Northwestern Alumni Banquet.

The tenth annual banquet of the Northwestern Association, M. I. T., was held on Saturday, February 20th, at the Technical Club, Chicago, and proved to be the most largely attended and successful occasion in the history of the Association. Over sixty members were present, six States outside of Illinois being represented.

The entire clubhouse of the new Technical Club was at the disposal of the members of the Association. Before the banquet a business meeting was held in the main reception room, at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, B. R. T. Collins, '88; Vice President, R. H. Pierce, '85; Secretary and Treasurer, E. M. Hagar, '93; Executive Committee, H. H. Cutler, '81; Solomon Sturges, '87, John L. Shortall, '87, and Louis A. Ferguson, '88.

The arrival of President Frank Wells, '70, who left a sick bed to be present at the banquet, was greeted with an ovation which attested to the popularity of the retiring President, who has held that office for three terms, being the first President of the Association, and also serving the last two years. Mr. Wells opened the after-dinner speaking with a short address in his usual pithy style, and then introduced as the principal speaker and guest of the evening Prof. Robert H. Richards, of the Institute, who, fortunately for the Association, had been in attendance during the week past at the Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, held in Chicago, and had accepted an invitation to be present and speak at the banquet, postponing his return to Boston for that purpose.

Professor Richards spoke touchingly of the great loss the Institute had sustained in the death of Gen. Francis A. Walker, paying a tribute to his high attainments and noble character; and assured his hearers that there was no cause to fear for the future of the Institute, as its organization had been so perfect under President Walker's administration that it would not suffer by a brief interregnum until a new executive head could be chosen. After Professor Richards's speech a silent toast was drunk, standing, to the memory of President Walker. At this point President Wells, being obliged to retire, introduced President-elect B. R. T. Collins, '88, as master of ceremonies for the remainder of the evening, who, in turn, introduced Mr. L. A. Ferguson, '88, who spoke on "Electricity direct from Coal;" Mr. R. H. Pierce, '85, on "Diffusion of Light;" Mr. S. D. Flood, '90, on "The New South and its Future;" and Mr. J. A. Carney, '90, on "The Etching Process as applied to the Inspection of Iron and Steel."

After this Mr. R. E. Richardson, '85, rendered a rhythm solo, following which Mr. Solomon Sturges, '87, responded to the toast "My Career at Tech.;" Mr. M. E. Cooley, '87, to "The Class of '87;" Mr. R. A. Shailer, '73, to "The Successful Engineer;" Dr. R. W. Hardon, '82, on "Medical Engineering;" and Mr. Severance Burrage, '92, to "The Hoosier Schoolmaster."

'97 Class-Day Election System.

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ARTICLE XI.
Forms of Ballot.

SECTION 2. For Election Day, the ballot will be arranged from the positions. Under the name of each position and the number to be voted for will be placed the names of the formal nominees for that position in alphabetical order, with a square at the side of each name.

Directions for Voting.
Place a cross in square opposite name desired.
For each office, vote for no more than number stated.
Unless these conditions be complied with the ballot shall be considered void, in so far as the irregularities affect it.

Articles VIII. and IX. shall be printed in full on the ballot.

A vote of yes or no will be taken on the following amendments to the Class constitution:—

"Shall the consent of one-third of the class be necessary to amend the constitution?"

"Shall the section of the constitution, limiting the amount of the Class-Day Assessment to two dollars, be repealed?"