The Pittsburg Association Banquet to Dr. Pritchett.

Dr. Pritchett arrived in Pittsburg on the morning of Feb. 17 and was met by Mr. Rice, the President of the Pittsburg M. I. T. Association, and Mr. Ely, a member of the Executive Committee. The party visited some of the interesting manufactories about the city, and in the evening an informal dinner was tendered Dr. Pritchett, all of the officers of the Association being present. The next morning Dr. Pritchett accompanied Professor Wardsworth of the Observatory to the workshops of Professor Brashear.

In the evening the formal dinner was held at Hotel Henry. Among the guests were Dr. W. J. Holland, curator of the Carnegie Museum, Mr. W. N. Frew of the Committee of the Carnegie Technical Institute, and Mr. Julien Kennedy, the leading engineer of Pittsburg. Mr. Andrew Carnegie sent his regrets in a letter very complimentary to Dr. Pritchett, one sentence being: “It is difficult to imagine a higher position for the Doctor than he now occupies, and yet if there should be one in the country, mark my words, he will get there.”

In President Rice’s speech, the fact that about 125 Tech men were in the neighborhood of Pittsburg at present, accounted for the goodly number of members of the Association present.

Professor Brashear spoke of his twenty-two years most cordial friendship with Dr. Pritchett, and quoted from a letter from Mr. Tittman, who has succeeded Dr. Pritchett on the Coast and Geodetic Survey, telling of the Doctor’s work while superintendent of that work.

President Pritchett’s talk followed, being a review of Institute affairs, including comments on the moving plan, on the size of the classes—the entering class for next year being about 600—and of the administrative changes and of the new applied electricity laboratory. In concluding he asked all to rise to a silent toast to Dr. John Daniel Runkle.

The officers of the Association for this year are: President, Calvin W. Rice, ’90; Vice-President, Perry H. Thomas, ’93; Secretary and Treasurer, Howard K. Jones, ’96; Executive Committee, Francis S. Viele, ’91, Morris Knowles, ’91, and Sumner B. Ely, ’92.

Northwestern Alumni Association.

The Northwestern Association, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, held their annual banquet at Kingsley’s, Chicago, Saturday, Feb. 21. There were sixty-two alumni present, some coming from as far east as Ohio and others from as far west as Anaconda, Mont., and Denver, Col. President Pritchett was the guest of the evening, and gave a very able talk on the “Effect of Applied Science on America’s Progress.” “The struggle,” he said, “for industrial supremacy lies between America and Germany, and I am not sure that America is in the lead.

“The hope of America in the future of the struggle lies in the growth of technical training,” he continued. “It is not sufficient to train our high-class engineers. We are succeeding well in that. We must go further, and give the artisan, the mechanic and the laborer the advantage of this technical training.

“Germany since 1870 has outdistanced England in the struggle for the world’s trade by training commercial travelers in the technique of their work. This training has been given also to citizens in other branches of industry. Germany was the birthplace and nursery of technical training for the individual. The United States took Germany’s system and transplanted it. Germany is watching us, and seizing every new and progressive idea which we inject into the work