OCE again we have experienced the gentle ripple of excitement that spreads over Technology upon the occasion of the annual Cane Rush. Now, however, when we are beginning to recover our wonted equanimity, and the Freshman and the Sophomore are moving once more without the accompaniment of sundry aches and pains of the body, one wonders what that huge, struggling, hauling, sprawling, panting heap of erstwhile sedate students of science was all for. Primarily it was to put an end to the rivalry that always exists between Freshmen and Sophomores. Each man was given the opportunity to take as active a part as he chose for the space of twenty minutes, during which this dispute between the classes was settled; and as everybody interested participated in the final proceedings, we trust the outcome was sufficiently satisfactory, and that the energy that has developed so strong a class spirit in the contestants, will now be devoted to the creation of a broader college spirit. For the Freshman the Rush meant more than an affair between two classes. It was really his initiation to undergraduate life, and the sound of the cheers that 1900 gave for 1902 did more to make him realize that he was actually taking a part in Institute life than the countless conventional inquiries on the part of friendly upper class men regarding Freshman Chemistry could ever do. From now on we are all first Technology men, and after that Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, or Seniors, as the case may be.

T is with great pleasure that we note the action of certain members of the Faculty in excusing their classes from the regular recitations on the afternoon of the Cane Rush. It is also gratifying to note that in several sections where recitations were supposed to be held, not a student appeared. In short, a wider interest centers in the Rush than in almost any other event of the college year. Where college spirit is apt to lie dormant, as at Technology, the value of such a representative meeting of men from all the classes is not easily overestimated; and since we have so few such gatherings here, it may not be out of place for The Tech to suggest that on another year the afternoon of the Cane Rush be made a half holiday.