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BROOKLYN GUILD—The Annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Guild was celebrated at St. Mary's Hospital on Saturday, November 23rd at 9 A. M. Once again we were honored by having our Most Reverend Bishop as the celebrant.

The groundwork has been laid for the Annual Clinical Day. The success of this undertaking last year assures a good program and attendance this year. A special committee is hard at work and in due time will announce the program of the day's activities which will probably be held in St. Catherine's Hospital.

The Fall Meeting was held in the Knights of Columbus Building on December 18, the principal speaker being Reverend Gerald C. Treacy, S.J., who delivered a most interesting talk on "The American Way." Father Treacy told how the statesmen in the days of Washington had used the Catholic doctrines of the Rights of Individuals and the duties of the State in drafting the Declaration of Independence.

BOSTON GUILD—The Fall Meeting of the Guild of Saint Luke was held at the Puritan Hotel on Thursday, November 21. Dr. James P. O'Hare, President, presided and presented the Chaplain, Monsignor M. J. Splaine, who brought the greetings and good wishes of His Eminence, Cardinal O'Connell, for a successful and profitable Guild Year. Reverend Donald A. McGowan, Superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, was also a guest at the meeting and spoke briefly upon the activities of the Guild and of his hope for its greater progress.

The evening was given over to a Symposium on Pneumonia, and papers were presented by the following members: Dr. Louis F. Curran on "Pneumonia and Conditions Simulating Pneumonia"; Dr. Norman A. Welch on "Atypical Forms of Pneumonia"; Dr. John F. Casey on "The Therapy of Pneumonia"; Dr. Paul J. Jakmaul; on "Pneumonia and the

State Department of Public Health." The discussion was carried on by Dr. James P. O'Hare, Dr. Richard W. Sheehy, and Dr. William C. Maloney.

BELLEVILLE GUILD—The Guild met at the Waterloo Country Club for its first Fall meeting, at which a concerted effort on the part of the members was voted for the purpose of conducting an organized campaign against immoral literature in any form, but especially the display of immoral reading matter in regard to contraceptive devices in the drug stores of Southern Illinois.

Dr. James J. Donahue, President, made a report of the biennial convention of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds, held in New York. Doctor Donahue's report pointed to the genuine zeal and enthusiasm for the Guild movement which is to be noted in the eastern states, and spoke with feeling of the graciousness of Archbishop Spellman in offering the Holy Mass for the Guild members in Our Lady's Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. He also pointed to the address of the Reverend Ignatius W. Cox, S.J., for its solid content of instruction and inspirational value.

In answer to the appeal of the Reverend Edward F. Garesche, S.J., head of the Catholic Medical Mission Board of New York, Dr. Eugene F. Moore consented to take charge of the collection of sample medicines, which are to be brought to St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis. Doctor Moore will pack and forward these medicines to the Medical Mission Board, whence they will be sent on to their respective destinations at the mission fields.

This organized effort has been placed under the direction of Dr. Frank Bihss, Secretary of the Guild, and Dr. John T. Murphy, a dentist of East St. Louis. Monsignor Gruenewald stressed the necessity of doctors being cautious as to the character of the literature on the tables of their waiting rooms.

The Very Reverend Richard Cahill,

S.J., spoke on the value of the retreat movement among physicians.

WILMINGTON GUILD—On Monday evening, November 4, the first meeting of the season was held at the Ursuline Academy, in conjunction with the Catholic Forum of the Diocese of Wilmington. The Reverend Thomas V. Moore, O.S.B., eminent psychiatrist and priest, was the speaker of the evening. His subject was "Religion and Mental Health." Father Moore spoke of the urgent need of religious instruction for children in Child Guidance Clinics as a means of combating anti-social and psychotic trends in children.

Father Moore's talk was followed by a lengthy discussion in which members of the audience participated.

Election of officers for the current year will take place at the next quarterly meeting.

BRONX GUILD—This Guild held its Fall meeting at Fordham University Sunday, November 17, 1940. There was Holy Mass in the University Church said by the Reverend James J. Redmond, S.J., Principal of the Fordham Preparatory School. The communion breakfast followed at which the following slate of officers was elected: Dr. John Conboy retired as President in favor of Dr. Paul Casson; Dr. Hamilton J. Hammill was elected Vice-President; Dr. Thomas Leahy continued as Secretary and Dr. James Ryan as Treasurer. The guest speaker was Father Gerald Walsh, S.J., editor of *Thought*, the Fordham University quarterly. The speaker handled his subject, "The Pope's Program for Peace," with such masterly brilliance that the Guild was enthralled. The moderator, Father Ignatius W. Cox, S.J., spoke briefly at the end of this successful meeting.

The Pope's Program For Peace

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that the Pope pleads. Instead of artificial, treaty-made "nations" that have no roots in history and tradition, he asks for a restoration of the frontiers which really correspond to national groups. In order to maintain this map, once it is made, he asks for two necessary means: for disarmament to take the claws out of greed, and for arbitration to put wisdom in

the place of war. To make these means effective he asks the statesmen to use them in the light of justice and charity. And, finally, to keep the light of justice burning, he insists that all Governments must return to the idea that they are as responsible to the moral law as individual men and women. Only if such ideas prevail can we hope for a period of genuine peace.

Postage Stamps

Two medical postage stamps have been issued by our government in 1940,—one to commemorate the achievement of Dr. C. W. Long (1815-1878), who discovered the use of ether and per-

formed the first operation under that anesthesia in 1842. The other stamp honors Dr. Walter Reed (1851-1902), who won the victory over yellow fever.