Vacation is at hand once more, and with it, Christmas comes. That is a happy time to most of us. We go to our homes, meet our relatives and friends, and spend the week in joyous mirth and pleasure. Whether or not we are fit for our renewed labors upon our return depends upon what kind of a time we have had. Usually, the more fun a man experiences, the less he is inclined to study when he gets back to his books. And New Year's! That is the time for calls and good resolutions. We do not suppose that it is necessary for the R. P. I. student to make any good resolutions, for those which he would not break, he has already. And without wishing any one to come back and be utterly unable to study, we wish each and every member of the Institute a most enjoyable vacation. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Last month, we sent out several hundred copies of the Polytechnic to the alumni. Each copy was accompanied by a circular, calling attention to our department of Alumni Notes, and urging co-operation, not only in that, but in other branches. Literary support, as well as financial support, was asked, and we stated clearly the value of the Polytechnic to the alumni, and the difficulty of working successfully in their interest without their assistance. We have received about twenty-five answers to our circular, most of them containing kindly words, and in one or two cases, promises of articles for our columns. This is encouraging, as far as it goes, and it is appreciated. But it is strange that out of the several hundred alumni who doubtless received the circular with the paper, fewer than thirty had interest enough to reply. We do not like to believe that the greater portion of the alumni have lost so much love for their alma mater as to be indifferent about hearing from her in her active existence once in a while. We do not like to believe that so many old students have become so changed that they cannot put themselves in our place and realize that we need help. What can be the cause of this failure to re-