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It was with feelings of pleasure closely approaching hilarity, that the Editor of "Clippings," while perusing, some months ago, the last copy of the almanac, discovered that Christmas this year fell on a Friday. "For," quoth he, "the Faculty will have to give us Saturday as a holiday, also." His expectation has not been disappointed, and the length of our Christmas vacation is to be doubled, this year, at least. Hence, knowing that they will be free from thoughts of physics, and mathematics, and such evils on the morrow, The Tech can heartily wish its friends a merry Christmas.

We hope that the Faculty will have a pleasant Christmas, and, finding how good it is to have a little extra vacation at this time, will try it again next year.

The annual catalogue for '85, '86 has been out since a week. We have to chronicle but few changes in the present volume from that of last year. The total number of students this year is 730—an increase of 24; 609 of these are in the School of Industrial Science, and in the same school are 62 regular officers of instruction, and 6 lecturers.

In the requirements for admission, we notice that candidates are henceforth to be allowed to divide their entrance examinations, so as to take some, one year, and the rest in the following. Candidates not prepared in French may substitute an equivalent in German. They are also to be allowed an examination in solid geometry, and, if successful, will be excused from studying that subject after admission. The announcement is made that, after September, 1886, no student will be admitted to the Institute who is under seventeen years of age.

In the corps of instruction, the most noteworthy change is in the chemical department,