It is an unfortunate fact that at Technology we have not the college spirit or the love for Alma Mater which exists in almost every college. There is one thing, however, upon which we can pride ourselves, and that is the rapid disappearance of class disputes.

True enough, in past years there have been bitter conflicts between the Freshmen and Sophomores; but out of regard for the words of President Walker in the fall of '96, and through respect for his memory in the fall of '97, the Sophomores allowed the Freshmen to organize without molestation.

The Freshmen showed an uncalled-for hesitancy in making public the date of their class dinner. They unnecessarily feared that 1900 would try to interfere with their arrangements, but, it is needless to say, their fears were without foundation in fact.

This disappearance of class antagonism bodes well for the future of Technology. Within the past year we have shown that a college spirit does exist; it only needs to be aroused. With class disputes a thing of the past, all our energies can be thrown to the Institute as a whole, and then may we hope to see Technology take her proper place among other colleges.

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Under the Mistletoe.

_He, afterwards._

She stood beneath the mistletoe,
Wild thoughts flashed through my brain;
I gazed upon those ruby lips,
But could not them profane.

_She, afterwards._

How long I stood 'neath that old bough
I'm sure I do not know,
But this one thing I have found out,—
That fellow's too dead slow.

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Summer School in Shopwork.

Beginning June 8th, a summer school in woodwork, forging, chipping and filing, and machine tool work will be given at the Institute. These courses give students a chance to make up deficiencies, but still better to anticipate regular shopwork. These courses were only started in 1896, and for two summers the attendance has been large, which warrants their continuance, and shows the desire to take advantage of such an opportunity. They are given at a time when students are through with regular studies, and can devote their whole time to the work, and instead of being exacting, they have proved to be enjoyable. The time devoted to the work is six hours a day for five days in the week, and continues for five weeks. The completion of any of these courses will relieve a student from a full year's work.

These courses also present an excellent opportunity for students taking courses that do not require shopwork, or who only have a small amount to get practical instruction in the Mechanic Arts, which is considered a very valuable adjunct to the theoretical treatment of professional subjects. Carlyle says, "Man without tools is nothing; with tools all." As the exercises and problems are highly educational, a student in a few short weeks may acquire a direct knowledge of the nature of materials and tools, and considerable skill in their use. It would take a number of years in regular shop or factory practice to acquire an amount of mechanical knowledge equal to that given in these brief but systematic courses. Summer school circulars may be obtained at the Secretary's office.

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If April showers bring May flowers,
As ancient precepts say,
That April showers may bring flowers,
Pray God it rain to-day.

_H. C._

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_G. M. R._