Alumni Reunion.

The annual meeting and dinner of the Alumni Association was held Friday evening, Dec. 26, at the Brunswick Hotel. About 150 alumni were present, the Class of '92 having the largest representation.

The business meeting was called at 5:30. The reports of the various committees were read and accepted. The Walker Memorial Committee made a statement of the reasons why it was impossible to commence building until the permanent location of the Institute had been decided upon. During the evening circulars containing the names of the various persons who have contributed to the Walker Memorial Fund were distributed. The president of the association was authorized to appoint a special committee of five members to consider the erection of a suitable memorial for the late Professor Runkle, and the Executive Committee was authorized to appoint a committee to bring about a closer co-operation between the Technology Review and the Alumni Association, with the view of making the dues of the association also serve as a subscription to the Review. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Frederick H. Newell, '85; vice-president, Walter B. Snow, '82; secretary, Arthur G. Robbins, '86; executive committee, Azel Ames, '95, and William B. Thurber, '89; Alumni Committee on the School, Leonard Metcalf, '92; trustee of the Alumni Fund, James P. Munroe, '82; members of Committee on Associate Membership, George V. Wendell, '92, and Charles M. Spofford, '93; member of the Advisory Council on Athletics, John L. Batchelder, Jr., '90.

Dinner was served at seven, and the association had for its guests and speakers Pres. Henry S. Pritchett of M. I. T., Pres. Alexander C. Humphreys of the Stevens Institute and Dean Nathaniel S. Shaler of the Lawrence Scientific School of Harvard University. The retiring president, A. Lawrence Rotch, presided, and opened the after-dinner speaking, paying tribute to the qualifications of his successor, President Newell, who created the hydrographical division of the United States Geological Survey.

Dr. Pritchett was greeted most cordially when he rose to speak. He told of the pleasure which he felt in welcoming the heads of other engineering institutions to this gathering, and in particular the new president of the Stevens Institute, Dr. Humphreys, and also Professor Shaler. He recalled briefly the changes of the year, referring to the reorganization of the administrative work; to the separation of the department of electrical engineering from that of physics; of the building of the Lowell electrical laboratories, and the appointment of Dr. Duncan as head of that department; he spoke of the establishment of the Graduate School of Engineering Research, to be inaugurated next year, in which the work led to the degree of Doctor of Engineering. President Pritchett referred in terms of great affection to the death of Professor Runkle, and spoke of the resignation of Professor Niles from the head of the department of geology, and his election as professor emeritus, and of the resignation of Alexander S. Wheeler from the executive committee.

President Pritchett alluded to the industrial competition of Germany and the United States as shown even in their technical schools, and quoted from the address of the rector of the great technical school at Charlottenberg the following: "The German has to fear in the industrial world, not the English, not the French, only the American. To compete with the American we must strive to constantly improve our scientific schools so as to turn out engineers of the highest grade."

The speaker called attention to the fact that the registration in the Institute has grown from 1,187 to 1,606 in three years. There seems no reason to doubt the continuance of