history, literature, economics, and language are larger than ever before. The Tech welcomes these gains, for they indicate a broadening of the Institute in a most desirable direction. With the addition of M. Despradelle, the working capacity of Course IV. has also been greatly increased, and the interest and the work of its classes is of the highest order. The Tech might stop to speak of important changes in other courses, but in hastening on it can only welcome the new course of naval architecture to its proper place among the courses. All along the line of the Institute courses the capability and means of turning out good work are in a most flourishing condition.

The Tech also finds cause for gratification outside the regular curriculum of studies. The interest of the classes in social events, in athletics, in our alumni, and, we may say, in The Tech itself, although not yet what it should be, still shows a marked gain over the years that are passed. In supporting the efforts of the Institute Committee by honest work and commendation, in the increasing use of the gymnasium, and in participation in class and course athletic contests, in sending to our alumni appreciation of their interest in the welfare of the Institute, and, lastly, in the increasing contributions to The Tech, the classes have shown that that spirit so often cited for its absence among us is by no means dead.

Of all these things we take pleasure in speaking, not by way of self-congratulation, but in order to point out the ways in which increased interest in Technology has been, and may yet be, developed. If our students would but realize that the agencies at hand for fostering Institute feeling, and for individual benefit as well, are not shadowy somethings, but present realities and opportunities for all, there would be no more complaint of lack of interest. The Institute Committee, the Athletic Club, the "Technique," and The Tech are such agencies, in which all may show an interest and use for their intended purposes.

The three days now at our disposal are not intended for outside work. The principle of daily exercise and recreation applies as well to a college year. We shall not all be fortunate enough to return to our homes and obtain in a change of scene the true benefit of this breathing spell, but there is no reason why we may not take our minds from the daily work about us in long tramps through the suburbs, or possibly in well-chosen reading. The Tech advises no one to study in vacation days, for it believes that better work will be accomplished in the end if the mind and body enjoy a change and a rest from all exacting work. If these results alone follow the present vacation, we shall, indeed, have cause for being thankful.

While the great football contests are claiming the attention of the community at large, we cannot refrain from a consideration of athletics at Technology and suggestions for their improvement. At nearly all American colleges and universities to-day, athletics are recognized by faculties as a necessary part of the curriculum, or at least as an important means of providing for the health and recreation of the students.

Until the past year or two, when our gymnasium, originally equipped by the students themselves, received some improvements from Institute funds, our Faculty has scarcely recognized the existence of our athletic organizations. Even now many of our professors discourage exercise, save of the most moderate kind. Despite these discouragements the Tech records in track, team, and field events compare favorably with the best, and these conditions have been brought about by the few men among us who believe in combining hard work with vigorous exercise. In spite of Technology's reputation for good work, we believe that our Faculty made a great mistake in neglecting from the first to make more allowance for the recreation and health of the student body.