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Now as ye joyous, festive dage
Arrives on speedie wing,
And alle ye busie student throng,
Aside ye bookes do fling;
Ye Tech, with greeting, bids ye lose
No time in idle talk;
But bravety maule ye turkie bone,
With hardie knife and forke.

T may be that the Editors of THE TECH feel more keenly the blessings of holiday time than other Institute men, because to them it means respite from the scissors and the blue pencil, as well as the T-square and the retort. To all, however, these three days in mid-term are precious, and the wisdom of the Faculty in providing such a break in the half-year's work is deeply appreciated.

The Tech wishes, then, to all Institute men the fullest enjoyment of the New England festival, including a good digestion afterwards; and hopes that all will return with a renewed determination to keep Technology at the front in every enterprise, more or less serious, in which she may embark.

The visit of the members of the Electrical Engineering Society to the Central Power Station of the West End Street Railway Co., which is described elsewhere, is an extension of the scope of this Society which deserves commendation, and which might well be followed by the other professional organizations of the Institute. A great deal of benefit may be derived by the students, whether Sophomores, Juniors, or Seniors, from visits to places where the principles which they are studying or will study, are put to practical uses. To the Sophomore they give a better idea of what his future profession really is; to the Junior they afford an opportunity of seeing on a larger scale the operations with which he is brought in contact in the laboratories; while the Senior finds in them a chance to become acquainted with the most improved methods of modern engineering.

The number and variety of industries grouped in and around Boston, in many of which our graduates hold prominent positions, make such trips comparatively easy to arrange, and they might be made a valuable part of the work of our engineering societies.

At an Executive Committee meeting of the Track Athletic Association, held last Thursday, the matter of the debt under which the Association is now laboring was brought up by Mr. Allen, who strongly urged its payment at the earliest possible date. After a careful consideration of the subject in all its phases, it was decided to put subscription