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FINANCIAL REPORT

An audited statement of cash receipts and disbursements for 1958 was submitted to the Board. It is published in the August 1959 issue of The Linacre Quarterly.

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uoble help and guidance during the years when the Federation activities had the support of The Catholic Hospital Association were duly acknowledged. Miss Jean Read, Assistant Secretary, was named to succeed Mr. Kneif.

THE LINACRE QUARTERLY

The Editor reported on circulation of the journal. The increase from 1,100 copies distributed in 1945 to 9,880 in May 1959 was noted. The need for articles was emphasized. The Abstract section initiated during 1958 was mentioned as an important addition to the magazine.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It was reported that 85 Catholic Physicians' Guilds now comprise the national organization with membership of 5,500 doctors. These groups function in 34 states, Canada and Puerto Rico, and it was urged that further effort be made to organize Guilds in every part of the country, Alaska and Hawaii.

Personal visits are the most productive manner of initiating these groups. The work of Doctors Egan, Holoubek, and Cunningham was cited in this regard.

In an effort to increase subscriptions to THE LINACRE QUARTERLY and create interest in the organization of Guilds, the magazine was advertised in the American Medical Association newspaper The A.M.A. News. Some 50 subscriptions were realized.

The organization of all Physicians' Guilds within a State, in the pattern of the Federation's activities, was advocated. This plan has been effected in Louisiana. A Catholic physicians throughout the State have been contacted for membership in local groups and newsletter is mailed monthly to members of the seven Guilds there.

An annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Louisiana State Medical Society has been established through joint effort of these units.

Concerted effort for the organization of Chicago and areas of the South into Guilds will be exerted over the next few months.

A.M.A. EXHIBIT

Dr. Gerard P. J. Griffin, chairman of the Exhibit that has been displayed at the A.M.A. conventions during the past three years, advised that again in Atlantic City space had been taken and visitors were stopping by to register and take along literature on important topics available as reprints from THE LINACRE QUARTERLY and other Catholic publications pertaining to "Moral Principles in Medical Practice" which is the theme of the Federation Exhibit.

It was explained that the display had been changed in some detail, improving its appeal to visitors. Members of New York Guilds - Drs. D. Mulvihill, C. Price, and J. Muccigrosso - assisted Dr. Griffin.

The Booth project continues to be an excellent outlet for disseminating information about the formation of Guilds and provides the opportunity to distribute literature - copies of THE LINACRE QUARTERLY, reprints, etc.

Linacre Quarterly

The A.M.A. convention held in Miami Beach in January, 1960, Catholic Physicians' Guilds of Miami has accepted responsibility for the booth at that time.

WINTER MEETING

It was voted to hold the meeting of the Executive Committee in Dallas, Texas, December 6, following the A.M.A. sessions in that city.

If arrangements can be made for staffing, the booth will be used at the A.M.A. exhibits on the following dates: February 1-4. Some 500 physicians are expected to attend sessions.

POPE PIUS XII PUBLICATION

At the winter meeting of the Board, the matter of publishing the allocutions of Pope Pius XII on Medicine was a consideration. Since that time, advice has come that The Pope Speaks, a national Catholic publication, is undertaking this project and it is felt that efforts on the part of the Federation would be a duplication.

GUILDS IN ACTION

The newsletter Guilds in Action, circulated during months when THE LINACRE QUARTERLY is not published, will be continued. It is mailed to all members of affiliated Guilds. The central office welcomes items for publication.

HEALTH CARE OF RELIGIOUS PROGRAM

The Catholic Hospital Association has been asked to initiate a Program for the Health Care of Religious. Background for the project was given and recommendation made that the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds co-sponsor the plan. A paper program consisting of a pre-entrance form and recommendations for health care for selected Orders is to be the first effort. Results of the study will be discussed further at the December 1959 Executive Board Meeting.

THOMAS LINACRE AWARD

The annual Thomas Linacre Award is made to the Catholic physician contributing an article to THE LINACRE QUARTERLY judged by a special committee to be most valuable in content to promote the interests of the journal in its efforts to express opinions in the light of Catholic teaching as applied to medical practice.

The 1958 recipient of the Award was Dr. Eugene J. Laforet, a member of the Guild of St. Luke of Boston, for his article "Boxing: Medical and Moral Aspects" which appeared in the May issue of THE LINACRE QUARTERLY. Present for the occasion, Dr. Laforet was given the Linacre medalion. Presentation was made by Father John J. Flanagan, S.J., Editor of the journal.

GUILD REPORTS

Written reports of Guild activities were prepared and given to the Executive Secretary for publication. Their content will appear in the next issue of Guilds in Action.
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

For the election of officers to take place at the Winter Executive Board Meeting, the following Nominating Committee was named: Melvin F. Yeip, M.D., Cleveland, Ohio; Guild; chancellor; Edwin J. Casey, M.D., Belleville, Illinois; Guild; Daniel J. MacDonald, Bronx, New York; Guild; Jeff J. Coletti, M.D., Rockville Centre, New York; Guild; D. L. Rousseau, M.D., Detroit, Michigan; Guild; and Franklyn Verdon, Miami; Guild. Their slate will be presented at the above session.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of a 30th anniversary celebration for the Federation in 1962 is to be included in the December agenda.

The Federation receives requests to use the booth display for meetings other than the A.M.A. convention. It was voted to make it available. The responsibility for staffing, the expense of space rental, shipping the display and other items would be the group using it. The Federation would furnish literature for distribution on request.

The matter of pornography was also discussed. The Federation's contribution to the national campaign against indecent literature is to be studied and report made at the winter meeting.

The Catholic Physicians' Guild of New Orleans voiced complaint against the quality of Braille material being furnished the city by that city. Throughout the country there are Catholic Guilds for the Blind. It was suggested contact be made with one of them for screening the publications.

Names and biographies of candidates for Catholic Physicians' Guild of the Year should be mailed to William J. Egan, 1180 Beacon, Brookline 46, Mass., by June 15. Meeting adjourned: 11:30 p.m.

Officers and Executive Board members representing affiliated Guilds meeting for annual business sessions in Atlantic City, June 10, 1959.