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Monday, December 31, 1906.

"The old year looks shaky." Let it shake! Just at present our thoughts are with the new year and—mid years. Here's wishing you all the best of success, not only at this strenuous period, but throughout the year.

The informal report of the progress of the Y. M. C. A. which is printed in another column, shows that the association has made wonderful progress in the past few months. The success is due in no small amount to the efficient work of the college secretary, Don S. Gates, and THE TECH wishes to congratulate him on that success, and to wish him continued success in the New Year.

In the past two years Technology has won only one dual track meet—and that victory was not

much of a credit. The **Faithful Service Needed.** fault does not lie with the training nor with the efforts of the managers and captains.

There has been a lack of interest on the part of the students of the Institute—a lack of that interest which wins victories. This year Technology has one of the best track meet schedules that it has ever had, and the making or the unmaking of the Institute in inter-collegiate athletics will depend upon this year's success. Tech men have now to face the fact that the Institute is not considered by other colleges as much of an opponent in track work. A series of well-earned victories this season will place Tech where it rightly belongs—among the leaders in college athletics. There are three dual meets on the schedule and it will require some good, hard work to win them. Indoor work begins in earnest this week, and next week the Indoor Class Meet comes off. Holy Cross will be met at the

Gym early in March, and in the spring the University of Maine at Orono, and Brown at the Field. There are a good many men at the Institute who have ability, and nothing but lack of interest—which is a polite way of saying "presence of laziness"—has kept them from helping along the athletic reputation of the Institute. It is to be hoped that these men will wake up and come out for the team, and that the old men, who have been so faithful, will continue their good work. The Institute needs faithful service just now.

CELEBRATE XMAS.

Some 200 men who did not go home for the holidays were entertained at the Tech Union Christmas Eve, at a reception given by President and Mrs. Pritchett and Mrs. William B. Rogers. Dr. and Mrs. Pritchett were not present, as Dr. Pritchett was ill in New York. Dean and Mrs. Burton, Professors Sedgwick and Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Rand, and Mr. and Mrs. Mixer were present. Three of the performers from Keith's Theatre gave an excellent entertainment, Cal Stewart giving his monologue and song act, and Kelly and Hollis giving a short comedy sketch, "College Boys" After refreshments were served the Bursar assumed the role of Santa Claus and distributed the gifts from the Christmas tree, which was beautifully decorated.

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