Hanksgiving is indeed "a consummation devoutly to be wished" for; and it brings to us merry thoughts of freedom from the dull rule of exacting professors, from crowded tabular views and similar bores, to say nothing of anticipatory sugar plums of a different variety. The Tech welcomes this yearly outing,—and inning,—and gladly leaves the dusty office for the pleasures to be. Scott has said that the pleasure of serving one's country is rendered more acceptable when combined with other important gratifications; and so it is with the round of busy work at Technology,—it is best enjoyed when forgotten. For four days we are free to serve ourselves to more savory dishes, and a realization of the limited time at our disposal will afford a keener relish for the most varied of Thanksgiving refreshments.

With one accord we leave the dim corridors and the steep stairways, the darkened lecture halls and the bare recitation rooms, to seek in lighter vein the scenes and things that go to brighten the cares of toil and to whet our other appetites. And why should we not be joyous? Two months of work are behind us, the first milestone of the college year is reached, and now surely we may steal a little frolic ere the coming gloom of grinding settles down upon us. Away then with books, and drawing boards, and chemical apparatus! To the winds with geological specimens and mechanical formula! Ever-haunting prof., we will have no more of you for four days, but will gladly forget your smiling face in the joys that are all our own. Adieu, ye massive piles of accumulated lore and dread architecture, and would that the sight of your ponderous front athwart our way might be longer postponed!

Sing ho, for Thanksgiving Day!

This Thanksgiving period of rest and recuperation furnishes a desirable opportunity for pausing, ere increasing work is upon us, to consider the present surrounding conditions. There are many things for which to be thankful, although much is yet to be desired. A prosperous year for the Institute is well begun, and the men of every course are in the midst of hard work, which will bring its proper reward. The few changes of the past year are noteworthy. The Faculty, the corps of instructors, the methods and apparatus of instruction, have been increased. In the courses, the most notable changes are seen in Course IX., in Course IV., and in the creation of Course XIII. The Course IX. library has been increased, and the classes in