money to pay the fees that would be demanded in the regular practice of a man of this kind.

At the age of sixty, then, Linacre, in possession of an independent fortune, founded the Royal College of Physicians and turned to spend the last years of his life as a priest. The tradition that reading of the Scriptures brought him to realize how little of real Christianity he had, if his one idea was to make money, is probably true. He took literally the injunction to give up all and follow Him. The Irish have a maxim that some time about sixty a man ought to make his soul. That’s what Linacre did and four years later the end came.

Linacre’s turn to the priesthood this way in England just three years after Luther had nailed his theses to the door of the university church in Wittenberg is the finest compliment that he could possibly have paid to the Church. Almost needless to say a man of Linacre’s mental caliber was not likely to be deceived nor to deceive himself with regard to the ecclesiastics of his time. Since this was the time of the Reformation so called, priests and the hierarchy and even religious orders are said to have been grasping and selfish and hypocritical and more intent in getting on in the world than in exemplifying religion in their own characters or bringing religion to the poor with all its consolations and benefits. Linacre is the answer to all this, who at the height of his great career, when he was the most honored man in England in his profession—and deservedly, turned aside from all that to take up the dignity of the priesthood.

**GUILD NOTES**

CLEVELAND GUILD, Cleveland, Ohio—Cleveland came into the union with the formation of a Guild which already numbers 250. The officers are: C. A. O’Connell, M.D., President; Dr. A. E. Szcztkowski, Vice-President; Dr. F. L. McGannon, Treasurer; Rev. James J. Duffy, Spiritual Director; Dr. R. J. Schraff, Secretary; Trustees: Drs. J. E. Hallisy, A. C. J. Brickel, and J. W. Victoryn.

Welcome Cleveland!

BELLEVILLE ILLINOIS GUILD—The Belleville Guild has decided to issue a mimeographed Bulletin for its members. This is so interesting a development that we print in full the first issue:

**INTRODUCING OURSELVES**

Casting about for a means of keeping our widely scattered membership in contact with the Catholic Physicians’ Guild of this Diocese, we hit upon the plan of issuing this Bulletin. Our object will be to give you short paragraphs on the activities of the Guild and its members.

With this issue, therefore, the Bulletin makes its bow to the Catholic physicians and the Reverend pastors of the Belleville Diocese.

Your suggestions for the improvement of the Bulletin will be welcome.

**OUR NEW OFFICERS**

Conforming to the very wise suggestion of Sir Knight Dr. B. H. Portuondo, first President of our Guild, an entirely new set of officers was elected at the
last meeting. The new list of officers is as follows: Dr. James Bellinger, Collinsville, President; Dr. Henry Reis, Belleville, Vice-President; Dr. Chas. Baumann, Belleville, Secretary; Dr. L. A. Ryan, East St. Louis, Treasurer; Dr. Jule Vernueil, Collinsville, Dr. Joseph Beykirch, East St. Louis, and Dr. E. Everett O'Fallon, Executive Committee.

The Bulletin wishes the new officers all success and says “Thank you” to the retiring officers.

OUR LAST MEETING

A well prepared program featured the last meeting: There was a tender tribute to the Hon. Dr. Ed. M. Irwin, one of the charter members of the Guild, by Miss Virginia Wuller, Senior of Notre Dame Academy, who described the exemplary life of the deceased physician as a member of the Church and of the medical profession and as a political servant. Dr. Irwin had been a Congressman for several terms.

The Moderator had on request treated the subject, “The Catholic Physician and Extreme Unction.” His paper was along the lines of the paper written by the Rev. William Schaefer's, Moderator of the Guild in the Wichita Diocese, with the observations and suggestions of our Moderator added.

Dr. M. Earl Brennan, who died at St. Mary's Hospital of East St. Louis on January 31, was a member of the Guild. The funeral took place on Saturday, February 2, from St. Regis Church of East St. Louis. The Guild plans to pay tribute to his memory at the next meeting, which will be held shortly after Easter.

HOLY MASSES FOR DECEASED MEMBERS

This matter was considered at the last meeting and notice was given of the following addition to the by-laws of the Catholic Physicians' Guild of the Diocese:

**ARTICLE X—DECEASED MEMBERS**

“The Treasurer of this Guild shall on receipt of notification of the death of any active member of this Guild be hereby authorized to pay from the treasury the customary offering for one Holy Mass to be said for the repose of the soul of such deceased active member. But the Treasurer shall confer with the Moderator about the date when and place where this Holy Mass is to be offered so as to make it convenient for the largest possible number of the members of this Guild to be present at this Holy Mass. Notice of the date and place of the Holy Mass shall be communicated to the Guild members.”

The proposed addition to the by-laws will be finally passed on at the next meeting.

THE LINACRE QUARTERLY

Each member of the Guild is entitled to receive the Linacre Quarterly, the excellent publication of the Federated Catholic Physicians' Guild. Address M. Gerard Golden, M. D., 1 Nevins Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AT NEXT MEETING

In accordance with the constitution and by-laws, the new officers will be formally installed at the next meeting, which will be held at St. Mary's Hospital, East St. Louis, on Sunday morning, April 28. This gathering will feature Holy Communion and the meeting will be held in connection with the breakfast after Holy Communion. Please keep this date open.
OUR NEW MEMBERS

Dr. E. A. Everett, O'Fallon, Ill. We welcome Dr. Everett into our midst, not only as a new member, but also as a convert to the Catholic Faith. Our best wishes to him!

Dr. John J. Klein, Harrisburg, Ill. From faraway Harrisburg comes our newest member, Dr. Klein, who, with his pastor, Father Havey, made the long pilgrimage to Belleville to be present at the meeting last Thursday night. Thank you, doctor! Glad to have you with us.

