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BEFORE our next regular issue Christmas will have come and gone and our readers will be in the midst of holiday recreation and festivities. The JOURNAL therefore takes this opportunity of extending cordial greetings to the young men and maidens who will abandon their books and take their flight to the tune of "Home, sweet Home." We are tempted to make a new precedent and not dole out the usual editorial advice as to how students should spend their holidays; but the stern voice of conviction compels us to say that we have little sympathy for that historic bookworm who remains secreted in his boarding house or goes home to spend his days and nights worrying over his beloved volumes. Still less do we appreciate the professors who assign essays or examinations for January eighth, because they are generally supposed to have reached years of discretion. On the other hand to that student who is as yet unacquainted with the books of his class and has merited the classical name of "bummer," we say emphatically, "Get to work." To every one we wish all the pleasures that the festive season brings and a storing up of unbounded energy for the New Year's work.

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The great features of college life during the fall term undoubtedly are football, the A.M.S. elections and the conversazione. The last whoop of the football enthusiast has scarcely died away till the students one and all are whirled into the excitement

of the elections; but as they emerge from these and struggle back to their work they are met face to face by busy preparations for the conversat. This rapid succession, intensified by other minor interests, carries them, almost without their realizing it, into the 'Xmas holidays. The football season has already been noticed and the elections may now be summed up as giving general satisfaction. For the Presidency we had not only the largest vote ever polled but also the largest majority. A very encouraging independent spirit was shewn by all sections of voters and we rejoice to notice that all have buried their differences and are giving hearty support to the new executive. Whether this year's conversat will prove successful or otherwise will be known before this number of the JOURNAL appears, but we are convinced of this that no conversazione can truly accomplish its end unless it receives the loyal and unselfish support of all classes of students. An offensive and dictatorial spirit has been shewn by some few in different sections, who selfishly want their own way, but we have good reason to believe that the sound sense of the majority of the students will frown down this sort of thing and make the conversat successful from every point of view.

The other institutions of the college have been moderately well supported during the term now closing. The A. M. S. has been doing its business well and the Concurus, under its new constitution, did on one occasion shew signs of vitality. But two other movements indicate especially a more earnest spirit among the students. We refer to the reorganization of a Literary Society among the ladies and the steps that have been taken towards the formation of a Literary Society among the advanced students, as suggested in our last number. These are significant signs of progress inasmuch as they shew the recognition of something lacking in college life and are calculated to stimulate students to more independent work and thought. We hope to see them occupying permanent places and doing substantial work.

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While the intellectual and social are being given free room for expansion, we have a word to say about the physical also. Remarks along this line may seem superfluous to the students of a college that can boast a champion football team, but we