Of the men who will grind on Christmas Day, The Tech lacks words to express an opinion; to all others it wishes the best enjoyment that the season affords.

The Tech has a few words more to say in regard to the offer for contributed stories published in the last number, which may be timely in preventing misapprehensions that always arise in a matter of this kind.

In the first place, the stories must be original; that is, they must not be abstracts or adaptations of tales that have already appeared in the magazines. Any article that is known to fall under these heads will, of course, not be considered for an award. Translations designated as such are, however, allowable.

The stories should also be written with regard to the tastes of those who are to read them. Moral didactics and sentimentalities are equally out of place in a college paper. Be interesting before all; after this may come all the virtues of story writing.

The contributions will be considered in the order in which they are received,—first come, first served. Do not delay your work until the opportunity of profiting by it has gone.

Hand in your contributions in accordance with these suggestions, and those formerly offered, and you will be acting to your own advantage, and to that of The Tech.

The petition which is being circulated for the suspension of the exercises of the school on the 23d and 24th of the month, should receive the approval and the signature of every student, and, we may venture to add, be granted by the Faculty. Other colleges have at this season a vacation of from one to