the means which had been undertaken in Boston and in other cities to prevent this action. His remarks were very beautifully illustrated by lantern slides and by specimens of pipes and cables which had been eaten away by electrolysis.

L'Avenir held a very enthusiastic meeting in Room 23, Walker, on Monday, December 10th, at 4.15. About thirty members were present to hear from Mr. Bernard concerning the plays. After the letter written by the Executive Committee to Mr. Bernard, asking him to take charge of the plays, had been read, Mr. Bernard addressed the society. He signified his intention of accepting the charge, and explained the methods he would use. At his request a committee of six was elected to aid him and his brother in their work. These were F. A. Bourne, '95, W. E. Davis, Jr., '95, A. W. Drake, '95, F. A. J. Fitzgerald, '95, R. Norris, '96, and W. O. Sawtelle, '97. Should any of these men be chosen to act in the plays, Mr. Bernard will appoint their successors on the committee. The report of the dinner committee was then read. It was recommended that the dinner be held at Marliave's, on December 21st, at 8 p.m. The report was accepted, and a large number signified their intention of being present.

As announced in a recent issue, The Tech is enabled to publish this week a list of Course I. graduates who have become Presidents or Chief Engineers of Railroads in the United States. For the following compilation, and for that, also, of Technology men who are now in charge of engineering work in the City of Boston, printed a short time since, we are indebted to Professor Allen:

PRESIDENTS OF RAILROADS.

S. M. Felton, '73, East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Railway, and Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific Railway.
Eliot Holbrook, '74, Pittsburg & Mansfield Railroad.
James Ritchie, '78, Grand River & Mahoning Railway.

CHIEF ENGINEERS OF RAILROADS.

Wm. E. Hoyt, '68, Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railroad.
Wm. H. Baker, '69, Pan American Railway.
E. K. Turner, '70, Fitchburg Railroad (until recently).
Walter Shepard, '72, Boston & Albany Railroad.
W. D. Harris, '73, Pontiac Pacific Junction Railway and Ottawa & Gatineau Valley Railway.
A. L. Mills, '76, Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City Railroad (until recently, now Superintendent).
G. W. Kittredge, '77, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway.

So many inquiries have been made in regard to the medal and prize won by the architects in the competition recently held in New York City, that The Tech publishes the official criticism received by Professor Chandler. There were thirty-seven competitors, representing Columbia College, Boston Art Club and various New York Clubs, besides many offices in New York City. F. M. Mann won the medal for especial excellence of plan and section, upon which the following criticism was made: "The elevation of this design, while well composed and rendered, is somewhat too heavy and out of character for a small building, demanding rather lightness and grace than monumental repose. The plan, however, is excellent, both in arrangement and indication, and the section is well drawn and in character." First mention was awarded H. H. Thorndike. His "plan is especially brilliant and well characterized, the elevation being less happy in these respects." W. B. Faville was accorded the 8th second mention, which presented noticeably good details, and showed good work. The drawings taking the medal, two first mentions and the 8th second mentions, will be exhibited at the Architectural League Annual Exhibition in New York City. The document was signed for the Jury by the Committee on Education, consisting of Mr. John M. Carrue, chairman, Mr. John G. Howard, Mr. Ernest Flagg.