THE SENIOR ball problem is receiving a good deal of lively discussion in the different classes, and seems to be one of difficult solution. The sentiment of the majority is evidently opposed to the continuation of a custom that involves all in debt. Yet the feeling of a few of the '88 men that it is only right that they, having assisted in giving a ball to the last three Senior classes, should now have theirs, is natural. But even these few acknowledge that the undertaking always results in pecuniary difficulties, and is never largely attended by the Seniors themselves, their tickets being frequently given to underclassmen, who would otherwise purchase. Eighty-eight cannot get up enough enthusiasm to hold a class meeting and decline the ball which the under classes have been obliged by courtesy to tender her; neither has the invitation been formally accepted. Under the circumstances, would it not be well to let the matter drop just where it is? By putting it off, we gain nothing. Next year '89 will deserve a ball just as much as does '88 this.

The bill for '87's ball is not yet paid, and we would suggest as the best possible way out of the difficulty, that all classes join hands in assisting to liquidate the above debt before they start in an undertaking only too sure to result in additional financial embarrassment.

IN view of the great proportion of foot-ball men about to leave the Institute, we would like to call attention to the urgent necessity of taking steps to develop the abundance of material in the lower classes in time for next season.

It is the earnest desire of Captain Duane that all candidates for the team of 1888 should report to him immediately, in order that the requisite practice in passing, etc., may begin at once. Brace up and do not put it off till next fall, for the necessity is imperative, and demands your attention.

THE editor of a college paper occupies rather a unique position. With unsparing criticism, slight assistance, and no remuneration, his post is surely one not to be coveted. To be sure, his work is not as arduous as that of the publisher of a daily, but, on the other hand, his editorial labor is with him but a side issue; his time is usually more than fully occupied in the acquirement of his profession,—the main object of his life while at college. His work on the paper is regarded by Faculty and students alike as a sort of recreation, for which he receives no credit. If the paper comes out in time, contains the requisite number of pages, etc., there is nothing said pro or con. But let it be a day late or a page short, or contain an incorrect local, then the cloud of disapprobation breaks over