New York Alumni Reunion.

Forty of the Technology Alumni met at dinner at the Arts Club on February 9. President Pritchett was unable to be present on account of his illness. Among those who attended were: Henry M. Howe, the metallurgist of Columbia University; George A. Freeman, Henry D. Hubbard, Loring Miller, Alexander Rice McKim, T. Appickernell of the American Telephone Company, A. C. Anthony, H. S. Bird, D. A. Center, T. Crane, C. W. Rice, G. M. Yorke, R. N. Wheeler and S. R. Wadsworth.

The board of management for the year was elected as follows: Alexander Rice McKim, secretary and treasurer; C. D. Pollock, H. D. Hubbard, Charles A. Meade and Azel Ames, Jr., executive committee.

C. A. Meade acted as toastmaster. Prof. William T. Sedgwick spoke on technical education, which he said had made great progress in this country and had done much to promote its commercial and manufacturing interests. While on a visit to England recently, he had come to the conclusion that the reason for the decline of the relative importance of England in trade and manufactures was her failure to understand the importance of higher technical education.

The South, he said, needed badly a great technical school like Tech. If she had this and we had more and still better schools, we should not need to fear Germany, our only future competitor. Germany was placing her emphasis in education at the top.

Prof. Michael Pupin presented interesting details about his invention of the submarine telephone. He gave some views on wave propagation, a feature of importance in telegraphic and telephonic work.

Expert in Transportation.

Professor William Z. Ripley has gone to Washington, having been appointed expert in transportation to the United States Industrial Commission. Some time ago Professor Ripley testified before the commission, and his grasp of the subject of transportation and his wide knowledge exhibited in his testimony caused the commission to consider the advisability of securing his services. Professor Ripley has accepted the appointment, and will deal in special reports of the commission with such questions as railroad consolidation, capitalization and the operation of the interstate commerce laws. The commission has published five volumes already, but has not dealt with the phases of industrial development which have arisen out of the recent railroad consolidations. He will be absent on his duties probably for several months, but has not severed his connection with the Institute and will continue his instruction here.

New Chemical Society.

A society has recently been formed consisting of the students of the senior class in chemistry and chemical engineering. It is to be known as the "Senior Chemical Society" and informal meetings will be held monthly at the residence of Mr. Samuel Cabot on Commonwealth Avenue. Mr. Cabot is a member of the corporation and is on the visiting committee for the above departments.

He has always taken great interest in these courses and it was at his suggestion that the society was organized.

At the meeting held last Friday Mr. Henry Howard of the Merrimac Chemical Works read a paper on a new process for the manufacture of liquid carbon dioxide. The apparatus was shown and the solid product produced. Later in the year members will give short talks on their thesis work. This will give additional interest to the researches and tend to prevent the students becoming narrowed down to their individual subjects.

The officers are as follows: President, G. Victor Sammet; Secretary, E. P. Beckwith; Treasurer, P. A. Koler.