BIRTHDAY PARTY TO EDISON.

Men Associated with Him in the Early 80s Organize the Pioneers.

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ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 3.—In honor of Thomas A. Edison's seventy-first birthday, on Monday, Feb. 11, sixty of his old associates in the electric light field, during the period prior to 1885, who have organized the Association of Edison Pioneers, will gather in New York for a luncheon. Mr. Edison, who is engaged in Government work "somewheres in America," will be unable to attend.

The pioneers, who organized recently at a meeting held in the Engineering Societies rooms, 29 West Thirty-ninth Street, New York, are composed of men who were with Mr. Edison at Menlo Park, while others were the first members of his New York contingent of aids when he came to New York in 1880, when the old historic headquarters of the Edison Electric Light Company were at 65 Fifth Avenue. Francis R. Upton of Newark, Mr. Edison's oldest associate, has been elected President of the Pioneers. Other officers are: Vice Presidents, S. Z. Mitchell and T. Commerford Martin of New York; Secretary, Robert T. Lozier of New York; Treasurer, Fred A. Scheffler of New York; Historian, W. H. Meadowcroft of Orange.

Other members of the association are: Sydney B. Paine of Boston, F. B. Potter of New York, George F. Morrison of Harrison, C. R. Benton, Fremont Wilson, W. J. Hammer, E. J. Hammer, F. S. Smithers, L. E. Latimer of New York, Schuyler S. Wheeler of Ampere, S. D. Mott of Plainfield, M. F. Moore of Roselle, H. M. Byllesby of Chicago.

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