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Merry Thanksgiving day to everybody. Let's forget that such things as Applied, Physics, Freshman Chemistry exist, and concern ourselves with turkey and mince pie.

THE TECH calls attention to the fact that there will be no issue next Friday, owing to the Thanksgiving recess.

Class fencing has not aroused much enthusiasm among the freshmen. Only one man is trying for the team. This fact is to be regretted, for last year a class fencing team was formed by 1908 and had a very successful season, not being defeated. The experience gained on a class team is the best possible preparation for the varsity, and it is from class team men that the varsity must draw its material. It is to be hoped that this branch of our athletics will receive its deserved support from all classes, so that we may have some interesting inter-class matches this winter.

The first of the Technology Kommers will be held at the Union on Saturday evening, December 9. At no other institution in America can students gather in a college building and enjoy such unrestrained, care-free, informal times,

as Tech men do at the Union. In this respect the Kommers are entirely unique, and are distinct Technology affairs. The pressure of work at the Institute prevents students from enjoying the benefits and pleasures of social gatherings such as are usually derived from a four years' course at college. The number at Technology who have the opportunity to meet their fellow-students, and even their class-mates, is comparatively small. Class organizations, the Musical Clubs, the Fraternities, the Social Societies, Athletics, and to a small extent the Professional Societies, furnish somewhat limited means to a few; and the Kommers is maintained, so that the members of all branches of student activities may be able to meet one another. Thus men whose works differ widely may become warm friends.

Last year each class took charge of the Kommers for one Saturday evening, and provided entertainment for any visitors. Keen rivalry was shown by all the classes in providing their special "stunts," and the success of the class nights was even greater than had been anticipated. It only remains that every one do his part and this Technology custom will continue to flourish. The best time to start going is the first Kommers, and the Union should be full on the evening of December 9.

THE INSTRUCTORS' CLUB DINNER.

The program of the Instructors' Club dinner at the Union, Tuesday evening, included an illustrated talk by Mr. H. K. Barrows, '95. The description which he gave of the hydrographic investigations in New England was rendered of greater interest through Mr. Barrows' personal connection with them, since he is one of the men chosen from the United States Geological Survey to inquire into the subject.

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