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there does not seem to be any doubt about the legal validity of such marriages performed in foreign jurisdictions.

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The advantages to be gained from the Illinois Act can easily be foretold from the experience in other states where the law has been in force for several years, particularly Connecticut. Parents are particularly pleased, because they know that their sons and daughters are united with good, clean life mates. The health rate of children should increase, and the number of weak and deformed children should decrease. There should be fewer deaths of mothers at childbirth. And then again, it is easy to understand how there should be a rapid decline in the number of divorces. The old Roman maxim: "Mens Sana in Corpore Sano" should apply abundantly, and as a result, the number of divorces should decline rapidly, because the mental

state of the married couples will work for greater harmony and happiness.

Wisconsin and Michigan now have laws very similar to those in force in Connecticut and Illinois. The movement is bound to grow rapidly. Each year we should learn of remarkable strides of progress in those states which have such laws. The United States Public Health Service is not only extending a helping hand to them, but for the past several years has been a leader in the movement to combat venereal diseases by bringing them into the open rather than keeping them a hidden secret, which might have a fascination or an allurements for the young.

Even though the new law is but a few months old, the statistics available in Illinois readily show the wisdom of the proponents of the Bill. It means much, not only to the youth of our country, but also to its future progress and growth.

GUILD NOTES

FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' GUILDS—The Executive Committee met on September 13th and reviewed the work of the past year. The officers were re-elected for another term. The management of LINACRE QUARTERLY during the past year has been in the hands of the President, Dr. Joseph A. Dillon, and to him the Executive Committee has also entrusted the Editorship for the ensuing year. Dr. James F. Power will continue to act as Treasurer

of the magazine, as well as of the Federation.

BELLEVILLE GUILD—A successful meeting was held at St. Henry's College on August 25th. The Oblate Fathers were most generous hosts. In the absence of the President, Dr. Everett, the Chair was occupied by Dr. Reis, the former President. The Guild decided to continue its health program in the parochial schools through the volunteer ser-

vices of its members and to cooperate with the health unit being formed in four townships in the vicinity of East St. Louis. Bishop Henry Althoff of Belleville warmly indorsed the health program in a recent letter. The intellectual treat of the evening was an address by Attorney H. Grady Vien. The Guild regretted the absence of Dr. Joseph Beykirch, a charter member, who is ill in hospital.

CLEVELAND GUILD—The second Annual Closed Retreat was held at Our Lady of the Lake Seminary, July 13th to July 15th, closing with a dinner at which the Most Reverend James A. McFadden, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, was a most welcome guest. Members making the retreat were enthusiastic over the devotions and determined to interest more physicians in these exercises, which the Chapter hopes to repeat annually. Father Le May, S.J., Dean of Men at John Carroll University, was the retreat master. The Guild is extremely grateful to him for his stimulating leadership throughout these exercises and to Mgr. James A. McDonough for his courtesy and hospitality.

BOSTON GUILD—According to custom, new officers for the year were elected at the June meeting. The new office of Secretary was created, as the Guild has grown so much that it was an imposition to ask one man to be both Secretary and Treasurer. The new officers are: President, Dr. Louis Curran; Vice-President, Dr. Frederick O'Brien; Secretary, Dr. Daniel L. Lynch; Treasurer, Dr. Edward L. Kickham; Chaplain, Rt. Rev. M. J. Splaine, D.D.

BROOKLYN GUILD—The officers for the current year are: President, Dr. Peter J. Dulligan; Vice-President, Dr. Ignatius P. Byrne; Secretary, Dr. Frank E. Mallon; Treasurer, Dr. John J. Flynn; Chaplain, Rev. Paul Faustman.

NEW ORLEANS GUILD—The Guild does not assemble during the Summer, but is now preparing for its next meeting on October 20th. The feature topic will be a discussion on the subject of Birth Control.

SOCIÉTÉ MÉDICALE BELGE DE SAINT LUC—The Federation has received from Brussels a prospectus of the International Congress of Catholic Physicians to be held in 1938. The first Congress, 1935, met in Brussels; the second, 1936, in Vienna, and it is proposed that the third should be held in Rome. The program, the order of the day, and the rules of the Congress should have the approval of the different national societies of St. Luke. Dr. Goedseels is the Secretary General.

DANSKE KATHOLSKE LOEGERS SAMMENSLUTNING—The Danish Catholic Physicians' Society, officially known as Nicolaus Steno's Guild, aims to help Danish Catholic doctors to follow the teaching and interpretation of the Church regarding medical and moral questions and especially to work for canonization of Bishop Nicolaus Steno. Every year, on the anniversary of his death, a Mass is said for the intention of obtaining his canonization. In addition, a Mass is said every year in Copenhagen on the Feast Day of Sts. Cosmas and Damien, September 27th, for living and dead members of the Guild. The President is Dr. Med. Carl Schwensen, Physician-in-Chief, Aalborg Hospital.

SOCIÉTÉ MÉDICALE DE SAINT LUC, SAINT COME ET SAINT DAMIEN—The Secretary General, Dr. O. Pasteau, has sent a questionnaire to obtain statistics of the Federation and its constituent Guilds, the names of the officers, and the religious, ethical and medical activities of the organizations.