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The last issue of LINACRE dealt exhaustively of Contraception and of the inconsistent attitude of the American Medical Association. The paper by the Rev. Ignatius W. Cox, S.J., gave a most complete analysis and stated the Catholic position most lucidly. The comment on this article has been universally favorable.

The Birth Controllers are keeping this subject in the public press and agitating the repeal of the present laws which discourage the teaching of their revolting methods. The usual arguments are made as to their desire to help the underprivileged. The remedy, of course, is the improvement of economic conditions of the poor, not instruction in sin. We should be on the alert to check legislative activities. Morally, the question is past discussion.

From time to time, LINACRE will denounce certain practices in medicine, some of which are unfortunately tolerated by human legislation, but which are opposed to the moral law and the Ten Commandments.

The editor requests the Guild secretaries to submit for publication condensed versions of addresses at meetings; also abridged papers on medical, ethical and religious subjects, as our magazine is too limited in size to print in full the usual thirty-minute talk.

Dr. James J. Walsh favors us in this issue with a short sketch of Steno, who, like Linacre, was a physician and later a priest of the Church.

Besides spreading the knowledge of medical ethics, LINACRE is engaged in extension work of the Federation and encourages the organization of new guilds everywhere. The officers and the Executive Secretary will supply circulars of information and rules of procedure and also advice gathered from experience in Guild work.

We are happy to announce the formation of a Guild in Dubuque, Iowa, under the inspiring initiative of the Reverend Charles J. Miller. It is also a pleasure to have established contacts with the French, Portuguese, Belgian and Danish Guilds.