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In our last issue we printed the very interesting letter from Doctor M. J. Petty, F.R.C.S., of Buenos Aires, telling us of the splendid work of the Argentine Catholic Physicians' Guilds. We have since received another letter from him, telling of the dedication of the new building of the National Academy of Medicine in Buenos Aires. He writes that the National Academy is considered the highest authority in medical matters and that it is the meeting place of the medical elite. It is therefore interesting to note that at these dedication ceremonies, a solemn High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Jose de Laburn, S.J., the Academy Chaplain; that the prayers for the deceased members were said by the Apostolic Nuncio, Monsignor Jose Fietta, and that the Benediction was given by Cardinal Copello, Archbishop of Buenos Aires. The national executives of Argentina, including Vice-President Dr. Castillo, were present. Addresses were delivered by both the past and present Presidents of the Academy, both of whom are members of the Catholic Physicians' Guild.

Being very active Catholics in their own countries, we can easily understand how happy the two visiting South American delegates to the A. M. A. were, when they discovered the notice that there was to be a Bi-annual Meeting of the American Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds in Atlantic City. The American Catholic physicians were no less happy to greet Dr. Manuel Salcedo Fernández, director of the National Child Institute, Lima, Peru, the Peruvian Delegate to the eighth Pan-American Child Congress, and Dr. Victor Escardo y Anaya, Professor of the Faculty of Medicine, Montevideo, Uruguay, and honorary secretary of the International American Institute for the Protection of Infants. They were immediately made the guests of honor of the meeting and both addressed the Catholic physicians, urging close co-operation between the North and South American Catholic Physicians' Guilds.