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THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF ONE OF OUR SOUTH AMERICAN VISITORS

Doctor Victor Escardo y Anaya was born in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1885. He was educated in the Jesuit College there, being in the same class and becoming a fast friend of John F. O'Hara, son of the American Consul in Montevideo, who is now the Most Reverend Bishop O'Hara, Military Delegate of the armed forces of the United States.

Doctor Escardo is a noted pediatrician, and one who has won international fame through his work for the improvement of Child Welfare. The Uruguayan Government sent him as their official representative to the Eighth Pan-American Child Congress in Washington, where the delegates elected him honorary secretary of the Congress. On many occasions his government has sent him as official representative to Congresses in Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Chile and Peru. He is one of the founders of the International American Institute of Child Welfare, and in recognition of his work in the organization and spread of the Uruguayan Catholic Youth Movement, the Holy Father, Pope Pius XI has bestowed on him the medal "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice".

SURGEON'S PRAYER

Monsignor Jackman, in the *Holy Roodlets*, wrote the following prayer for surgeons: "Dear Saint Luke, friend and medical adviser to Saint Paul, guide my hand and my eye for the sake of my patient. Steady my nerves and my scalpel; watch the microbes and the nurses; make muscles, veins, arteries and nerves behave according to the book; keep an eye on the anaesthetist. Save us all from lapses of memory, fraying of tempers, confusion of bottles and instruments, miscounting of swabs and blunders of diagnosis. If it is 'kill or cure', please cure; if it is 'kill or maim', please maim, but save my patient and my reputation. And as there is no time for more praying, I say: Amen."

—*Sentinel of the Blessed Sacrament.*

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