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BOSTON GUILD NOTES—A meeting of the Guild of Saint Luke was held on Monday evening, January 23, 1933, in the Thorndike Memorial Building of the Boston City Hospital. There was a short business meeting, in the course of which a full report of our delegate to the Federated Catholic Physicians’ Guild Convention was given, but on account of the length of the program, arranged by our guest, full discussion and action were postponed until the next meeting. Our guest on this occasion was Dr. Timothy Leary, Medical Examiner for Suffolk County, former Professor of Bacteriology and Pathology at Tufts College Medical and Dental Schools, well known and gifted lecturer on pathology. His subject was, “A Demonstration of a Series of Brains Illustrating Intra-cranial Pathology With Particular Reference to Traumatic Lesions.” This was truly a remarkable display both on account of the masterly manner in which the material was discussed and appropriateness of the subject. Dr. Leary demonstrated a collection of forty brains obtained from cases which came under his attention as Medical Examiner, giving details of the history and also the circumstances of the accident, pointing out in many instances the frequency of error in original diagnosis and the intimate connection of many of these accidents to later deaths, explaining in detail the symptoms, anatomy and, what was most important next to the diagnosis, a mode of treatment which he felt would prevent many of these delayed deaths from previous accidents. Following the demonstration Dr. Leary was subjected to a most interesting question period from which he emerged unscathed and with all present much wiser. A collation was served and a social hour enjoyed.

BROOKLYN GUILD NOTES—The spring meeting was held at the Columbus Club, 1 Prospect Park West, Wednesday evening, March 29, 1933, at 9:00 p.m., Dr. M. Golden presiding. The President complimented the members on the splendid attendance and reminded those present of the Annual Retreat.

After a prayer by Father Paul Faustmann, Dr. S. McNamara, of the Executive Committee, made a few timely remarks and introduced the speaker of the evening, the Rev. W. G. Somers, who addressed the Society on the subject of “Evolution.” He reviewed the various theories and cited references for and against each particular one. He gave
conclusive proof that there could be no evolution of the soul. As regards our belief in the evolution of the body, he stated that we are permitted to hold to any belief and argue for it, but that in teaching, when we speak authoritatively, we are not permitted to teach the doctrine of evolution. The discussion was begun by Dr. I. Byrne and continued by Drs. Grace, Coakley and Anna McGrath.

Dr. A. Bassler, Editor of The Linacre Quarterly, the official organ of the Federated Catholic Physicians' Guilds, then read a short synopsis of the life of Thomas Linacre, in whose honor the publication was named.

Before the close of the meeting a rising vote of thanks was tendered Father Somers.

After adjournment at 11:00 p.m., the members, about one hundred and twenty in number, enjoyed a light collation.

MANHATTAN GUILD—On Monday, June 12th, at the Center Clubhouse, 120 Central Park South, there was a meeting at which Dr. A. G. Miller of Hobart, Indiana, delivered an address on: “Can the Periods of Sterility and Fertility in Women Be Determined?” This lecture was financed by the Latz Foundation Fund of Chicago. Dr. Miller was well equipped with original material, statistics, charts, graphs and illustrations. The lecture he gave was an enlargement of his contribution before the Guild of Sts. Cosmas and Damian in Chicago. He presented data that shows that the pituitary body in its individual secretions of the anterior and posterior lobe is the important initiative of menstruation, pregnancy, gestation and lactation, and that these functions were essentially endocrine in origin, based upon the physiology of the endometrium and the eruption of the ovum together with factors pertaining to the sperm of the male and that sterility and fecundity could be estimated according to the menstrual cycle of the female. He presented statistics of a considerable number of young married couples who had had one child, showing that in these there were no failures. A large audience was present and a general discussion took place. The Manhattan Guild wishes to thank the Latz Foundation Fund of Chicago for a most interesting and instructive evening.

The members of the Manhattan Guild are delighted to learn of the continued improvement in health of their honored spiritual director, the Rev. Dr. Edward Roberts Moore, who is still in the South but whom they expect to have with them in the fall.