through the business portion. The streets about the City Hall were covered with tanbark, hence we inferred that there was to be, or had been, a State funeral or other pleasing entertainment, but upon questioning our Jehu we were enlightened by one word, “Boodlers.” They were trying the boodle aldermen, and the tanbark prevented the noise of the traffic in the street from reaching and disturbing the courtroom. “Arabian Nights” tickled our fancy in the evening, and the next day found us in the train for Boston. In two days we were back in the “Hub.” No place like home, and a sniff of the salt breeze. As I look over my stock of photographs taken on the trip, I can feel the jar of the cars, hear the rushing of the rapids and the busy roar of mining machinery, smell the tanbark in Chicago, and thank goodness that I’m back to good water and food, and something besides California fruit.

Annual Meeting of the North-Western Alumni Association.

The North-Western Alumni Association of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, held their third annual meeting and banquet at the University Club Rooms, Chicago, Saturday evening, December 7th. Considerable effort had been made to have the meeting well attended, and several new features of entertainment, as well as the increasing interest in the Association among M. I. T. men now in the Northwest, brought nearly fifty alumni together.

General Walker had been invited to attend the meeting, but was unable to do so, and Professor Cross was delegated by the Faculty to represent the Institute. Other invited guests were Dr. H. H. Belfield, Director of the Chicago Manual Training School, James L. Houghtaling, a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific School, George Gibbs, Mechanical Engineer of the C., M. & St. P. R. R., and graduate of the Stevens Institute.

After the customary business meeting every-body flocked into the dining room; and after pausing a few minutes to admire the flower-decked table lighted with wax tapers, the blue-points were attacked with energy, and dispatched with the square of their usual velocity. The rest of the dinner, as set forth in the cardinal and gray menu cards, was of a kind to draw out most appreciative laughs for the jokes with which Frederick Greeley, ’76, toastmaster, introduced the speakers.

The talking was done by the invited guests, Messrs. Cross, Belfield, Houghtaling, and Gibbs, and R. H. Pierce, ’85, and papers were read by L. A. Ferguson, ’88, and W. H. Low, ’86. Professor Cross showed drawings of the new Engineering building, and mentioned facts connected with the growth and improvement of the M. I. T. which surprised those who have not kept close track of it during the last few years. Other speakers told something of the work and condition of their alma maters, and the papers read were on recent interesting electrical and chemical developments.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, T. W. Robinson, Manager of Illinois Steel Co.’s Furnaces at Milwaukee; 1st Vice-President, H. B. Stone, Vice-President of the C., B. & Q. R. R.; 2d Vice-President, Arthur Winslow, State Geologist of Missouri; Secretary and Treasurer, Solomon Sturges, ’87, North-Western National Bank, Chicago.

The object of the North-Western Association is to keep up a friendly and social feeling among Institute men in the North-West, to meet annually or oftener, and to circulate such information as may be of interest to the members in regard to change of address or occupation, etc.; any details of this nature will be gratefully received by the Secretary.

Some say they are threatened with “grippe”;
And devotedly fall on their knees
And pray that from it they may slip,
To pass the grim Semies with “C’s.”