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OUR NEW GUILD—The officers of the Federation take great pleasure in welcoming to their ranks the newly-formed Catholic Physicians' and Dentists' Guild of New Jersey, with headquarters at Newark. This large Guild, formed through the initiative of His Excellency, the Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, Archbishop of Newark, has elected the following officers: President, B. A. O'Connor, M.D., of Newark; Secretary, J. Jennings, D.D.S., of Trenton; Treasurer, James Norton, M.D., of Jersey City; Chaplain, Rev. Thomas A. Boland, of Newark. This young Guild has already successfully fought the passing of unethical medical bills by the State Legislature. May it continue to flourish and to prosper!

BROOKLYN GUILD—A number of Executive Committee meetings have been held with a view of considering ways and means of increasing the membership of the Guild. At present, there are one hundred members in good standing—the largest number to date.

At the meeting of November 15, the Rev. Martin D'Arcy, S.J., was the principal speaker. Father D'Arcy, a member of the English Province of the Jesuit Order, and an outstanding authority on Catholic Philosophy, spoke on "The Christian Outlook on Present Day Europe." To this meeting, were also invited the members of the Catholic Lawyers' Guild, as well

as the members of the Catholic Dentists' Guild of Brooklyn. All present shared the sentiments of Doctor Byrne, President of the Guild, when he thanked the speaker for a most eloquent and timely discourse.

On November 25, the Most Reverend Bishop of the Diocese, Thomas E. Molloy, S.T.D., celebrated a Mass of Requiem at St. Peter's Hospital, Brooklyn, for the deceased Catholic physicians of the diocese. After the Mass, Bishop Molloy addressed the Guild members briefly, congratulating them upon this manifestation of Christian interest in the souls of their departed confreres. A breakfast was graciously provided by the good Sisters of St. Peter's.

BRONX GUILD—On November 26, the Catholic Physicians' Guild of the Bronx conducted its Fall Communion, followed by breakfast. Samuel Telfair, Ph.D., spoke on "Propaganda Technique." This interesting talk outlined the methods of European countries in their efforts to gain favorable action in this country.

The following men were elected to office: John Conboy, M.D., President; Paul Casson, M.D., Vice-President; James Ryan, M.D., Treasurer; Thomas Leahy, M.D., Secretary.

BOSTON GUILD—The Annual Requiem Mass for deceased members was sung on the morning

of October 26, by the Chaplain, Right Reverend M. J. Splaine. The first regular meeting of the season was held at the Hotel Puritan, October 26, the President, Dr. Charles F. Twomey of Lynn, presiding. In his remarks, the Chaplain, Msgr. Splaine, took occasion to report that a broad survey in many cities conducted last Summer into the character of reading matter found in the reception rooms of professional men, especially doctors and dentists, disclosed a strikingly deplorable amount of cheap, sometimes even salacious stuff. He suggested that our Guild and similar Guilds throughout the country, would perform a creditable service if they succeeded in cleaning out this trash, and replaced it by wholesome, uplifting Catholic and patriotic literature to confound the communists and their ilk. Mr. Leland Powers, a prominent attorney of Boston, long associated with the defense of physicians against suits for malpractice, was the guest speaker of the evening. He offered several specific recommendations which, if followed, would minimize the number of suits and secure a favorable finding in others. He stressed the value of accurate informative records promptly made in these cases and in tort cases also, and stressed the necessity for caution—even the exercise of charity—when the management of any condition was under discussion.

The Guild voted to hold the annual spiritual retreat in the Spring at the Jesuit Retreat

House, North Andover, Massachusetts. Especial note was taken of the recent death of Past-President Dr. Thomas J. Scanlan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Boston State Hospital. A revised and rewritten Constitution and By-Laws of the Guild of St. Luke was adopted.

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BELLEVILLE GUILD—The splendid work of the members of this Guild in connection with the School Health Program is receiving public recognition. Dr. Grace Wightman, Chief of the Division of Child Hygiene and Public Health writes in a letter of November 21 as follows: "You will be pleased with Mrs. Yenicek's report on the examinations in St. Joseph's School, Ridgway. It is not often one's good fortune to work with so eager and responsive a group as the priest, nuns, doctors and children in this school." Dr. Wightman continues: "On the basis of these physical examinations, we hope that we can build with you a program looking forward to the establishment of a thoroughly well-rounded school health program that will reach all of your children and their parents." At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Guild it was decided to extend the health service to the students of the secondary schools of the diocese. The health program of the high schools will follow the same broad outlines as that of the grade schools, but special attention will be paid to the heart, to nutrition, to the eyes and to the thyroid gland.