ANOTHER of the brief respite of the college year has come—the one fraught with the most tender associations and memories of any day in the whole year. At this season, as the snow whirls without, we gather about the fire and forget the stress of struggle and effort as we forget the actual storm outside. Only to those who are so fortunate as to be at home on Christmas Day, does the blessing of the time come with its fullest force. Every Institute man should remember, however, that if he cannot go to his own home, there is an open door at the Technology Club, and a friend's hand to make him welcome.

THE Tech has good hopes, then, that all of us who are bound together by the love of old Technology may pass the festival in the happiest of manners; and that this may be the case, it extends to all its heartiest good wishes.

THE most interesting feature of President Walker's report, of which an abstract is printed in another column, is the account of the projected new building. We all of us realize how badly this extension is needed; and the detailed account of the scheme is almost tantalizing. There is good hope, however, that the sum of money needed may be forthcoming in the near future, and it may be that most of us now in college will yet see the plan carried into execution. The Institute seems to have passed its period of very rapid growth; and if the new building can be accomplished, it means ease and comfort for a good many years.

THE condition of the alleyway used by so many of the students to reach the Engineering Building, has been a source of great complaint this season, and the editors of THE TECH took the liberty of bringing this feeling on the part of the undergraduates to the attention of the authorities. They are happy to announce that a board-walk continuation of the Ludlow brick sidewalk and some stepping-stones for crossing the alleyway have already been ordered. A more permanent settlement of the difficulty is planned in connection with the new building. The matter has been carefully considered, and the practical difficulties in the way of any such permanent arrangement are great. We feel sure however, that the improvements mentioned above will be very gratefully received.