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## TURNING OUR THOUGHTS BACKWARD

It is a strange quirk of human nature that changes,—even when they have long been joyfully looked forward to,—always bring with them a touch of sadness. Such is the case in the present instance.

The April 1939 issue of the LINACRE QUARTERLY was made ready for the printer by Doctor Dillon during his last illness. When he died on May 3, 1939, the Federation officers tried to secure a new editor and business manager, but without success. Rather than have an issue omitted, we volunteered to get out the July issue. At that time we did not dream that we would carry on this work for five and a half years!

In order to put LINACRE on a sound financial basis, we could not afford to pay for any help, and "getting out a number" has meant not only the securing of material, assembling it, making the dummy for the printer, and carrying on all correspondence; but also, the addressing of all the envelopes, pasting on the stamps putting in the copy, flapping the envelope, and, last of all, packing them up and transporting them, per taxi, to the post office! When this had been accomplished, a sigh of relief was always breathed. Besides this, in the capacity of business manager, books had carefully to be kept. All this was

rather a large order to squeeze into odd moments of leisure!

However, as we were in hearty sympathy with the work, we were very happy to be able to do it; from time to time, we did appeal to be released, but as the same situation prevailed, we continued.

If the plan proposed elsewhere in this issue goes through, the burden of editorship will be in other hands.

We want to take this occasion to thank those officers and members of Guilds who were always ready to help when called upon. Particularly does this apply to the Right Reverend Monsignor M. J. Gruenewald, Moderator of the Belleville (Illinois) Guild and to Doctor James T. Nix, former president of the New Orleans Guild. Their unflinching cooperation has been a wonderful encouragement to the editor.

To thank the Moderator of the Federation, the Reverend Ignatius W. Cox, S.J., for the assistance, encouragement, and appreciation which he has so generously meted out during the past years is quite impossible. All we can do in return is to remember him each day in our prayers.

That the LINACRE QUARTERLY may grow, flourish, and prosper in the years to come is our earnest and heartfelt wish and prayer.

THE EDITOR.