PHILADELPHIA GUILD—The Guild of St. Luke, St. Cosmas and St. Damian of Philadelphia held two meetings and the annual retreat since January of this year.

The first lecture entitled—"Current Theories of Eugenics—Contrasted With The Mendelian Laws" was given in March in Newman Hall at the University of Pennsylvania, by Rev. Joseph M. Dougherty, O. S. A., Ph. D., S. T. L., Professor of Bacteriology and Histology, and Dean of the School of Science of Villanova College, Villanova, Pa.

The second lecture on—"The Socialization of Medicine," a double presentation against such socialization, was given by Francis Ashley Faught, M. D., President of the Philadelphia County Medical Society, and Francis E. Borzell, M. D., Chairman of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society.

Following both these lectures there was a lively open forum.

The Rev. Isidore O'Brien, O. F. M., Director of the Franciscan School of Sacred Eloquence in New York, was the retreat master at the Guild's Annual retreat in Cathedral Chapel in Passion Week. This retreat had a better attendance than any of its four annual predecessors principally for two reasons, one the knowledge among many members of the writings and books of Father O'Brien, the other the active retreat committees formed by the officers, Valentine R. Manning, M. D., President; Paul B. Cassidy, M. D., Secretary; Mrs. Alexander Emily Burke, M. D., Treasurer; Rev. John W. Keogh, A. M., Chaplain.

The Guild, organized in 1911, is preparing to celebrate next year the twenty-fifth year of its foundation.

WICHITA GUILD—The Guild has its regular meetings which are well attended. Regular Health Talks Program for next year, to be given in Catholic high schools and grade schools, is being worked out. Sunday, May 19th, the members of the Guild went to Holy Communion in a body; Communion breakfast was held at the Wichita Hospital, served by the Sisters of St. Joseph. A meeting followed the breakfast to which several outstanding non-Catholic physicians were invited. The question of sterilization was discussed from various angles in a paper read by Dr. Walter Elen. The Church's stand was explained by the chaplain, Father Schaefer. It was a very spirited meeting and the guest physicians were favorably impressed.

BROOKLYN GUILD—The Rev. Joseph Murphy, S. J., Professor of Psychology at Fordham, addressed the Spring meeting at the K. of C. Club House, Prospect Park West. The subject of his address, "The Doctor Looks at Immortality," was an extremely mentally stimulating topic presented by a master of the subject.

The annual retreat at Mt. Mauresa, conducted by Rev. William J. Duane, S. J., the first weekend of May was well attended and his instructive meditations are of tremendous value to all of us. The annual election of officers resulted in the
following: Dr. Thomas M. Brennan, President; Dr. John M. Scannell, President-elect; Dr. Peter J. Dulligan, Vice-President; Dr. Frank E. Mallon, Secretary; Dr. John J. Flynn, Treasurer.

BRONX GUILD—On the last Sunday in May the Bronx Guild had one of its most successful communion breakfast. A large assemblage of doctors listened with absorbed attention to Father Joseph A. Murphy, S. J., professor of Psychology at Fordham University develop a convincing argument for the immortality of the soul from principles universally accepted in biology and physiology. Father Murphy chose as his title, “The Doctor Looks at Immortality.” Dr. Henry J. Barrow was reelected president; Dr. George Howley was chosen as vice-president and Drs. Stratford Wallace and Thomas J. Brennan as secretary and treasurer respectively.

MANHATTAN GUILD—On the evening of May 22, 1935, the Catholic Physicians Guild of Manhattan was host to some three hundred clergymen, doctors and social service workers at the Centre Club. They were privileged to hear Dr. Latz of Chicago present a very interesting paper on the subject of “Rhythm.”

Dr. Carey, the Guild’s President, in his introductory remarks, stressed the necessity for demonstrating real Catholic action, as urged in the Papal Encyclicals, and mentioned that the evening’s discussion on birth control was but one of several opportunities for presenting a united Catholic thought.

Dr. Latz traced the history of the movement of Rhythm, from the ancient Biblical precepts to the present day theory as advocated by Ogino-Knaus. He emphasized the essential points: The time of ovulation, the life of the ovum and the length of fertility of the sperm. In acknowledging the popularity of the Rhythm theory, Dr. Latz likewise admitted that its application was practical only for those women who have a regular menstrual cycle. That the system is really effective was convincingly shown in the charts of some twenty-seven cases chosen at random from the Doctor’s case histories.

Dr. Rice, leading the discussion of Dr. Latz’ paper, maintained that the value of the theory depended on knowing accurately the commencement of the next menstrual period; he said that investigations to date had not presented sufficient physiological findings to substantiate the exact time of ovulation. It was his opinion that in the next four or five years, blood and urine physiological tests would be evolved to determine the date of ovulation.

Dr. Schmitt thought that the matter of Rhythm had become too popularized and exploited; he cautioned against the prevailing opinion among the laymen that it was easy for them to determine their own schedule. Such discussion and instruction, he advocated, should come from the doctors themselves.

In resuming, Dr. Latz felt that there was some excuse in over-popularizing this theory because of the blatant abuse in the advertising and sale of contraceptives. He also urged his audience not to forget the positive value of Rhythm: knowing the approximate time of the cycle during which conception is most likely to occur.

The Rev. Ignatius Cox, S. J., in conclusion, presented the ethical and moral viewpoint of the evening’s subject. He denied that the value of the economic, sociological and moral arguments against birth control had been somewhat lessened by “Rhythm.” Father Cox also regretted the wide-spread publicity which had been given the movement and believed further that the confessor should suggest when information concerning rhythm should be given by the doctor.

JOSEPH G. WELLING,
Recording Secretary.