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of May will see the canonization at Rome of Blessed Thomas More. He was undoubtedly one of the finest intellects of his time; he was the Lord Chancellor of England, the friend of the King; yet he was so willing to sacrifice his life rather than be false to his faith, that he mounted the scaffold and laid his head on the block with a merry jest. His life is a striking answer to the admonition of our Lord, which ought to be the motto of every Catholic physician: Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, but to God the things that are God's.

GUILD NOTES

FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' GUILDS

LOCAL ACTIVITY. To the larger Catholic hospitals throughout the United States, in every city where a Guild has not been established, notices have been sent urging the formation of Guilds and offers have been made of assistance to organize. It is too soon to expect results, but inquiries have already come from New Castle, Pennsylvania and Huntington, West Virginia.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE. Dr. Henri Bon, President of the regional committee of the Société Médicale de Saint Luc, Saint Come et Saint Damien in Besancon, France, wrote for information concerning Catholic institutions in the United States: medical colleges, hospitals, societies of physicians, of dentists, of nurses, etc. The data was furnished by the Federation officers. Statistical information which Dr. Bon collected from many parts of the world, has been inserted in the Appendix of a *Precis de Médecine Catholique*, which he has recently published. The book treats most exhaustively of many religio-medical subjects throughout its 700 pages.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK CITY. Unofficial inquiry has been made regarding medical services to parochial schools. Our children in New York City receive the same attention as that accorded the pupils in the public schools. Every second year each child in the primary grades receives a general examination by a Board of Health physician. Nurses examine the sick children daily and arrange for treatment. The doctor's attention is called when necessary. Diphtheria immunity tests are made and the children are immunized when parents' consent can be obtained. The latter is the big stumbling block, because many do not appreciate the security offered. Tests for vision are made by the teachers who have been taught the use of the Snellen test card.

As to the high schools, both public and parochial, the pupils' routine examinations are made by the family doctor or are arranged for by the principal of each school. Usually a physician is selected who contracts to examine the students in groups for a small fee per capita. The members of our local guilds can help by administering diphtheria toxoid and by vaccinating free in worthy cases.

Milk is regularly supplied to pupils in the primary schools and hot lunches are supplied by the Relief Administration to needy children in our parish schools.

MANHATTAN GUILD—The Reverend Dr. Thomas V. Moore, Benedictine monk, physician, psychologist, psychiatrist, one of the three foremost experimental

psychologists in the world, and author of a new book, *Principles of Ethics*, addressed the Manhattan Guild, November 25th, 1935, on the topic, "The Ethical Problems that Confront the Physician." The lecture was well received and resulted in many questions, written and verbal, from the floor. The discussion was long, earnest and much to the point.

BOSTON GUILD—The fall meeting of the Guild of Saint Luke was held on Monday evening, October 28, 1935 at the Hotel Myles Standish in Boston. This was the first meeting under the new officers elected at the annual meeting in June. The officers are: President, Dr. Edward J. O'Brien; Vice-President, Dr. Brainard F. Conley; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Edward L. Kickham. This meeting took the form of a reception to Dr. Charles E. Mongan, the first Catholic President of the Massachusetts Medical Society, recently elected a Vice-President of the Federation and a Councilor in the Guild of Saint Luke. Over two hundred members attended this meeting, which is the largest number ever present at a meeting. This in itself speaks volumes for the popularity of Dr. Mongan and also is a fine start for the new officers. The following spoke briefly in praise and appreciation of Dr. Mongan and the work he has done for the physicians of Massachusetts and the Catholics in particular: Monsignor Splaine, our Chaplain; Dr. Thomas H. McCarthy, former Vice-President of the Massachusetts Medical Society; Dr. Thomas J. Scanlon, charter member of the Guild of Saint Luke; Dr. Tighe of Lowell. Dr. Mongan spoke at some length explaining the origin, meaning and the possibilities of the Social Security Act. He also spoke on several bills which will come up for action at the coming session of our local legislature. He explained the course of education for the public which he is conducting through a number of speakers throughout the state. These speakers are appearing at any and all club, fraternal, social or political meetings, wherever they are invited, interpreting and giving the viewpoint of the physician on these new acts of social security and in this way hope to place their case before the public. It is not possible to do it otherwise.

The large number present was very encouraging, both to the new officers and the old, for it is due in no small way to the efforts of the retiring officers in building up the membership which accounted for the new faces and the enthusiasm of the old members.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 28, 1936, and our guest speaker will be the Reverend Father Michael J. A'Hearn, S.J., of Weston College.

BELLEVILLE, ILL., GUILD—The last regular meeting of the year of the Catholic Physicians' Guild of the Belleville Diocese took place in the auditorium of Villa Clare at St. Elizabeth Hospital on Tuesday evening, November 26th.

Dr. J. E. Bellinger, President, opened the meeting with a short address, emphasizing the need of the Guild and the cooperation necessary on the part of each member by studying the program of the Guild, keeping abreast with its activities through the LINACRE QUARTERLY and by personal participation in the meetings and in the program adopted by the Guild in the Diocese, as well as by interesting other Catholic physicians in membership.

The President then introduced Dr. J. Verneuil, who had prepared a paper on the subject of "The Catholic Physician and Sterilization." Dr. Verneuil's paper was

timely and complete and was commented upon very favorably by the other members who discussed the paper.

Drs. J. J. Kane and H. J. Nebel of East St. Louis, J. E. Black of Centralia and A. W. Springs of Dewmaine were admitted to membership in the Guild.

Mgr. John J. Fallon, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, attended the meeting and expressed pleasure at the progress being made by the Guild in school health work.

A report was then made by Dr. J. J. Donahue on the school health program. This report showed that the work was progressing nicely. Dr. Donahue stressed the fact that the health inspection in the schools of the Diocese is to be conducted on conservative lines and merely for the purpose of pointing out the possible need of medical and dental attention in particular cases.

Dr. W. P. Brown's picture, "School Health Procedures," was shown to the members present and was favorably received because of the very thorough and painstaking physical examination exemplified.

Dr. J. J. Donahue was designated by the Guild as its spokesman at the annual Teachers' Institute of the Belleville Diocese, held at St. Elizabeth's Auditorium, East St. Louis, on Friday, December 6th. Dr. Donahue told the assembled teachers about the Guild and its school health program.

A proposed amendment to the by-laws, in virtue of which Catholic physicians will be exempt from the payment of dues in the Guild during the period of their internship is being considered.

After the close of the meeting a social session followed.



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