The beginning of the year is a time of handshaking. In the spirit of the season The Tech welcomes back its old friends, and extends its congratulations to those whose acquaintance it is making for the first time. So many familiar faces among the host of new ones that pass and repass each day in old Rogers, make it hard to realize that there has been any change; that in the past four months most of us have made a year's advance, and that a few, also, have vanished from the scene, while our numbers have been made more than good by accessions from without. The field of the Institute is open for a record, and '94 is in the place to make it.

Our hearty wishes for the best success of everyone, from Senior to Freshman, who is working in school or out, in every line whether of sport or study, in which the Institute is represented. We hope in the future, as in the past, to find that The Tech has done its part in the advancing of the Institute.

A QUESTION which we wish to bring at once to the consideration of the students, is whether the three-day recess of Thanksgiving week should not be transferred to Christmas. There is a general desire for a short respite from study during the Holidays, but the work of the term has been so arranged that it is impossible to give up any time for vacation without encroaching upon that assigned for study. In refusing the petition presented last year for three days' vacation at Christmas, a number of the Faculty expressed themselves as in favor of a plan by which the Thanksgiving day only should be taken as a holiday, while the two days thus gained would be given to the students at Christmas-time, provided that such an arrangement could be shown to meet the wishes of the great majority of the students. The time for action in the matter was then past, and although the plan was discussed among the undergraduates and indorsed by a great majority of them, no steps were taken toward its accomplishment.

If, as was understood, the question is to be decided this fall, no time should be lost in obtaining an expression of the students' wishes, by which, there is good authority for saying, the Faculty will be largely guided. The plan to divide the school year at Christmas-time was pronounced inexpedient, on account of interference with the laying out of the year's work, but no such objection has been advanced against the present proposition. As to appropriateness of time, the argument is in favor of the change, for the day after Thanksgiving is not noted for general observance,—except, perhaps, by a touch of indigestion,—while the last week of the year is a time when everyone keeps holiday. We have not heard any objection to the plan except that it will extend the period of uninterrupted work some four weeks.