OLD weather, the wave of football and the appearance of the once proud and haughty gobbler at every market-place, warns us of the approach of New England's time-honored day of thanks. Thanksgiving Day, the revered and noble legacy of our Pilgrim forefathers, finds Tech men well along in the work of the term. The Freshman has now entered Tech life, no longer as a pronounced enemy of the wily Sophomore, but as a fellow-student willing to lay aside his petty troubles and prejudices, and ready to uphold in his turn the honor of the Institute. Class elections over, the Sophomores and Juniors have ceased discussing politics, and are looking ahead to events which the future has in store for them; while the Senior, rushed by the amount and nature of his work, is now beginning to think of his thesis. In the midst of these things comes the Thanksgiving holiday, and the short respite from work will be welcomed by all.

E notice an evident tendency among the students, especially in the engineering courses, to slight those studies, such as English and History, which have no direct bearing on their technical work. Such a tendency is inevitable in a school where so much time necessarily has to be given to mathematical and engineering studies. Moreover, it is perfectly natural for students, who always have just a little more work than they can do, to slight those studies which do not seem essential to them. But that is just the question: Are these studies not essential? While we have no intention of saying that a familiarity with Shakespeare will make a man a better engineer, or that a knowledge of Spencer's prose will teach him how to set a valve-gear, still we do say that it is more important for him to be a man than an engineer; more important for him to know how to live than how to run an engine. We noted in a previous issue that Dr. Pritchett has under consideration plans for increasing the amount of time devoted to the study of English. If such an increase should come, we hope it will be greeted not as so much "rot," but as an added opportunity.