Secretary and Treasurer; Solomon Sturges, '87, Frederick W. Perkins, '86, Thomas H. Creden, '91, and Alfred L. Fitch, '84, Executive Committee.

The announcement, between the courses, of the recent magnificent bequests to the Institute was greeted with enthusiastic applause. Copies of the Boston Herald containing plans of the new building were circulated. A letter from President Crafts was read regretting his inability to be present at the banquet, and also letters from all the principal professors of the Institute in praise of the last directory of the Association,—a book of thirty-two pages containing considerable information concerning the two hundred and fifty members. Tomaso's Mandolin Orchestra furnished excellent music during the banquet, which was up to the usual high standard of the Technical Club. A souvenir pipe decorated with ribbons in Tech. colors was presented to each man present.

The formal speechmaking was commenced by President B. R. T. Collins, '88, introducing Frank Wells, '70, as toastmaster, who in turn presented Capt. Andrew H. Russell, '68, U. S. A., as the guest of honor. Captain Russell spoke on "The School and The Army," telling of his early experiences at the Institute, and the value of the training he there received in after life. In speaking of the army he made a strong plea for an increase in its strength in all departments. The next speaker introduced was George S. Morison, C. E., the distinguished bridge engineer, who spoke of being present at the alumni dinner in Boston, and regretted that he was not an Institute graduate rather than a graduate of Harvard. He deplored any amalgamation of the two institutions.

The principal interest of the evening centered in the discussion of "The Proposed Union of Technology and Harvard," which was introduced by President Collins, who gave the information possessed by the Executive Committee in regard to the matter, and spoke for the absolute independence of the Institute. Frederick Greeley, '76, proposed that the Institute should annex Harvard, and was followed by Solomon Sturges, '87, founder of the Northwestern Association, who denounced in a ringing speech any amalgamation or any connection whatever with any other institution; at the close of which he embodied his ideas in a resolution which caused every man present, without a single exception, to spring to his feet in enthusiastic approval. Mr. Sturges's resolution was as follows:

Resolved, That the members of the Northwestern Association of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, after careful consideration and discussion of the question, hereby protest against any union or connection whatever of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with any other institution, and unanimously declare in favor of maintaining the absolute independence of the Institute."

An eloquent address followed by I. W. Litchfield, '85, in praise of the Institute and in favor of the maintenance of its individuality.

Among the other speakers were Severance Burrage, '92, Charles F. Hammond, '91, P. R. Fletcher, '86, W. D. Sargent, '87, and Edward C. Wells, '92.

All voted this banquet the most successful and enthusiastic ever held by the Northwestern Association.

M. I. T. Co-operative Society.

The Directors of the M. I. T. Co-operative Society submit the following summary of the work accomplished by the Society during the past year.

The object of the Society has been, first, to enable students, by purchasing goods at the lowest possible prices, to economize in their living expenses; and, second, to create a scholarship fund, whereby needy students could be assisted in their college course. This has been accomplished in the first instance by the Co-operative membership tickets and a