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Board of Directors Meeting

(A beautiful Mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 8:00 A.M., with attend­ance of a representative number of Guild members and other physicians attending by meeting of the American Medical Association. Breakfast was served at 10:00 A.M.

All presentations were brief with the exception of the most excellent dissertation of Dr. Francis Breckland, which will be subsequently published in The Linacre Quarterly. Many members of the AMA Committee on Religion and Medicine were present, notably the Reverend Dr. Paul McCleave, the chairman.)

Roll Call:

Most Reverend Joseph B. Brunini, D.D. 
Very Reverend Harrold A. Murray
Reverend Kenneth P. MacKinnon

G. P. J. Griffin
F. M. Taylor, M.D.
F. E. Verdor, M.D.
B. J. O'Loughlin, M.D.
J. M. Malone, M.D.

Miss Jean Read
Gino Papola, M.D.
Grant Harrison, M.D.
Rosalie Readon, M.D.
J. T. Nix, M.D.
W. J. Egan, M.D.
H. Ratner, M.D.
E. J. Murphy, M.D.
J. Maiterson, M.D.
J. Dorsey, M.D.
R. B. Bauer, M.D.
C. P. Cunningham, M.D.
J. E. Holoubek, M.D.

Visitors:

J. Kenna
Rev. E. Kennedy, S.J.
G. Kish

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Gerard P. J. Griffin at noon in the Park Avenue Suite North of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The minute­

of the last two meetings were approved as recorded and their reading

was waived.

After a silent prayer for Reverend Alphonse M. Schwitalla, S.J., second Moderator of the Federation and Editor of The Linacre Quarterly, the President gave a brief report and indicated he would include hortatory remarks in his oration at the winter meeting. He wished to point out that the New Jersey, Brooklyn, Queens, and Vermont Guilds had established rhythm clinics.

Dr. Kreilkamp's committee on medical advertising and the press met with the President and the Catholic Press Association. The principles previously annunciated by our Federation were approved by the CPA. It remains for us to see that they are implemented.

The International Federation of Catholic Physicians' Associations billed us for dues and supplied a copy of their constitution and by­laws. Some controversy over representation exists and the constitution and by­laws are also a point of controversy. No action was taken on the subject.

The British Guild of SS. Luke, Comas and Damian is cooperating with the plan for the trans-Atlantic dialogue for the coming winter meeting.

Anyone who wishes to accept the invitation of the Congress of the

Center for Catholic Medicine which will meet at Nancy, France, discuss­ing "The Future of Medicine in France" is cordially invited.

II. Moderator's Report

Reverend Kenneth P. MacKinnon expressed his pleasure at the presence of Bishop Joseph Brunini and Monsignor Harrold A. Murray. He said that he felt the Sunday evening program of the AMA was excellent and he was pleased at the considera­tion and respect for his opinions and for those of the Federation. He stated that the AMA Committee on Religion and Medicine wished to continue to receive our support and that we should be most happy to give it.

He feels that his role is largely one of spiritual advisor and as such he would try to keep the Moderator's Page in The Linacre Quarterly on this level.

Many comments have been received on the excellence of the CICOP program in Chicago and particularly in regard to the Community Mass in the hotel ballroom. It was well attended, highly litur­gi cal and everyone felt deeply, personally and communally involved. Father MacKinnon said he had received many requests for similar Masses for all meetings and that he would take this under consideration.

III. Comments of Bishop Joseph Brunini

Bishop Brunini was pleased to hear Father MacKinnon's comments.
The South American program needs help and we should definitely work with the groups needing assistance. Hospital chaplains are becoming active and may be organized; we are urged to communicate with them and to assist in their endeavors. The Bishop congratulated President Griffin on his fine work and looks for the Federation to continue and even increase its contributions to the community.

IV. Monsignor Murray's comments

Father John Considine in the South American Bureau of NCWC would be glad to help with any of the programs for this area. Father McGuire of the Mission Secretariat in Washington, D.C. would also be helpful. Their offices at N.C.W.C. are always open to us. A chaplains' training course is currently under way. Its duration will be from one to three months. At this point, it is too early to predict how successful it will be. Monsignor Murray would like to have N.C.W.C. added to our next program in some way. He hopes that communications will continue to be open and that it might help if we would invite representatives of other organizations such as the chaplains, nurses, hospital associations, and so forth.

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Editor's Report

Advertising for LQ has been discussed on many occasions and the editor would like to open the subject for discussion again.

It was the consensus of the group that books and comical advertising would be highly acceptable. The general improvement in the journal was commented on and the editor is to be congratulated for the fine magazine being produced.

VI. Regional and Committee Reports

Drs. Grady and Masterson of the Medical Missions Committee have found that too many American doctors are in the cities of the mission lands and too few in the country. Hence, the problem is not solved for the rural areas. They think we should reconsider our position in regard to South American mission areas and the over-all plan to send physicians to an area where the problem may be one of solution rather than shortage. Perhaps we should consider a plan similar to that of Bishop Charles E. Thomas in the Philippines. The editor is to be congratulated for the fine magazine now being produced.

Dr. O'Loughlin passed the Mission Doctors Association, its problems and plans. He mentioned the movie which the Lay Mission Helpers and MDA have produced. The 30-minute film gives an excellent overview of mission activities in Africa. The Lay Mission Helpers would be pleased to receive requests for showing of the movie.

CMMB has been very busy dispatching medical supplies; some 70,000,000 pounds were supplied during 1964. Father Edward Kennedy, S.J., the director, suggests that some such thing as the "Moria Program" of the Philippine Islands might help in South America and other areas. This organization works chiefly for better distribution of local doctors and has the entire support of the Philippine Medical Association. He says they are sending seven physicians at present as well as many nurses and technicians to mission areas. Father Kennedy still encourages personal travel of doctors to the missions, not just material aid.

Doctors Grady and Masterson will serve as Mission Editors for LQ. They will also function as a center for clearing house for information on television, motion pictures, and so forth.

Committee on Health Care of Religious: Dr. James T. Nix reports progress. He is co-editor of a book on Medical Care of the Family.

Committee on Family Life: Dr. Clement Cunningham reported on the International Symposium on Rhythm co-sponsored by the National Federation and the Family Life Bureau of NCWC held in Washington, D.C. last October. The consensus was that there is a need for continuing education at the Diocesan level and that there is a great need for stimulation of research. The various groups have been having study conferences with drug companies prior to the general sessions and progress reports will be published in The Linacre Quarterly.

A Commission on Rhythm (Family Life Bureau and NFCPG) has met with a professor Andre Heliger of Johns Hopkins Hospital on two occasions. Certain drug houses have been extremely cooperative. One of the new drugs which appears promising is Clamaphine or Clomid.

The second annual International Symposium will be held in Kansas City with the approval and support of Bishop Charles Helmsing.

The Religious Activities Committee report of Dr. Gino Papola was distributed at the June 23 meeting.

Regional Reports

Region #2—Dr. Grant Harrison—Report given at June 23 meeting.

Region #5—Dr. James T. Nix—no formal report.

Region #7—Dr. Rosalie M. Reardon—no formal report.

Organization is under way. Ten out of thirteen of the Guilds which were contacted have responded. Six dioceses in Region #7 have no Guilds.

Program Committee: Dr. Fred Taylor reported for the meeting to be held in Chicago at the Palmer House, November 5-6, 1965. He and Dr. Harold Haley are busy securing speakers for the sessions under the general title, “Conference on Medical Care of the Family.” Three major topics will be featured.