The Annual Alumni Dinner.

On Thursday afternoon and evening, December twenty-sixth, the Exchange Club was the scene of a notable gathering of Technology graduates; it was the occasion of the Annual Meeting and Dinner of the National Alumni Association. From the beginning of the afternoon session to the last address of the evening, the entire undertaking was a pronounced, unprecedented success. Never before had such interest and enthusiasm been shown among the members of the Association; and never has any dinner in the history of the organization called forth a comparable support or as ready attendance.

At five o'clock the annual business meeting was called to order by the President of the Association, James P. Munroe, Class of '82. The reports of standing committees were received, after which the Nominating Committee presented its list of nominees for the several offices, for the year 1896. The ballots cast showed a unanimous election of the following men: President, James P. Munroe, '82; Vice President, Edwin C. Miller, '79; Secretary, Harry W. Tyler, '84; Member Executive Committee (to serve two years), George J. Foran, '83; the remaining member, whose term expires at the end of the current year, is Mr. Arthur T. Bradlee, '88; Member of Committee on College (serving three years), Edward W. Rollins, '71.

At the close of the Business Meeting, the members of the Association and a few invited guests adjourned to the Supper rooms up stairs. So great was the demand for seats that the Main Hall, accommodating two hundred and twenty-five, was taxed to the utmost, and fifty or more men from the classes of '93, '94, and '95, were obliged to go farther up stairs, coming down to the Main Hall before the speakers of the evening were called upon. Although nearly three hundred were in this manner provided for, a number of men were unable to obtain tickets, and were thus kept away.

Everything was done by the Committee in charge to make the occasion most interesting in every way. A pleasant feature of the evening was the music by an excellent orchestra, which played throughout the dinner just outside the main supper room. The menu itself must indeed have been prepared for the connoisseur, and proved a merry preparation for the speaking which followed.

The Association was most fortunate, and must be congratulated upon its ability to secure as speakers of the evening such well-known and honored men as President Seth Low of Columbia, Governor Greenhalge (who at the last moment was represented by Colonel Thomas), Chief Justice Walbridge A. Field, Hon. Nathan Mathews, together with our own honored and distinguished President Walker, and Edward W. Rollins, '71, President of the Western Alumni Association. The Association was glad, also, to greet three women who have taken such vast interest in the work of the College,—Mrs. William Barton Rogers, Mrs. Francis A. Walker, and Mrs. Robert H. Richards.

Mr. Munroe, as President of the Association, introduced the speakers of the evening. As a toastmaster his ready wit is unsurpassed, and kept the entire assembly in a continual state of laughter and applause. In his introductory remarks, Mr. Munroe sketched the growth of the college from its beginning thirty years ago to the time "when, last Spring, Governor Greenhalge gave his ready signature to a legislative grant of one hundred and sixty-two thousand dollars in acknowledgment of its eminence and in direct tribute to its indispensable services to the state. Yet that money, welcome and necessary as it was, was as nothing compared with the chorus of unanimous and spontaneous approval that came to Technology from every corner of the Commonwealth. That grant, which was in fact the seal of popular approval, makes the future of the college no longer doubtful. It needs now only an adequate permanent en-