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NEW ORLEANS GUILD—The most recently organized unit of the Federation is making a good start. The President, Dr. James T. Nix, writes that nine physicians and the Chaplain, the Rev. Michael J. Larkin, constitute the nucleus of the new organization and that the initial meeting will be held in October. On this occasion a Constitution and By-laws will be adopted and all physicians then joining will be rated as "Charter Members" in addition to the pioneers who have taken the preliminary steps. The Secretary, Dr. J. Browne Larose, has sent Guild subscriptions to the LINACRE and the names of forty-three prospective members, to whom sample copies of the quarterly may be sent. The officers of the new Guild hope for a large membership and they consider the prospects bright.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., GUILD—Dr. Leo F. Simpson, President, reports that the Guild has been inactive lately. However, he has sent a list of forty-one Catholic physicians in this city. With the aid of THE LINACRE he expects to revive interest and he is convinced that the quarterly is a big help in carrying on the work of local Guilds. Dr. Simpson is of the opinion that the meetings have hitherto been too frequent and too medical. He looks for an early revival of the Rochester Guild.

PHILADELPHIA GUILD—A membership drive will be started in the early Fall, the object of which will be to enroll every Catholic physician, dentist and pharmacist, and whose united activity, it is hoped, will bring back the golden days of twenty years ago.

The Guild, founded in 1911, will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary sometime in November with a dinner. The speakers will be selected from the clergy, and the medical and dental professions.

The Guild lost through death since January 1st, 1936, the following members: William L. Clark, M.D.; Samuel J. J. Kelly, M.D.; Charles B. Schoales, M.D.; John Joseph Stanton, M.D.; and Herbert L. Northrop, M.D. The latter was Professor of Surgery at Hahnemann Medical College, a convert from the Presbyterian faith, and a most loyal Guildsman. *Requiescat in pace!*

BELLEVILLE GUILD—The Catholic Physicians' Guild of the Diocese met at Lake Congress as guests of Mr. George E. Muller, cashier of the Belleville Bank and Trust Co., on Tuesday afternoon and evening, August 18. The meeting was one of the most successful ever held by the Guild from point of attendance and interest displayed by the physicians present.

Mgr. Gruenewald, the Moderator of the Guild, made a report of the progress of the school health program in the Diocese, showing that the children in 57 of the 80 parochial schools had received the benefit of a physical examination during the course of the year. He outlined the objectives of the Guild with regard to the health program for the coming year.

The Program as adopted by the Guild is as follows:

1. Examination of Children.
 - a. Provide for the examination of all children in those schools where the children have not been examined during the past year.

b. Provide for the examination of the first grade in all parochial schools of the Diocese, even in those schools where examinations have already been conducted; also for the examination of those children who are attending the parochial school for the first time in a grade more advanced than the first or for one reason or other were missed in last year's examination.

2. Follow-up Defects Reported.

Review the work done last year for the purpose of ascertaining as to how far the defects brought to the attention of the parents have been corrected.

3. Diphtheria Immunization.

a. Continue the educational work for immunization against diphtheria. It is suggested that the State Department of Public Health be asked shortly before the Teachers' Institute to furnish a sufficient number of their pamphlets on Diphtheria Immunization, which are to be distributed to the teachers at the Institute so that one of these pamphlets will get into each home. It is also suggested that the pastors be asked to make an announcement to this effect that no child need in this day die of diphtheria and that every child can be protected or rendered immune by the proper injection.

b. In those cases where the pastor or other school authority desires to give the children the benefit of the diphtheria immunization, the procedure to be followed is: Classify the children into two classes, the first to contain all those children whose parents are able to pay the school tuition entirely or in part, and the second, those children who pay no school tuition. The first class is to be directed to their family physicians for the immunization. The second class will be treated by the school physician without fees, according to his discretion either at his office or at the school.

BOSTON GUILD—The Annual Meeting of the Guild of Saint Luke, of Boston, was held at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, Brighton, Mass., on Wednesday, June 28, 1936. We again enjoyed the kind invitation of Father Brennan, Superintendent, and the Sisters of Saint Francis to use their hospital for our clinical meeting as well as our business meeting.

The members enjoyed the freedom of the hospital for the first two hours, observing the surgery of the day, and making ward visits with the visiting staff. Papers were read and discussed by members of the staff and they proved to be most timely and interesting. Year by year this clinical day is proving more valuable and this is shown by the large attendance and the active interest of the members.

The election of officers for the year 1936-1937 was held and the following were elected: President, Dr. Brainard Conley, of Malden; Vice-President, Dr. Louis F. Curran, of Boston; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Edward L. Kickham, of Boston; Council: Dr. Edward J. O'Brien of Boston; Dr. Frederick P. Murphy of Lowell, Dr. John F. Casey of Boston, Dr. Michael F. McGarty of Boston, and Dr. John P. Treanor, Jr., of Boston.

It was decided at this meeting to increase the dues of the Guild in order to continue the extensive programs of the past years and to provide accommodations at the meetings for the increased numbers attending. Our Guild has grown very fast. The cost of providing meeting places and collations, which are such a pleasant part of our meetings, necessitate a larger assessment. It was so voted.

Father Brennan addressed the meeting in response to our vote of thanks and grateful appreciation for his generous hospitality. He stressed the cooperation between doctors and hospital, the necessity for closer understanding of mutual problems and again offered the facilities of his hospital at any time we could find use for them.

The next meeting of the Guild will be held in November. A very interesting program for the coming year has been arranged by the new President, Dr. Conley.