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## GUILD NOTES

**BROOKLYN GUILD**—The Annual Retreat was held at Mount Manresa, Staten Island, May 10-12. Rev. James I. Moakley, S.J., was the Director of the retreat, which was attended by fifty-seven Brooklyn physicians.

A business meeting was held on May 12, at which the various Chairmen of Committees handed in their reports. The Guild now has 113 members in good standing.

The following men were elected to office for the current year: President, Edwin H. Fiske, M.D.; President-Elect, John J. Masterson, M.D.; Vice-President, John B. D'Albora, M.D.; Secretary, John G. McNamara, M.D.; Treasurer, John J. Flynn, M.D.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring President, Dr. Ignatius Byrne, who had served two years in office, and to the retiring Secretary, Dr. Frank Mallon, who had served six years in office. Dr. J. J. Flynn, who was continued in office as Treasurer, was also lauded for his efficient work.

**BELLEVILLE GUILD**—Our new constitution and by-laws have been approved by our Most Reverend Bishop. Since members of the dental profession may now join this Guild, fourteen Catholic dentists have applied for admission and these applications have been passed on favorably.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Very Reverend A. Simon, O.M.I., for his splendid address at the last meeting, from which we quote: "The Catholic physician must be a man of faith and so, with the simplicity and trust of a child, seek the spiritual nourishment for his personal holiness.

"The Catholic doctor must be a man of faith, a man of vision which transcends the immediate present and the person of the patient and embraces time and eternity, which sees the patient before him in the years that are to come,

in the eternity which follows all time."

Father Simon then condemned the present age of materialism shown and often enunciated by physicians in the principle: "What is best, or what I deem best for the body of the patient, as an individual, regardless of any and all other considerations, this is the supreme law of medical practice."

The Reverend speaker showed how these principles worked out in practical application in the operations which are performed, regardless of the ethics involved, such as sterilization of women for purely selfish reasons, of the insane and of the mental and physical defectives.

*"Hence the Catholic doctor must be not only a man of faith but also a man of prayer, that is, of personal holiness. The doctor can best attend to his patient's interest by first attending to his own interests (a) in health of body; (b) in mental alertness; (c) in professional knowledge and skill, and (d) in holiness of life. Therefore he must pray, read things Catholic and spiritual, not only for the benefit of others, but for his own, receive the Sacraments and be ready to defend Catholic teaching and practice."*

**NEW ORLEANS GUILD**—At the meeting on April 24, Father McDonald gave the principal address. He spoke on "The Reasons for Monogamy" and stated that his reason for discussing this was the fact that patients often come to the physician for advice about divorce and remarriage. The causes for invalidation of marriage were also discussed.

Doctor Murphy brought up the question of unethical medical and medicinal advertisements in New Orleans and a committee was appointed to consider measures with a view to stopping these.

**WILMINGTON GUILD**—This Guild held its annual Communion and Break-

fast in St. Francis Hospital on Sunday, April 14. Mass was offered and Communion administered by our Moderator, Father Desmond. At the meeting on May 5, the speaker was the Reverend J. C. Selner of Baltimore, who spoke on "Birth Control, Moral and Immoral." Father Selner gave a most impressive talk. The discussion was led by Doctors Preston and Bohan. The meeting was largely attended by both physicians and members of the clergy. We were glad to greet several non-Catholic physicians.

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CHICAGO GUILD—Just as this issue

goes to press, we read of the death, at the age of 58, of Doctor Austin Albert Hayden, noted Chicago eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. He was prominently identified with the American Medical Association, having been a member of its House of Delegates for many years, and secretary of its Board of Trustees. He was one of the oldest subscribers to the LINACRE QUARTERLY, and although an extremely busy man—having done wide research work in the treatment of deafness—he was always ready to stand by with help or advice to the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds. May his reward be great!

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EDITOR'S NOTE—We have just heard that Monsignor M. J. Gruenewald has had to undergo an operation. We pray that zealous worker in the cause of our Guild work may soon be restored to perfect health.

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## Routine Tests for Urinary Sugar Simplified by Means of the New Galatest Method

It has been estimated that one out of every four persons has a diabetic heredity. Statistics show, also, that the number of cases of diabetes has been annually increasing. What can be done to check the disease? One answer is, to make urinary tests for sugar a routine procedure with all patients presenting themselves for treatment. It is well known that many incipient and mild cases of diabetes go untreated because of vague symptomatology and which

could be prevented from progressing if detected in time.

Sugar urinalyses are now routinely possible with the aid of the dry micro-reagent, Galatest. With it, tests can be made at the office of the physician or the patient's bedside, in a few seconds at small cost. It requires no laboratory equipment. Physicians using it will find it of inestimable value in their daily practice. For particulars address: The Denver Chemical Mfg. Co., New York.