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THE Catholic Physicians' Guild of Mobile, Ala. is the fifth group to become affiliated with the Federation since the beginning of the year. Organized in March, the following officers were elected: J. O. Muscat, President; T. J. Bender, Jr., M.D., Vice-President; H. J. Anlage, M.D., Secretary, and Rev. P. H. Yancey, S.J. of Spring Hill College, is Moderator. Father Yancey's Address to the Guild at its first meeting appears in this issue of LINACRE QUARTERLY.

Another Guild in the South is most welcome and it is hoped that success will attend all endeavors.

While not affiliated at this date of publication, Catholic doctors of St. Cloud, Minn. have organized the St. Mary's Physicians' Guild. The members are subscribers to LINACRE QUARTERLY and we hope that before long affiliation with the Federation will be effected. According to the Moderator, Rev. P. J. Riley, Chaplain of St. Cloud Hospital, there will be a retreat for the doctors and their wives in August. We look forward to further news of this group's activities as time goes along.

Rev. John J. Flanagan, S.J., Editor of LINACRE QUARTERLY, was the principal speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Buffalo Catholic Physicians' Guild. In his address entitled "The Challenge to the Catholic Physician" Father Flanagan dwelled on the importance of continuing education in the profession to assure patients of the very best medical care.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Donald A. McGowan, Moderator of the Federation, was guest speaker for the members of the Detroit Guild at their annual Communion Breakfast. Discussing "Science, Citizenship and Sanctity" Msgr. McGowan developed his theme to apply to the doctor with particular emphasis on holiness in his elevated specialty.

This Guild has ordered 100 sets of the *Medico-Moral Problems* booklets of Father Gerald Kelly, S.J., a set of which is to be given to the graduates of Wayne University College of Medicine, as a farewell

gift. This is most commendable; the booklets are excellent for reference and will be helpful on many occasions in their practice.

Word has come that Dr. John F. Conlin, member of the Guild of St. Luke of Boston, has been named medical director for Boston City Hospital and Long Island Hospital. For the past seven years Dr. Conlin has been Director of Information and Education for the Massachusetts Medical Society and is also a member of the Committee on Public Relations of the A. M. A. Best wishes are extended to Dr. Conlin in his new and important post.

#### *Surgeon's Prayer . . . .*

An early edition of LINACRE QUARTERLY contained 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 anæsthetist. 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."

—Msgr. Jackman in *Holy Roodlets*  
reprinted in *Sentinel of the Blessed Sacrament*

#### *Wanted . . . .*

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