese. At the conclusion of the Mass the Bishop spoke