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Monday, December 17, 1906.

In order to correct some wrong impressions THE TECH wishes to state that the Christmas holidays will begin next Saturday at 1 P.M., and close Monday, Dec. 31, 1906, at 9 A.M.

Don't forget the basketball game tonight. The teams want your physical and vocal support. If you're such a grind you can't drop studies for an hour of wholesome fun, at least buy a ticket and help out financially.

It is with pleasure that THE TECH notes that the deficit for the current year is only about \$4000 as compared with about \$10,000 last year, and Treasurer's Report. The number of

bequests and gifts received this year is considerable and the work of the Alumni Income Fund in giving over \$40,000 unconditionally to the Institute has proved a wonderful aid in cutting down the annual deficit. It has also helped in important changes in the buildings and in the payments on the Gym. The student body can well welcome this news as a forerunner of continued prosperity, and possible extension of the Institute's present site. It is to be hoped that the Corporation will be able to select a new president at an early date, so that the questions of providing new buildings to relieve the present crowding and of erecting the Walker Memorial Building may be settled.

The hockey team has again organized this year. A considerable number of candidates have reported, and a good schedule is being arranged. West Point and a number of other colleges have asked for

dates, and the management hopes to arrange games with Harvard and Yale.

The Cross Country Team's success in breaking into inter-collegiate circles should inspire the other teams with an ambition to do likewise. The inter-collegiate hockey league is not a settled organization, as was shown by the recent retirement of Brown; and if the Institute could produce a fine team for two or three years, the chances of following the Cross Country team's example would be very good.

The two things which the team needs now are a strong second and generous financial support; perhaps the team may gain the attention of the Advisory Council to the extent of obliterating the latter need, but the former depends entirely on the spirit and activity of the students. Hockey is the best of winter sports, and it claims comparatively little time for the large amount of fresh air and exercise which it affords.

The Freshman Cadet Battalion will never realize how close it was to being called out Friday morning to quell a strike at the printery of THE TECH. Just after the press had started to grind out the day's issue, it went on a strike and refused to budge. Threats, coaxing and promises availed naught. The press was as stubborn as a Missouri mule. It wanted more oil and until it got its wish it would not work. When the pressman attempted to bring in a smaller press as a strike-breaker, the striker threw the shafting out of gear and attempted to annihilate the non-union press. At this point, the manager of the printery phoned to the Institute and asked that the Cadet Battalion be sent down to preserve peace. The name "Tech Cadet Battalion" brought the old press to its senses, and of its own accord, after a four-hour strike, it printed off the copies faster than it had ever done before.

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