HE second short respite from our routine work brings us to the realization that our first term is nearing its end, and that the grind for the "Semies" is fast approaching. But even the terror of a "double flunk" cannot detract from the enjoyment of our precious three days at Christmastide. The old saying, "Every moment is precious on a holiday," is nowhere so true as at Tech.; and as the weeks roll by, and our work becomes more and more defined, we feel its force more keenly.

Even the most confirmed grind is compelled for the once to lay aside his books and join in the universal rejoicing of this holiday season, when "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men" is uppermost in every mind. In this sentiment The Tech heartily joins, and wishes its readers the merriest of Christmases.

It has been one of the pleasant exceptions to the spirit of utilitarianism which pervades Technology which has led the Seniors to take some note of the passing of the old year and the beginning of the new. Last year '98 met at the Technology Club and at midnight adjourned to the steps of Rogers, and there, with the Technology cheer, greeted the new year. Doubtless '99 will follow other classes in the observance of this ceremony, which is certainly worthy of becoming a time-honored custom.

The Athletic Meet last Saturday night the lamentable lack of interest among the students in matters pertaining to track athletics was once more forcibly illustrated. With a student body numbering over eleven hundred, barely seventy-five men were present at the Meet. The two lower classes, whose teams did the best work, were very feebly represented.

This is a disgraceful state of affairs for a college of Technology's size. Every man in the Institute would be proud to see our Track team win at Worcester in the spring. Yet, while such a victory is a distinct possibility, over nine tenths of the men do not take enough interest in the team to be present at the contests.

The Meet itself was very interesting. The absence of Burch, '99, and Garrett, '01, caused by illness, was greatly regretted, but