

ports have been received from 97.6 per cent of the hospitals, which represent 99.4 per cent of the total capacity of all registered hospitals. The 954 hospitals approved for internships and residencies made a 100 per cent response to the request for information.

"For twenty-nine successive years the hospital facilities of the United States have been enhanced each year by a net increase of between 20,000 and 30,000 beds. This year the increase was 27,827. This does not include rebuilding, replacements, repairs or expansion of scientific or administrative quarters. It is a net permanent addition to the capacity for accommodating additional patients."

The entire January 1938 issue of the *American Journal of Pharmacy*, published here, is devoted to a tribute to Charles Herbert LaWall, late dean of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. The issue contains tributes from fellow workers as well as excerpts from Dr. LaWall's numerous writings on pharmacy.

JOHNS HOPKINS RALLY GRADUATES FOR CELEBRATION.

Johns Hopkins University will invite four thousand alumni back to its campus for April 30th, alumni day. Continuance of the innovation in future years will be determined by the success of this celebration.

The purpose, according to Dr. Mark Secrist, chairman of the program committee, is to restore interest of the alumni in their alma mater.

The *Journal of the New Orleans College of Pharmacy*, Loyola University, in its edition for 1938 gives honorable mention to the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION for its service to Pharmacy and to its health contribution, stressing in particular the efforts of the ASSOCIATION to bring about the Food and Drug Law. It is hoped that the law will be enacted before the Congress adjourns. The *Journal* also referred to the work that the A. PH. A. is doing in association with Health Service bodies and organizations.

In this connection and narcotic legislation, pharmacists are always ready to do their part.

Seventh Annual Pharmaceutical Conference of the University of Michigan.—The Seventh Annual Pharmaceutical Conference of the College of Pharmacy of the University of Michigan will be held on Wednesday, May 18th, in the Michigan Union, under the chairmanship of Howard

B. Lewis, Director of the College of Pharmacy. The 1938 Conference will center its program around legislation which affects pharmacy and the control of drugs. An unusually interesting program has been prepared. A special invitation to all interested in the advancement of pharmacy is extended for the Conference.

A large attendance of alumni, students in pharmacy and pharmacists in the state, is anticipated. A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested in Pharmacy.

GERMAN APOTHECARIES MEET.

Invitation has been extended to American Pharmacists to attend the German "Apotheken Tag." An elaborate program has been arranged and the sessions will be held at Frankfurt *a. M.*, May 28th–31st. Social and Memorial hours will be held with sessions devoted to the several divisions of pharmacy.

The program includes a tour through the scenic sections, taking in the Oden Forests, Hanau, Enbach, Eberbach and Heidelberg; the return trip will differ in type of scenery from that going. A special effort is directed to bring visitors to Germany from various countries, and a welcome is assured.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. Frederick Johnson, son of Dean C. W. Johnson, University of Washington, College of Pharmacy, Seattle, has accepted a fellowship at the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, under Dr. George D. Beal.

The will of the late Mrs. Ida Schultz Dohme has been filed in the Orphans Court of Baltimore, Md. She was the widow of Charles E. Dohme and the mother of Dr. A. R. L. Dohme. At the time of her death she was ninety-six years old. During early years Mrs. Dohme was a frequent visitor at the annual meetings of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. The inventory valued the estate above \$1,600,000.

We are indebted to Dr. Arno Viehoever for a twenty-six page reprint on "Evaluation of Aloe," reprinted from the *American Journal of Pharmacy*, and presented before the Drug Section of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, Washington, D. C. The experimental work was supported by the Board of Trustees, U. S. P.

Dr. Viehoever also presented a reprint on "Biochemistry of Amygdalin." The co-author is Harry Mack. This was presented before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Pittsburgh meeting.

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

The American Chemical Society will hold its sessions in Dallas, Texas, April 18th-22nd. The division of Medicinal Chemistry holds its session on Wednesday, April 20th. Dr. George D. Beal is the chairman and Walter H. Hartung the secretary. There will be a Joint Symposium on Vitamins, with the divisions of agricultural, food and biological chemistry; and a Joint Session with divisions of agricultural, food and biological chemistry, at which time Dr. Abraham White of Yale University will make the address and receive the Eli Lilly & Co. award in Biological Chemistry for 1938.

Dr. I. M. Kolthoff will also preside on Wednesday.

H. C. Christensen has been named Remington Medalist for 1938. Because of his effective work in the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, his valuable work in conducting the historical exhibits, etc., in Chicago and Dallas, he was deemed worthy of the high honor. A sketch will be published in the JOURNAL when the official award is made.

President E. N. Gathercoal and **Secretary E. F. Kelly** will attend the Minnesota Pharmaceutical Association as guests. The visitors will also receive plans of the arrangements made for the Annual Meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, to be held in Minneapolis, Minn., the convention city.

William Mair, *Honorary Member* of the A. P. H. A., who is retiring from the representative staff of Fletcher & Co., Ltd., has been presented by the directors with a silver salver on the occasion of his completing forty years with the company. The staff and the representatives gave Mr. Mair a synchronous electric clock. An additional expression of good-will was a printed folio in vellum with an address and the signature of every member of the staff.

The Library of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION has received from **Dr. H. J. Goeckel**, various note-books, a number of which date back to his college days and to members of the faculty, Dr. H. H. Rusby, Prof. Virgil Coblenz and others.

Charles C. Neal, for the past thirty-six years or more a member of the staff of Sharp and Dohme has retired. Mr. Neal is now making his home in Petersburg, Va. Mr. Neal has long taken an active interest in the work of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association, and

has served as chairman of the Executive Committee for the past twenty-five years or more.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONTACT COMMITTEE TO THE U. S. P. AND N. F.

The Combined Contact Committee of the American Drug Manufacturers' Association and American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association, represented by F. O. Taylor, *Chairman*, Frank B. Fisk and J. P. Snyder held an important meeting March 28th and 29th in Washington, D. C. The recommendations of its actions have been given publicity by the Committee on Publicity. The discussion dealt with many important subjects including the annual supplements and other forms of revisions. The Contact Committee "reaffirms its approval, and offers coöperative support of the principle of annual interim revisions of the United States Pharmacopœia, and further, that all changes and corrections subsequent to the First Supplement be collected into proof sheets for review and criticism, to the end that a second supplement may be made official as promptly as the annual interim revision program permits."

The Combined Contact Committee of the American Drug Manufacturers' Association and the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association direct the attention of the Committee of Revision of the National Formulary to the following request:

"In order that the purchaser of the National Formulary may be adequately, promptly and correctly informed of revisions and corrections in the text when such changes are accomplished, it is recommended that the N. F. Revision Committee provide for the proper dissemination of revisions by issuing dated supplements arranged in suitable and convenient form, permitting the registered subscriber to bring the latest Revision of the Formulary up-to-date, etc."

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL HOLDS AN OPEN HOUSE DAY.

Boston, Mass.—Inauguration of the first of a proposed annual series of "Open House Days" will take place April 29th, at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, here, under the Council. Purpose of the open house is to show to the public the progress of pharmacy in its efforts to preserve public health.

More than 5000 invitations have been sent to the public and a series of posters are being distributed to local high schools.