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A bountiful and benign providence has arranged that Christmas and the New Year should only happen once per annum, and that they should come pretty close together. Some shortsighted persons have been misled into kicking at this arrangement, and would like to have Christmas, and the holidays which pertain thereto, every month or so, but they do not go deep enough into the matter. Think of the frightful expense of getting suitable presents for all your best, second and third best girls: think what a collection of useless shaving brushes, pen-wipers, etc., you would get in return: think how highly monotonous it would get after a while, and we think you will see that "things be better as they is." Nevertheless Christmas is a great institution. It is the star which guides us by its cheering rays through the long dark vista of the fall term, it is the occasion when all petty jealousies and unkindnesses are thrust aside, when all hatchets are buried, and the pipe, or cigarette, of peace reigns supreme in the land. It is a season of

festivity and merrymaking, the like of which occurs not in the whole cycle of the long year. And with it, tacked on at the end, comes the New Year, to lengthen out the holiday, and perchance to make us think a little seriously in the middle of it.

These holidays must bring back to all of us recollections of their predecessors. It is a good thing to sometimes look back over the last mile of life's road and see whether we have progressed or gone backward, and to examine into the changes that have taken place around us. As far as the College is concerned things are much as they were a year ago, for but little change was to be expected after the cataclysm which took place when the school transported itself to its new buildings. The chief change in the city has been the introduction of that bane to telephonists, the trolley car, which when the system is complete, will metamorphose the place. Other changes are constantly in operation, some things improvements, others the reverse, for "change and decay in all around we see," as the choir, itself changed much for the better, so beautifully sings: but still on the whole we think that the majority of new or altered things around us should be causes of thankfulness. Therefore let us be thankful, and make merry with a whole heart, and give of our abundance to all our friends and neighbours, for generosity, if not a virtue in itself, is an indication of the greatest of the virtues.

The fact cannot be denied or put out of sight that, in our endeavour to keep up the traditions of the College and to provide its students with some record of the time they are spending here which will not only be interesting now, both to them and their friends, but valuable in the future when they have left these walls. We are not receiving the support we ought to, and which we feel we are entitled to. Most of those who have subscribed to our journal have paid up promptly, but there are many, including future-