S it requires considerable damming before a turbulent, roaring brook can be converted into a placid mill-pond, so in the case of the recent disturbance there seems to have been necessitated the expression of a considerable amount of ill-feeling and a mild vituperation of '86 in general, and her recent doings in particular, before the injured dignity of various upper-class men could be appeased and the usual quiet restored. It may be that both '86 and the gymnasium committee have learned a little something, and that being sufficient, the whole matter will be dropped, which we sincerely hope will be done. '86 has certainly been waked up, and although she may not have been punished exactly as has been desired, yet she must be conscious of the error of her previous ways, and will be glad to promise better for the future. Punishment amounts to little unless it reforms the culprit, which in this case appears to have been done, and upper-class wrath should thereby be appeased.

As the class is desirous of making up, she should certainly be admitted to partnership in the annual ball, and be given this opportunity to prove herself to be made of the true metal, and not merely of brass, as some would have us believe.

We are glad to be able to announce that preparations for the annual ball are begun. The committees from '84, '85, and '86 have been appointed, and they are now at work. From the experience of preceding years we think the earlier part of April the best time for the ball, but it appears that this year the date must fall in May. We should earnestly advise that preparations be made as hurriedly as may be consistent with a successful ball.

The action of certain men who dropped pepper upon the floor of the gymnasium during the Freshman dance was as contemptible as it was ungentlemanly, doubly so by being perpetrated in the presence of so many ladies. The affair is particularly unfortunate, inasmuch as it lays open to suspicion a number of men who, however zealously they may support the decision of the recent mass-meeting, would be incapable of so small an act.

We are sorry that '83 has slid off the sublime pinnacle of morality to which it had attained upon the subject of a class supper. The extreme dryness of the moral atmosphere at this altitude appears to have been too much for the average Senior.