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Chicago Alumni Banquet.

The Chicago Society of the Alumni of the Pennsylvania State College was organized at the University club on Saturday evening the 14th. With a charter membership of thirty, a gratifying number for Chicago, the club sat down to a dinner at which Dr. Sparks was guest of honor. Prof. C. Alfred Smith, '61, was the oldest member present, and Stieg and Garrison, '07, were the youngest, seventeen classes being represented.

After the dinner Dr. Sparks spoke pleasingly of the work which he hopes to accomplish in his new position, and of the importance of cooperation by the alumni. The general impression among those present was that State will not only hold her own but will advance under his administration.

C. A. Smith, '61, followed on the topic "Pioneer Days at State." He

told of the time when the front campus was a potato patch and the west wing of Old Main was the only building. He also gave an interesting account of the trials and tribulations of the college during the early seventies and eighties.

W. B. Jackson, '90, spoke of "State's Alumni and Their Success." The hearers were made to feel glad of their membership in the association, when they heard of the success not simply of a few, but of such a large number of State graduates.

T. R. Cummins, '95, told of some of his experiences during the early days of the digging of the Panama Canal by the United States.

W. M. Camp, '91, editor of the Railway and Engineering Review, gave an interesting talk on "The Daily Press."

C. E. Denny, '00, spoke of the experiences of a man who was obliged to leave college without completing his course.

F. A. Bryan, '90, spoke of the opportunities for the engineer and pleaded for a large attendance at these meetings.

H. D. Miles, '98, spoke briefly of the engineer as a business man, the gist of his remarks being that an engineer might become a business man and be the better for his technical knowledge, but that few business men could become engineers.

J. C. Mock, '90, known as the leading signal engineer of the country, described in a pleasing manner the necessary versatility of an engineer.

C. L. Armsby, '04, gave some interesting statistics of athletics at State.

George McKee, '88, in "Reminiscences of the Faculty," told of the various faculty members he had known in his long connection with the college.

Prof. Louis E. Reber, '80, acted as toastmaster and prefaced each of