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AS the JOURNAL staff is going home for the holidays, subscribers need not expect to see the JOURNAL again for two weeks. We intend to be back to our work again in time to bring out Number 8 on Saturday, January 9th. In the meantime we wish you all A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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The JOURNAL does not need to tell its student readers how to spend the approaching holidays. Yet there is little doubt that on this question, as on all others, there is great variety of opinion. If you would like to know what we think, we will tell you. The best way to spend a holiday, is to make it a holiday season in the true sense of the word. We have little sympathy with the anxious book-worm who cannot lay aside his text-books long enough to enjoy the rest of a complete change. There is a time for everything, and a Christmas holiday is not the time for study. If a student has worked faithfully till Christmas, and expects to work faithfully from Christmas to the close of the session, he will accomplish more, and be a better man for a fortnight of quiet rest. This best of all vacations should not be marred by the cares and worries of philosophy, literature or science. It is a joyous season, the most joyous of all the year. Make it so then for those about you, and you will profit most from it yourself.

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Is it true that Christmas is becoming so expensive a holiday that none but the rich can enjoy it? It may be a fact that the modern spirit of extravagance has partially modified its old-time plainness, but we are slow to believe that Christmas as a true holiday, in which the spirit of peace and brotherliness reigns, can ever die away. The extravagant Christmas of the wealthy is not the rule, but the exception. The simple Christmas of the well-to-do and poor is characterized by less of the external and more of the inward spirit than ever before. As long as the home, the hearth, and the fireside, possess their charm, fathers and mothers rejoice in the love of their children, and friends enjoy the fellowship of friends, as long as the Christ-spirit rules in the heart of the true Christ-follower, so long will Christmas be the Grand Festival of Peace and Joy which it is intended to be.

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During the past three weeks the air about College has been full of "court" talk, and the lobbies have been filled with excited groups discussing the "pros and cons" of the McRae case. Things have now reached rather an undesirable climax when McRae has actually left the university, and a section of the students have gone to the public press with their grievances, and over the signatures stated that McRae, "rather than submit to humiliation and injustice, is driven from Queen's," and this after he had agreed to a fair compromise.

With the contention in that letter that "the concursus has never been, and in the nature of this case can never be, in organic relation to our College life," that "it is an arbitrary compact," and that "its authority cannot extend to those students who do not voluntarily submit themselves to it," we feel we cannot agree. That there are unwritten laws of respect and courtesy which must govern the contact of students with one another, that human nature is such that students are constantly entering College who, through either ignorance or perversity, will persistently transgress