The dedication on October 12 of a new office building on the grounds of Beaumont was an appropriate prelude to the observance of the Federation’s fiftieth anniversary.

The Federation was formally organized in December, 1912, by joint action of the American Physiological Society, the American Society of Biological Chemists, and the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. The American Society for Experimental Pathology was admitted to Federation membership in 1914, and the American Institute of Nutrition and the American Association of Immunologists were admitted in 1940 and 1942, respectively.

Dedication ceremonies opened with a luncheon in the handsomely paneled Conference Room of the new building. Some fifty individuals, including officers of the Federation and other eminent members of the scientific community, attended the luncheon. Dr. M. O. Lee, Executive Officer of the Federation, introduced Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, president of The Rockefeller Institute and recent president of the National Academy of Sciences, who made the dedicatory address. Dr. F. S. Cheever, Chairman of the Federation Board, presided. Dr. K. K. Chen, Chairman of the Federation Board in 1954 when the Federation acquired the Beaumont property, spoke of the growth and expansion of the Federation which is now universally recognized as a major organization in the biomedical sciences.

Following the luncheon, 200 Federation members and guests toured the new office building and Beaumont House, and participated in an afternoon reception on the spacious grounds.

The construction of the new building was initiated two years ago by the Federation Board to alleviate crowded conditions in Beaumont House, and to enable the return of several Federation activities to Beaumont from rented quarters in Bethesda and Rockville. Occupancy of the new building began in July of this year.

The new 40-foot by 100-foot four-story building and basement provide some 16,000 square feet of office space. The building is so constructed that two wings can be added, one at each end, to accommodate expansion needs in the foreseeable future. The building is compatible in architectural design with Beaumont House, and was designed by the same prominent Washington firm that designed the original Georgian-style Beaumont House in 1929.

The basement level of the office building houses machinery rooms and the print shop. The first floor provides
two sorely needed conference rooms (one to double as a reference library), and two executive suites. The second floor is allocated to all services concerned with communication and scientific personnel: the Convention Office; the Placement Service and the National Science Register of Scientific and Technical Personnel, both of which had been in rented quarters for the previous year; and the projected study of Communication at Scientific Meetings. All journal activities including the Publication Service Center and editorial offices for Physiology and Pharmacology occupy the third floor. The Office of Biological Handbooks moved from rented quarters to fill the fourth floor.

Remaining in Beaumont House are the offices of the Executive Officer of the Federation, and the executive offices of Physiology, Biochemistry, and Pharmacology; the Federation Business and Personnel Offices; and the Life Sciences Research Office. In addition, space in Beaumont House has been rented to the Institute for the Advancement of Medical Communication, whose work is compatible with activities and interests of the Federation.

All members and friends of the Societies of the Federation are invited to visit Beaumont at their convenience to inspect the expanded facilities of their Federation headquarters.