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On the contents page of this issue will be found the name of William J. Egan, M.D., *Editor*. Doctor Egan takes over the title from Reverend John J. Flanagan, S.J., whose wish is that this post be filled by one in the medical profession.

Father Flanagan has many duties as executive director of the Catholic Hospital Association but since 1947, when he was asked to serve as acting editor of our journal, found the time to guide our work and assist wherever he could in the difficult task of securing material for *THE LINACRE QUARTERLY*. He now feels the time has come to transfer these responsibilities to those of the Federation in the field of medicine. We will not lose his wise guidance; we will have his assistance as consulting editor.

Our officers asked Dr. Egan to accept the post of editor knowing full well that he is a busy surgeon in Boston but also aware that he has the qualifications we need. He is a graduate of Boston College, 1932 and Harvard Medical School, 1936. Since 1938 Dr. Egan has been active in the affairs of the St. Luke Guild of Catholic Physicians of Boston. From 1957 to 1959 he served as president of the National Federation. A writer himself, his contributions have appeared in *THE LINACRE QUARTERLY*, *The Catholic Nurse* and other journals.

Professionally, Dr. Egan is visiting surgeon on the staffs of St. Elizabeth's and Carney Hospitals in Boston. He is a member of the Medical Advisory Committee of the Catholic Hospital Association.

He resides with his wife, Mary, and their eleven children, in Newton Highlands, Massachusetts. In 1956 Dr. Bill and Mary received the National Family Life Award. In 1959 St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland, bestowed on Mrs. Egan the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science.

Dr. Egan is known for his honest opinions and forthright thinking on matters both medical and moral; his appraisals as editor will be most trustworthy. His acceptance as editor is a delight to those at the central office who will continue to produce the journal under his guidance. He is well aware of the difficult task of gathering material in the tradition of the early editors of *THE LINACRE QUARTERLY*. It is hoped that his burden will be lightened by the assistance of the Editorial Board listed in the masthead. With this fine group and the blessing of Father Flanagan to whom we will be unendingly grateful, may our journal forge ahead in its endeavor to include material of special interest in the philosophy of medicine and the advancement of ethical principles in medical practice.

J.R.