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BELLEVILLE GUILD—At the meeting of April 12, the newly-elected officers were installed. Judge Joseph E. Fleming, County Judge of St. Clair County, gave a very interesting talk on "How the Catholic doctor can help our country today." At the recent meeting in Atlantic City, our very active President, Dr. Nicholas Feder, was elected second vice-president of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds. Our zealous Chaplain, Monsignor Gruenewald, was honored recently by being asked to address the St. Louis Guild and also the Detroit Guild.

NEW ORLEANS GUILD—At a recent meeting, Dr. Tibbier gave a very interesting talk on "The Relationship of the Dentist to the Doctor." A paper by Dr. Nix was also read on "The Relationship of the Doctor to the Dentist." At the meeting of April 22, the principal speaker was Major Buchanan, who spoke on the duties and activities of the Catholic Chaplain in the Army.

DETROIT GUILD—The Guild meeting was held in connection with 9 o'clock Mass in Mercy College, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy at Detroit. The Rev. G. Pare, pastor of Sacred Heart parish of Grosse Ile, Michigan, and Diocesan Moderator of the Catholic Physicians' Guild of Detroit, was the celebrant at the Mass. He spoke a few brief words

on the significance of the Feast of Pentecost to the doctors after the gospel,

The sixty members of the Guild were present at the Holy Mass and Communion and at the breakfast which followed in the auditorium of Mercy College. The President, William E. Keane, M.D., presided at the meeting. After the address by Monsignor M. J. Gruenewald, Chaplain of the Belleville Guild, there was a lively discussion and the Moderator, Father Pare, answered a large number of timely moral, ethical and medical questions.

The 1942 Detroit Guild Officers are: William E. Keane, M.D., President; Frank Murphy, M.D., Vice-President; Meshel Rice, M.D., Secretary; Edward Ducey, M.D., Treasurer.

BOSTON GUILD—On Wednesday, June 24, the annual meeting of the Boston Guild of St. Luke was held at Carney Hospital, South Boston. Several very interesting papers were read.

ST. LOUIS GUILD—At the invitation of the Very Rev. Martin J. O'Malley, C.M., D.D., Rector of Kenrick Seminary and Moderator of the Catholic Physicians' Guild of St. Louis, and Dr. Duff Allen, prominent St. Louis surgeon and this year's President of the Guild, the Right Rev. Msgr. M. J. Gruenewald appeared before the meeting of the St. Louis Physicians' Guild on Sunday

morning, May 17, at Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

The meeting was preceded by a solemn High Mass in the large Seminary chapel, at which the Rev. John J. Martin, C.M., Treasurer of the Seminary, was celebrant. Father Martin was assisted by major and minor officers taken from the student body. During the High Mass about sixty Catholic physicians, members of the Guild, received Holy Communion. The student body of the Seminary chanted the High Mass in a truly edifying manner and the whole ceremony was a deep inspir-

ation to the Catholic physicians present.

At the meeting of the Guild which was held after breakfast in the seminarians' refectory, the Rev. Jos. P. Donovan, C.M., J.C.D., was the genial and capable host to the gathering, taking the place of Father O'Malley, who was absent on a preaching assignment at Baton Rouge, La. Monsignor Gruenewald had for the subject of his address "The Catholic Physicians' Guild on the March." Dr. Nicholas Feder, President of the Belleville Guild, also attended the St. Louis meeting.

A SAINT FOR DOCTORS

This would be just the year for our American Catholic doctors to choose for heavenly patron of their Medical Guilds (unless they have already committed themselves) a man of their own profession and their own land. I refer, of course, to Saint René Goupil, surgeon-Saint, who at thirty-four, died for the Faith at Ossernenon, now Auriesville, N. Y., midway between Amsterdam and Fonda. This year we are celebrating the tercentenary of the doctor's heroic death at the hands of the Mohawks on September 26, 1642. His bones, by the way, still lie buried somewhere in the Ravine at the Auriesville Shrine, placed there by the loving hands of his father in Christ and companion, Saint Isaac Jogues.

We know about Saint René's medical skill from the autograph account of Saint Isaac. We have

the record, too, of his two years of hospital work at St. Joseph's, Quebec, and of his being replaced by a famous Orleans, France, doctor, when he volunteered to go down to his death with Jogues in 1642. Surely he belongs, as their very own, to American doctors.

The site of Doctor Goupil's martyrdom is now a National Shrine, a place of prayer and pilgrimage in honor of the North American Martyrs canonized June 29, 1930. Of these eight men, America's only canonized Saints, three, Isaac Jogue, René Goupil, John LaLande, died at Auriesville. Here, too, was born Kateri Tekakwitha, Indian maiden, who will probably this year be declared Venerable.

Auriesville, N. Y.

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