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BROOKLYN DIOCESE STARTS A GRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL

After almost two years of concerted effort on the part of the Medical Board of St. Mary's Hospital, a program for a graduate medical school was presented to the Board of Trustees several months ago. This program was approved by the Board of Trustees and has received the hearty cooperation of His Excellency, Bishop Thomas E. Molloy. The establishment of this school was possible because of a charter granted to St. Mary's Hospital in 1888 which permitted the establishment of a Medical School. The idea behind the organization of this school is to offer full facilities to the doctors connected with the hospitals of the Diocese of Brooklyn and to all other doctors, regardless of creed, to improve their knowledge of medicine and surgery and to keep abreast with the newest developments in their respective fields.

The school will offer graduate, post-graduate and cultural courses. The graduate courses are organized for the particular benefit of those men who wish to further equip themselves in their particular specialty. Post-graduate courses are mainly for men who wish to bring themselves up to date in general medicine and its allied subjects. This coming term the school will offer one cultural course. This course is very ambitious. Probably no similar course has been attempted before,

certainly not in Metropolitan New York. The subject matter will be on Catholic ethical principles involved in medical practice, with particular reference to the field of obstetrics and gynecology. The course will be 8-10 lectures in length, the first three lectures being on general ethical principles. Each succeeding lecture will deal with one particular problem, such as abortions, ectopics, etc. The lecturers will be men outstanding in their field. Among the clergy who have already agreed to talk on ethical problems are Msgr. John A. Ryan, Rev. John M. Cooper, Ph.D., and Father Farrell, all connected with the Catholic University in Washington, and Rev. Edward Sweeney of the Diocesan Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at Huntington. Other lectures in this course will be given by men of similar standing.

Every effort will be made to maintain this school as a Diocesan Institution. All the Catholic hospitals of Brooklyn and Queens will become integral parts of the school.

When it is remembered that there are over 2,600 beds in our diocesan hospitals and that there are five thousand births annually in these hospitals, it may readily be seen that this is a teaching unit of vast possibilities. In addition 56,000 patients are treated each year in the various Catholic clinics

for a total of 164,000 visits. There is absolutely no reason why these various hospitals should not be fused into one educational unit while at the same time each hospital maintains its own individual identity.

As a first step in this new educational program of the diocese a new laboratory is being erected at St. Mary's Hospital. One of the most important units in this building is to be a large dissection room, fully equipped with all modern appliances and with adequate facilities for doctors who may be taking courses in the anatomy of their different specialties, or in animal surgery. A large lecture and demonstration room will be on the second floor. This room will afford ample opportunity for all types of class work in histology, embryology and pathology.

If the interns of our Catholic hospitals are to be educated according to modern concepts and are to be prepared for future positions of responsibility in our Catholic hospitals, they must be given special work far more advanced than the teaching they have received in the medical schools. For admission to the group of specialists, special courses and special work in the basic sciences of anatomy, physiology, histology and pathology must be taken. The graduate school will answer this demand in an adequate manner.

The Department of Obstetrics

and Gynecology will open the school during the coming term. This particular department has been holding weekly organization meetings. Among the doctors cooperating are: Drs. Wilfred V. Egan and Vincent Mazzola of St. Peter's Hospital, Dr. Joseph McGoldrick of Holy Family Hospital, Drs. Edward Flemming and William Meagher of St. Catherine's Hospital, Drs. James P. McManus and James V. Rizzi of Mary Immaculate Hospital, Drs. Austin B. Johnson and Alfred F. Calvelli of St. Joseph's, Far Rockaway, Dr. Marius Abbene of Bushwick Hospital, and Drs. Edward A. Keyes, Charles H. Loughran, Henry Goubeaud, Robert E. Wilson and Francis Doyle of St. Mary's Hospital. Dr. Keyes is to act as Dean of the Faculty and Doctor John A. Shields as Secretary-Treasurer.

At a meeting which inaugurated this movement, Rev. Joseph F. Brophy, Diocesan Superintendent of Hospitals, was one of the speakers. In his address, he assured the doctors present that His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, was keenly interested in the project and had made a substantial contribution towards the laboratory building. The Bishop regards the new Graduate School as a diocesan enterprise and it is his wish that every diocesan hospital cooperate in this program of medical education.

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