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physiological consequences, without being dominated by them. He died when and how and because He willed it." Whether an artist's interpretation has deviated slightly from the facts the reader learns from this book, God hangs on a Cross, crucified for those He loves, and this spectacle cannot fail to move the heart of one who gazes on this majestic figure of sorrow, pain, and death.

"A Doctor at Calvary" is highly recommended for one, two, or perhaps three readings to fully appreciate the wealth of information that only study, research, and sympathetic understanding of the world's most unique event can impart. Illustrations of The Holy Shroud assist the reader in following the text, should the medical terms reach beyond the complete understanding of the uninitiated.

A Doctor at Calvary published by P. J. Kenedy & Sons, 12 Barclay St., New York 8 N. Y., 1954, pp 178, $3.00

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF CATHOLIC DOCTORS
DUBLIN - JUNE 30 - JULY 4

The following information has been received from the Secretary-General of the International Congress of Catholic Doctors regarding the 6th Congress to be held in Dublin from June 30 to July 4, 1954.

It is to be under the auspices of the Irish Guild of St. Luke, SS. Cosmas and Damian. His Grace, Most Rev. J. C. McQuaid, D.D., Archbishop of Dublin, Primate of Ireland, is Patron of the Congress, which will commence with High Mass on June 30. The solemn opening will take place in University College, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin, at 3 p.m. on that same day.

The theme of the Congress is

DEMOGRAPHY AND MEDICAL PRACTICE
and will be discussed under various headings, such as—

1. General Demographical Problems
2. Obstetric and Paediatric Problems
3. Geriatric Problems
4. Psychological Problems
5. Social and Nutritional Problems

The final session will be held in Maynooth College, on Sunday, July 4, followed by Solemn Benediction to close the Congress.

THE GUILDS in FOCUS

A Report from the Catholic Physicians' Guild of the Diocese of Buffalo indicates a growth of four times the original membership, Beginning with 30, several years ago, Father Michael F. Sekelsky, the Guild Chaplain, advises there are now 140 members. Important events during the past year were the Mass and Communion breakfast in honor of St. Luke. Father Sekelsky offered the Mass and Father Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M., Director of Christ the King Seminary, addressed 150 guests on "The Body, the Masterpiece of Creation," drawing a parallel from medieval medicine as taught in those days and modern medicine patterned after the science as taught by the physicians and scholars of the famous universities of the Middle Ages.

The Guild's annual banquet was attended by 200. Active part is being taken by the group in the Diocesan Catechumen Program. The annual retreat at St. Columban's, Derby, N. Y. is scheduled for the first weekend in Lent.

The Guild officers are: President, Edward Zimmermann, M.D.; Vice-President, Elmer McGroder, M.D.; Secretary, Carroll Keating, M.D.; Treasurer, Joseph Syracuse, M.D.; and Father Sekelsky, Chaplain.

THE NEW ORLEANS GUILD during the past year continued its project of physical examination of children in Catholic schools, adding schools of parishes outside the city. The library committee continued making Catholic literature available in medical libraries. A retreat committee functioned to stimulate participation of Catholic physicians in retreats.

172 Catholic doctors are members of the Guild in New Orleans.

AN ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS contained an article by a member of the Los Angeles Guild, Dr. Joseph A. Walshe. It is entitled "Traumatic Rupture of the Renal Vein with Intervention One Month After Accident." We congratulate Dr. Walshe and know that his efforts as reflected in this writing achieved the purpose as set forth.

Likewise, the contribution of Dr. Joseph B. Doyle, Boston Guild, appeared in the Irish Journal of Medical Science entitled "Uterine Denervation by Culdotomy," published early last year. Copy of the reprint has reached the Federation office. Congratulations are extended Dr. Doyle on this publication.

DR. DANIEL L. SEXTON, member of the St. Louis Guild, and Third
Vice-President of the Federation, has an added office to fulfill. We are informed that he is now President-Elect of the St. Louis Medical Society. Best wishes are extended to Dr. Sexton. The honor is well merited and the office will be well administered.

Membership in the Bronx Guild has increased, according to the latest report received from Dr. John S. D'Esopo, Secretary-Treasurer of the group. During the past year, three Communion-breakfast meetings were held. A week-end retreat was conducted and another is planned for this March. This Guild, too, promotes a retreat annually for the members. Renewal of 87 medical student subscriptions has also been effected.

The Catholic Physicians' Guild of New York in Manhattan has been reactivated according to a report received from Dr. Maurice C. O'Shea, Chairman of the temporary executive committee. 65 Catholic physicians from many of the Manhattan hospitals met for the first time since 1940. Best wishes are extended for successful endeavors and it is hoped that membership in the Federation will soon be renewed.

The annual meeting for Catholic physicians will be held in San Francisco, Wednesday, June 23, 1954. Following the regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Federation, the usual luncheon and meetings are scheduled for all Catholic doctors attending the A.M.A. sessions. The Guilds are urged now to arrange for representation on this occasion.

Minutes of Winter Meeting of The Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds—December 1, 1953

The winter Executive Board meeting of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds was held in St. Louis, Missouri, December 1, 1953 at Hotel Sheraton, 9:30 a.m.

The officers attending were:
- J. J. Toland, Jr., M.D.—President
- M. F. Yeip, M.D.—First Vice- President
- Wm. J. Egan, M.D.—Second Vice-President
- D. L. Sexton, M.D.—Third Vice-President
- J. J. Graff, M.D.—Secretary
- L. D. Cassidy, M.D.—Treasurer
- Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. A. McGowan—Moderator

Members of the Board present were:
- E. Murphy, M.D.—Bronx Guild
- J. Kolp, M.D.—Canton, Ohio Guild
- W. P. Chester, M.D.—Detroit Guild
- W. L. Bushard, M.D.—Minneapolis Guild
- G. Broun, M.D.—St. Louis Guild
- N. Thibierge, M.D.—New Orleans Guild

Others at the Board meeting were Rev. J. J. Flanagan, S.J., Editor of Linacre Quarterly, Rev. John J. Lynch, S.J., Weston, Mass., M. R. Kneiff, Executive Secretary, and Jean Read.

Minutes of the June 1953 meeting were read and approved.

Linacre Quarterly

First order of business was discussion of editorial material, Rev. John J. Lynch, S.J., Professor of Moral Theology, Weston College, Weston, Mass., was invited to the meeting to review the field and to lend effort to the endeavors of the Editorial Board to secure articles for Linacre Quarterly. Among the subjects suggested for writing were:
- Obligations of Physicians to Work in Rural Areas
- Fertility Clinics Under Auspices of Catholic Hospitals
- Exorbitant or Excessive Fees
- Refresher Course on Morals and Ethics
- Training Marriage Counselors

Discussion of Fertility Clinics ensued and the work carried on in this regard at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Boston, Mass., was discussed at length. A series of articles for Linacre Quarterly is to be prepared.

Magazine Article

Discussion occurred regarding fee-splitting as developed in Collier's magazine cover and article and its effect on young doctors and prospective patients. It was decided that the Federation would not pursue the matter in any official way.