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In November we quoted statistics that indicated an increase in the number of Church sponsored hospitals serving their respective communities with a corresponding addition in bed capacity.

All of the facilities of Catholic hospitals are available not only to Catholics but to people of all faiths, yes, even to those who profess no faith. This is noted, too, with the professional staff of many of our Catholic hospitals. These doctors range from atheists to the most devout Catholics, through the whole spectrum of unbelief and credulity. Some of these doctors are very religious men and women. Others are strongly anti-religious. But, regardless of their religious beliefs, doctors are admitted to practice in Catholic hospitals solely on the basis of their professional abilities and their ethical standards.

You hear a great many rash statements these days about the failure of religion in general and the Catholic Church in particular to keep up with science. This is an inane comment. The truth of the matter is that the exact reverse prevails. It is science that is gradually catching up with the Church. Don’t take my word alone for that statement. Let me refer you to some more competent witnesses. Let me call your attention first to Abraham C. Morrison’s recent widely read book, “Man Does Not Stand Alone.” If you find yourself unpersuaded and unconvincied by Mr. Morrison’s compelling arguments, then turn to LeCompte DeNoisy’s Book-of-the-Month Club selection — “Human Destiny.”

Both of these eminent modern scientists make the point that the savants are only now proving experimentally truths that the Church has from the beginning known intuitively—or better, more truly—by revelation from the Author of all truth, God Himself.

This same truth—that science is just catching up with the Church—has been strikingly proved in the medical field by physicians at Boston’s Lying-in Hospital. The older textbooks in obstetrics advocated therapeutic abortions for pregnant women suffering from varying degrees of heart disease. These women died. Through the kindness of the New England Journal of Medicine, the Journal of the American Medical Association, and the New York Times, our readers have already been able to study six of the original research papers. In each instance, the reports of the patients have been published. This means wider distribution of the journal, made possible because of the interest of these particular Guilds.

The Minneapolis Guild is supplying the Newman Foundation at the University of Minnesota with copies of The Linacre Quarterly. 86 subscriptions have been entered for this group.

The Bronze Guild is supplying the journal to 87 fourth year medical students in that area. Likewise, the Cleveland Guild is subscribing for the medical units of the University of Cincinnati, Western Reserve University, Ohio State University and nine medical fraternities in the area.

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