three weeks, and a recess of three days is by no means too long for us when we consider the work that is performed here. Grinding for the semi-annuals will begin immediately after Christmas, and it can certainly be undertaken more vigorously if we are allowed a day or two to clear our brains before entering on the periodic struggle with the examination fiend. For these and other good and sufficient reasons the said petition should be granted. As a timely hint, we would suggest that the Faculty could make no more acceptable Christmas gift to the nine hundred students under their direction, than to notify them that upon leaving work at the end of this week they need not resume it until the following Thursday morning.

EVER since the beginning of the year, the gymnasium on Exeter Street has presented an animated appearance during the latter part of the afternoon. The first part of the season the football men furnished the animation, while from the Thanksgiving vacation until last Saturday, the tug-of-war teams were practicing steadily. But now this is all changed. The winter meeting of the Athletic Club is over, and the old drill-shed is deserted, except for an occasional tennis player and the tri-weekly visits of the Freshmen. This will probably continue until the next football season; there may be some slight activity just before the open spring games, but that will be only for a week or two, and then all will be quiet again.

Now, everyone knows that our records in outdoor events may easily be improved; then why not improve them this year instead of waiting? There are plenty of men at the Institute who could, if they would but try, readily break our present records in either the mile run or the broad jumps—merely to mention three of the easiest chances. All that would be necessary is enough energy to go into light training, either now or immediately after the Semies. Our facilities in the athletic line are by no means palatial, yet every man here has abundant opportunities to take two or three short runs a week. On Boylston Street, between the drill-shed and the bridge, is a fairly level stretch of road, and plenty of room to lay off a quarter-mile track. Out-of-door exercise is the best possible thing to keep up general health, and the intention of entering in the spring games would furnish the stimulus necessary to make that exercise interesting. Aside from all considerations of cups and the honor of one's class, the mere feeling of strength and power which comes from exercise is an ample reward for all the hard work. So, even if you cannot break a record, train faithfully for a month or two, give yourself a chance to do your best, and you will never regret it.

A NEW board stands among the old residents in the corridor, and gives notices of students' meetings. Every Tech. man knows what a student and what a meeting is, but just what the combination signifies is vague to many. Last February there was a feeling among the Institute members of the Intercollegiate Young Men's Christian Association, that their college, which was not behind other institutions in its curriculum and athletics, should also take some interest in religious matters, and, with this in view, they established a series of social meetings, held every Monday in Rogers Building. There is no organization; simply a number of men who want to advance their cause, and who feel the meetings to be a help to them in starting the week right. A different leader is chosen for each time, and the aim is to make the meetings as informal as possible. Although started under disadvantages, the series have been successfully carried out, and should receive the hearty co-operation of all those who can take an interest in the matter.