Guild Notes

Catholic Physicians' Guild

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EXECUTIVE SESSION—At a meeting of the Executive Officers of the Federation, resolutions were adopted regretting the death of its zealous President, Dr. Joseph A. Dillon. New officers elected were Dr. Thomas M. Brennan of Brooklyn, President, and Dr. Henry J. Barrow of the Bronx, Treasurer. Dr. Wm. F. C. Steinbugler was re-elected Secretary. Mrs. Joseph A. Dillon was requested to continue her husband’s work as Business Manager of The Linacre Quarterly and to remain in contact with the Guilds in the interests of the official organ.

BELLEVILLE GUILD—At a recent meeting, the following officers were installed: Dr. Eugene F. Moore, President; Dr. J. J. Donahue, Vice-President; Dr. H. J. Nebel, Treasurer; and Dr. Roger F. Sondag, Secretary. The Guild records with regret the death of two of its members, Dr. J. H. McManus and Dr. H. J. Frein. May they rest in peace. Dr. Moore, in his first address as President, advised careful study of the proposed National Health Act and great caution in its enactment. It has been noted in the Congressional Record of March 24th, that the Catholic Physicians’ Guild of Belleville presented a petition opposing the National Health Act. This brought a letter from the editor of “Medical Economics,” asking for a copy of the text of the petition so that it could be printed in their magazine which reaches 130,000 physicians.

BROOKLYN GUILD—At its meeting on April 19th at the Columbus Club, the distinguished lecturer, Rev. Edward A. Wuenschel, C. SSR., Professor of Philosophy at Mount St. Alphonsus College, Esopus, N. Y., presented a medical study of the imprints of Christ on the Holy Shroud, entitled “Christ in the Light of Medical Science.” It proved to be a most interesting and instructive lecture.

The annual retreat, conducted by Rev. James J. Moakley, S.J., took place April 28th to 30th at Mount Manresa, Staten Island, and was attended by fifty-two physicians. The Guild regretted to note the death of Rev. George Bull, S.J., head of the Department of Philosophy at Fordham University, at the early age of 49, of a coronary thrombosis. Father Bull had addressed the November meeting of the Brooklyn Guild and a synopsis of his interesting talk appeared in the January, 1939 issue of Linacre.

The treasurer, Dr. J. J. Flynn, was happy to report that for the first time, the Guild has more than a hundred members in good standing. The following officers were unanimously re-elected: Dr. Byrne, President; Dr. J. J. Flynn, Treasurer; and Dr. Frank E. Mallon, Secretary.

CLEVELAND GUILD—The fourth annual retreat was held in June in Our Lady of the Lake Seminary, through the courtesy of Msgr. James McDonough. The members of the Guild have been active in opposing a Sterilization Bill which is at present being considered by the Ohio Legislature. The Guild sent congratulations to their Bishop, Most Rev. J. B. Schrembs, on his recent high honor in being elevated to the Archepiscopacy.

WILMINGTON GUILD—The regular meeting was held April 10th at St. Francis Hospital. Rev. Peter Weyland gave an unusually interesting illustrated talk on “The Holy Shroud.” The members thoroughly enjoyed the animated discussion which followed, especially on account of its many medical aspects. The corporate Communion on Sunday, May 20th, was followed by a breakfast at St. Francis Hospital.