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On account of the Christmas vacation, the next issue of THE TECH will be on January 1, 1906.

THE TECH receives a number of the daily and weekly papers published at the colleges and scientific and preparatory schools of the country, and keeps Exchanges. them for some little time. The literary magazines and weeklies are by a recent arrangement kept in the general library, for the use of the student body. We believe that some of the articles, especially in the magazines from scientific colleges, should prove interesting and beneficial reading.

Each year at this time it becomes the duty of THE TECH to wish its "gentle reader" in well-worn and familiar phrases "a Merry Concerning Xmas and a safe return Christmas to the Institute with renewed interest in his work." Besides, however, all these general good wishes, which we most heartily extend to all, we wish to speak of those matters which are most particularly our own.

Many of us get very little or no summer vacation and Xmas represents the only time when we may fully enjoy the pleasures which are at other times denied us. It is true we have a longer vacation in February, but coming as it does immediately after the Mid-year Examinations, and at a time of year, when the outside world is hard at work, we cannot experience that sense of universal ease and festivity which marks the Xmas season.

All have heard a great deal about the Simple Life and the Strenuous

Life. Most of us have at some time led the former and with the latter we are all certainly very familiar, but how much do we know of the Rational Life. The question is now before us. Are we going to spend our vacation in studying, or, even worse in one continuous whirl of pleasure; or are we going to take a few moments of this season to do that for which few of us have time during the term, namely, to think, open our eyes to the world about us, and acquire a certain amount of that repose, in which we Americans are so proverbially deficient? Let us hope that every man may return to the Institute in 1906 with a broadened understanding and a greater sympathy with "things in general," that he may have turned for a few moments from study to watch the doings of his fellows, and finally that, besides having had a very happy vacation, he may have spent an equally profitable one.

RESOLUTION OF C. E. SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to bring bereavement to our friend and teacher, Prof. William E. Mott, in the loss of his beloved wife, be it

Resolved, That we, the Civil Engineering Society, express to Prof. Mott our profound sympathy, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Prof. Mott, be published in THE TECH, and spread upon the records of the Society.

For the Civil Eng. Society:
(Signed) R. R. PATCH,
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