athletics, will, in the many years to come, receive grateful homage from all the future members.

The class of '86, not willing to leave for '87 all the chances for inaugurating new customs, had a class-day last year, which was the first real *bona fide* jubilee ever held on such an occasion at the Tech. The former classes were content to receive their sheep-skins and depart in peace, without any joyful demonstrations on arriving at the goal of their hopes. If '86 had not basely taken advantage of their seniority to take from '87 the glory of being the first, our present Seniors might have burst forth upon the world with more *éclat*; but as it is, they can only follow the custom, and improve upon the manner of carrying it out.

A class-day is not, as some might suppose, a celebration of independence from college restrictions, or expression of joy on leaving their past associations; rather, it is a special event to mark the last occasion on which they meet as classmates,—the culmination around which to gather all the pleasant reminiscences of college life, and which may in itself be the happiest of all the many gatherings which were scattered throughout the four years; the day on which they make their entrance into the world of cares and sorrows, and on which they take their last farewell of their classmates and instructors.

'87 will go out in a manner consistent with its usual grace and dignity. A programme of events has been arranged, and all necessary officers and committees elected. The exercises will consist of an address to the class in the morning, by some prominent man, class exercises in the afternoon at Huntington Hall, and a reception to friends in the evening, followed by dancing.

The reception will probably be given in the Hotel Vendome, which contains the most favorable arrangements for such an occasion. Everything signifies a most enjoyable event to all concerned, and by no other means could a more favorable impression be retained, in the memory of the class, of the Institution in which they have lived together for so long a time.

The Institute, in thus adopting a custom which has been so successful in other colleges, shows that conservatism is losing ground, and that it is growing away from its former narrowness. Every year shows an improvement in this respect, and so will every year to come.

The directors of the Athletic Club have made a wide departure from the established conservative principles of the Club in expending so much money on the dinner last week. There are many members who think that the Club should have expended the surplus in a way that would better further the athletic interests of the Institute. Our tug-of-war team well deserved being honored, and there are plenty of men willing and anxious to give a subscription dinner, complimentary to the men of the team. Had the Athletic Club so desired, they could have paid for the dinners of the Technology winners in the games, and every one would have been pleased to see the club do it; but for the Club to give a dinner free to all men who have bought membership tickets means the establishment of an unfortunate precedent which should not be followed in succeeding years. There are many ways in which the club surplus could have been judiciously expended for the promotion of athletic interest or for the improvement of the gymnasium, with better advantage than for feeding men who have simply bought season tickets to the games.

We would like to call attention to the communication in another column in regard to the taking of notes on lectures, and writing them up afterward, and then handing them in to be marked. We think that this is a subject which will bear a great deal of criticism, both favorable and adverse, and we should be very glad to hear from others on this same subject. Whether there is much benefit to be derived