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## EDITORIALS

### THE BOSTON NUMBER

Boston is acknowledged by all right-thinking men to be the Hub of the Universe. It therefore seems only fitting that the first issue of *THE LINACRE QUARTERLY* to be sponsored by a constituent Guild of the National Federation should emanate from that city. This is by way of explanation, but not apology, for the strong Bostonian accents in these pages. Even Dr. Michael Kelly, our redoubtable Australian correspondent, has had the good fortune to visit Boston as recently as last June. The only real interloper is the author of "President's Page," one Dr. Clement P. Cunningham of Rock Island, Illinois, a locale reputedly somewhat west of Worcester, Mass. The Boston Guild, in summary, is pleased to make the small contribution to this journal that this "Boston Number" represents. In the true ecumenical spirit its members would enjoy perusing a future issue sponsored by one of the outlying Guilds, not excluding one as remote as Chicago or Detroit.

—The Guild of St. Luke of Boston

### CORRESPONDING EDITORS

Initiated officially with the appearance of the "Letter from Ireland" in the last issue of *THE LINACRE QUARTERLY*, the corresponding editor project is designed to inform the readers of Catholic medical journals throughout the world of the interests and problems of their colleagues in other countries. Each correspondent is responsible for one letter annually and this is made available simultaneously to the editors of all the participating journals. These include (in addition to LQ) *Catholic Medical Quarterly* (London), *Transactions of the Medical Guild of St. Luke of Australia*, *Medical Forum* (Manila), *Cahiers Laënnec* (Paris), and *Ação Médica* (Lisbon). The current foreign letter, printed elsewhere in this issue, is from Australia. Ordinarily the letter written by any given correspondent is not made available to the journal—if it exists—of his country. However, the letter from the U.S.A. to the foreign journals is also printed herein because it contains material of interest to readers of *THE LINACRE QUARTERLY* and because it may serve as a stimulus to some who may wish to communicate with the American correspondent for the foreign journals.

### RESONANCE

*THE LINACRE QUARTERLY* is a lot of things. It is, for example, inexpensive (\$2.00 per year). It is also a quarterly, which means that each issue has only a three-month gestation. Mostly, however, it is a sounding-board for Catholic physicians. And like any sounding-board it must be struck before a sound can be produced. If the result of such an ictus is resonance, so much to the good. Resonance, admittedly, is better than dissonance, but even dissonance is infinitely to be preferred over stony silence.