We print below a letter in regard to the Christmas vacation:—

BOSTON, Nov. 22, 1894.
MR. G. W. HAYDEN,
Secretary of the Institute Committee:—

My dear Mr. Hayden,—The Faculty have given careful consideration to the question raised in your note of November 19th, and in Mr. Sheppard's letter of last year. While recognizing the universal interest in the Christmas holidays, and the eminent propriety of the students spending the time at their homes, the Faculty feel unable the present year to grant the entire week requested. Exercises will, however, be suspended from Saturday noon to Thursday morning, a period which will, I hope, be approximately satisfactory to most of the students. As to the future, I may add that, so far as I can personally judge, the Faculty would be glad to consider the expediency of transferring the two days now given at Thanksgiving to Christmas, making the intermission four days at the latter time, especially if such a change were clearly shown to meet the wishes of the great bulk of the students. Any further extension would probably, however, involve a corresponding diminution of the summer vacation, for it must be remembered that the Institute is already subject to more or less criticism on account of the exceptional shortness of its school year; and that, in the second place, a considerable number of students living outside of New England undoubtedly prefer a longer summer vacation to intermissions during the year too short for the home journey.

Very truly yours,

H. W. TYLER.

Examination Schedule Changes.

Semiannual examinations will be omitted and students will be marked on their term work only in the following subjects:—

1st year: Chemistry, Mechanical Drawing, English, French, German, Trigonometry, Special Shopwork Courses, Carpentry and Wood Turning, Clipping, Filing and Forging.

2d year: Analytic Geometry, Astronomy, Descriptive Astronomy, Blowpipe Analysis, Carpentry and Wood Turning (II.), Carpentry (VI.), Elementary French, German, M. E. Drawing, Mechanism, Metal Turning, Orders, Descriptive Geometry, Differential and Integral Calculus, Forging, French, Shades and Shadows, Surveying, Theoretical Chemistry and Topographical Drawing.
