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Compulsion and the Intangibles

BY THE FORMER PRESIDENT, DETROIT CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' GUILD

To deny the intangibles of medicine is to deny the existence of human fears and weaknesses. It also is to deny such human forces as faith, hope, kindness and wisdom.

A mother's labor pains, the cardiac's anxiety, and the child's newly-found fear seem not entirely assuaged by last month's "security taxes." Neither does a doctor's value to society and the individual seem adequately measured by the anatomy covered within his specialty; nor is it fully determined by an unusual skill with a stethoscope, a scalpel, or a microscope.

Of such are the intangibles in medicine—the infinite reactions of both mind and soul of the patient, as brought out in impending deaths, births, prolonged suffering, and the everyday struggle with disease. There are in addition, the inspiring words, the sympathetic ear, and the deep understanding of human frailties, as evidenced in the really good physician.

One can state categorically, that patient and physician intangibles can never be governmentally blue-printed, nor strait-jacketed within rigid insurance regulations. Bureaucracy does not change human nature.

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Correction

We regret that on Page 70 of the July issue of the LINACRE QUARTERLY, the name of His Excellency, Archbishop Glennon was incorrectly spelled Gleason.