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As Xmas date again draws near,
Our thoughts from study flee,
To homes that now seem e'en more dear
Since we are far away.
A respite seek for one short week,
Beneath from lessons' dirge,
And merrily, as it is meet
To celebrate this date.

THE INADEQUACY OF THE GYM.

THE inadequacy of our "gym" to meet the requirements of a college with over fifteen hundred students has never been more apparent than this year. Five days during the week, from a hundred and fifty persons take exercise in the gym between the hours of 3:30 and 6 P.M., most of them taking part in the class work. As there are two classes each day, one at four and the other at five o'clock, a large number of students are put through their work at the same time, and on finishing are crowded into the small shower-room containing but four hot showers. And, that perhaps a dozen have to share one shower among them is not the most unsatisfactory feature, for it usually happens that before half the class are accommodated, the water has taken on a temperature bordering on the freezing point, and the remaining half have either to screw up their courage and constitutions to the breaking point, or go without—an alternative most certainly to be avoided under the circumstances, for more reasons than one.

THE NARROW COURSE OF STUDY AT THE INSTITUTE.

It has long been the invariable custom of Tech men in general and of Tech Editors in particular to bewail and bemoan the narrow course of study provided by the Institute. Especially, when our work presses hard, when the intricacies of "Applied" become more than usually tortuous, and when the future is filled with "exams," looming up in our imagination like monstrous spectres; especially then, do we make these cries for the broadening influence of literature, the ennobling effects of art, and the beneficial training of economics. Ordinarily, we live along, perfectly contented to have chosen Tech instead of Harvard to be our Alma Mater; but when she, our fostering-mother, becomes exacting in her wants, and presses