

gifts and good-wishes, and EXCELSIOR, in accord with this spirit, wishes its readers a merry Yule-tide.

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A writer in a recent number of one of our exchanges discussing the scope of the College journal, thinks it should, to be useful, discuss political and economic questions. We are prone to view with regret the decadence of political morality and would welcome anything which tended even in a slight measure to elevate public sentiment, but the work of reform needs an experienced eye and a mature mind. These are not often found on the editorial staff of the College journal. Besides its failure to accomplish the desired end, the course suggested would tend to sow the seeds of discord among students and would stir up in many quarters a more bitter partisanship than that which, unfortunately for the public weal, exists to-day. Let the college journal avoid politics.

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In a few days the students will leave the College to spend their Christmas holidays. The thoughtful student needs not be told that the most useful vacation is that which lays up a store of energy against the hard work that will begin with the opening year. EXCELSIOR wishes all a pleasant and profitable vacation.

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This month we present to our readers some extra pages of reading matter. Should our friends experience any difficulty in the selection of a Christmas gift for EXCELSIOR we can assure them that a most acceptable one would be a quantity of coin equivalent to one year's subscription.