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Although we had planned to have the July issue contain the usual number of articles, we find the reports of the Convention of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds, held in New York on June 12th, so interesting, that we feel that the many Guild members throughout the country, who were unable to attend, will be glad to read a full account of what was said and done.

Therefore, this has been made

a Convention Number from cover to cover. We have even omitted the usual interesting article which our learned and revered Editor-in-Chief, Doctor James J. Walsh, so kindly gives us, although we know that all will miss the biography which is always filled with his genial humor.

We would appreciate expressions of opinion from Guild members on the reports, as well as suggestions or constructive criticism.

—A. P. D.

FEDERATION DAY

By WILLIAM F. C. STEINBUGLER, M.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Secretary of the Federation, 1931-1940

Guild members who attended any or all of the activities will long remember June 12th. We were fortunate in having a fine June day, not marred by rain or increased humidity. Members began to arrive early at the Cathedral where His Excellency, Archbishop Francis Spellman, read

Mass in Our Lady's Chapel. The small chapel was taxed to capacity and there were many communicants. At eleven we again gathered in the spacious and airy headquarters of the Catholic Club on the 17th floor of the Waldorf-Astoria for our bi-annual meeting which was opened by prayer by

the National Moderator, Father Ignatius W. Cox, S.J. The Club had graciously placed their facilities at our disposal and we were very happy to welcome His Excellency to such pleasant surroundings. After his edifying address, the routine order of business was carried out. The reports of the officers were very encouraging and valuable suggestions were made by many of the visiting delegates. The report of the Nominating Committee resulted in the election of the following officers:

Dr. Thomas M. Brennan, Brooklyn,
President

Dr. Walter J. Otis, New Orleans,
1st Vice-President

Dr. Jas. J. Donahue, Belleville, Ill.,
2nd Vice-President

Dr. John W. Spellman, Boston, Mass.,
3rd Vice-President

Dr. Frank L. Denzer, Brooklyn,
Secretary

Dr. Henry J. Barrow, New York,
Treasurer

Father Edward Garesché, S.J., of the Medical Mission Board, addressed the members and encouraged them to give support to this work. The donation of medical samples and surgical equipment is particularly desirable, as the Missions are badly in need of these. A committee was appointed to render all possible aid. The Chairman, Dr. Reginald Blaber, has served as a Medical Missionary in China for five years and is thoroughly familiar with this im-

portant work.

It was decided to hold our next bi-annual meeting at the time of the A. M. A. Convention in Atlantic City, June, 1942.

The dinner at the Biltmore far exceeded our expectations. The Committee under the able Chairmanship of Dr. Thomas Waldie, President of the New York Guild, had taken care of the minutest details so that a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by upwards of two hundred guests.

Doctor Brennan, the President of the Federation, presided at the dinner. He said, "Catholic physicians are becoming more and more aware that Guild membership offers opportunity for self-improvement and self-development along sound spiritual lines. Never before in this country, has it been so necessary for the Catholic physician to uphold the Catholic faith and morality against un-Christian and unscientific materialism."

The speakers were the National Moderator, Rev. I. W. Cox, S.J., the President of the American Medical Association, Dr. Royal C. Van Etten, and Dr. Charles Mongan, of Boston. The addresses were timely and thoroughly enjoyed.

The Executive Committee has reason to feel greatly encouraged and the outlook for the future is, indeed, bright. At our next meeting we hope to be able to report great progress in our work.