The new Yale gymnasium will cost $200,000, and will probably be completed by April 1, 1892.

The new chemical laboratory at Princeton, just completed, is claimed to be the most convenient in the country.

Five hundred students of the University at Kief, Russia, were recently arrested by the government for revolutionary actions.

At the new Chicago University four quarters, each composed of two terms of six weeks, will cover the entire year; for vacation a student may choose any two terms.

The Senate of Cambridge University by a vote of 525 to 185, has rejected the proposition to dispense with the study of Greek.

At Harvard two prizes of $60 and $40 are offered to members of the Junior and Sophomore classes, for the most profitable course of reading pursued during the year. The judges who decide the award are instructed to give due weight to the considerations of health in the case of competitors for the prizes.

The bisection of Greece by a canal connecting the Gulfs of Athens and Corinth is nearly accomplished. The cutting is a straight and level one, 96 wide and 36 deep. It has no locks. A railroad bridge spans it at the Corinth end, but at such a height, 164 feet, as to afford no hindrance to vessels passing through. It is estimated that at least 1,200 of these, averaging 1,500 tons each, will annually use this new and shorter passage.

It is said that Mrs. Leland Stanford has purchased one hundred and fifty handsomely bound Bibles, to be placed in the students' rooms at the Stanford University. The same authority states there were a thousand more applicants at that place than could be accommodated.

During the summer of 1891 there were 28,625 students enrolled in the twenty-two German universities, about 600 less than during the winter term, and nearly 800 less than during the summer of '90.

"VAIN pomp and glory of this world, I hate you." The Lounger uses this quotation to show how he feels toward all of the vain follies and great customs of the world in general. Christmas has passed now these two weeks; and yet he can only have a feeling of deep sorrow and pain when he thinks of that day of all the year, which should make every one feel happy and contented. Yes! Christmas was a failure this year with The Lounger. Perhaps Santa Claus was not very well impressed with the Lounger's behavior for the past year, and had neglected him for this reason. But surely this could not be the case; why, the Lounger's one thought is self-abasement and the welfare of his fellow-students! In the year just passed he cannot think of a single case when he has not thought of others and allowed the moths and rust to collect on many things which he holds most near and dear.

No matter what the reason; the fact still remains, The Lounger's Christmas was not a happy one, and fearing lest some of his friends may also have spent a miserable holiday, he thinks it his duty to inform the Tech-reading world of his misfortune, with the hope that perhaps some may have spent a more unfortunate day.

It is only necessary as a preliminary statement to refer our readers to the last issue of Tech, in which The Lounger mentions the fact that he is a creation of the genus—man, and species—boarding-houseman. With this fact borne well in mind the reader cannot but begin to read with a feeling of pity for any one whose lot is cast in such a place at this time of the year, when every one should be so jolly and glad.

On Christmas eve The Lounger noticed, to his horror, that a cloud of discontent and unrest was settling down, like the forerunners of an impending storm, on the faces of all of his fellow-boarders. It was at the dinner table that this terrible thought first came to him, and he decided that it was his first duty to try and dispel the dark glances and angry looks of his