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NEW YORK ISSUE



Dr. Griffin

[EDITOR'S NOTE: A substantial portion of the material supplied for this first issue of 1966 was gathered by Gerard P. J. Griffin, M.D. as associate editor. During his term as president of the National Federation, Dr. Griffin committed a New York Issue, which is the present publication. This brings into focus again the many years of service and devotion to the organization and the readers of this journal given by "Dr. Jerry." His comments follow.]

For the past five years, the N.F.C.P.G. has been honoring Physicians in Religious Life who have the "two-fold" vocation of administering to the spiritual as well as the medical and physical needs of their patients. We have in our small way expressed appreciation for their unique lives by bestowing upon them honorary life membership in the National Federation. There are to date 172 physicians in religious

life: 22 priests, 2 brothers and 148 sisters.

We wish to emphasize particularly in this New York issue the work of those physicians whose assignments are now in the mission areas all over the world — in Africa, Asia, Latin America — you mention it and one will be there. Several reports of their efforts are recorded. We wish we could quote from the many letters that our fellow physicians have written expressing thanks for your effort and help, and begging continuing support and prayers.

Included are articles from doctors in the New York area recounting their personal experiences at San Pedro Necta in Guatemala, and the efforts of the Brookville Centre Guild to effect a greater supply of material and financial support. There is also an account of the medical care in Africa by a member of the Brooklyn Guild.

We call your attention to the report of the Catholic Medical Mission Board under the direction of Reverend Edward Kennedy, S.J. and his capable associate, George Kish who is in charge of Personnel Placement. C.M.M.B. is the coordinating center, the very heart and the dynamo that has stimulated the growth of aid to the mission areas. It will be the catalyst of a chain reaction of rapid increase of personal service and material support. The experiences of three of the doctors who have been sent by C.M.M.B. make fascinating reading.

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The Federation has prepared an up-to-date list of 63 mission sites where 102 physician-religious serve with minimal facilities and supplies to render constant modern medical care. These lists will be mailed to each Guild and to anyone who will support this worthwhile program. Won't you adopt a mission and a fellow-physician? It is the cultivation of this personal relationship and commitment to mission activity that will lead to growing in-

volvement. Most of us cannot serve personally overseas, but we can contact and urge our newly graduating interns and residents to devote some portion of their medical lives to mission work.

Won't you stimulate your Guild to adopt a mission? It is through such communal action in this age of liturgical renewal and ecumenism that our united efforts can bring effective aid to the mission fields.

Gerard P. J. Griffin, M.D.

2nd ANNUAL — FATHER GERALD KELLY LECTURE

will be delivered by

REVEREND JOHN J. FLANAGAN, S.J.

Executive Director

The Catholic Hospital Association

JUNE 29, 1966 — 9:30 A.M.

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