The Cane Spree.

Many Cane Days in past years have resulted in a tie, one class winning the football game and the other the Cane Rush, and although no one has prevented Freshmen at the Institute from carrying canes, the question whether they had a right to do so or not, has at least in such cases been left undecided. Everyone will admit that an even draw is generally unsatisfactory. As evidence of this fact, the recent game with Tufts might be cited. So, to prevent a tie in future, it is proposed to add a so-called Cane Spree, as third event to the two, which have until now constituted the battle royal between the two lower classes.

The Cane Spree could take place immediately after the football game and could be followed by the usual Cane Rush. At Princeton, Cornell, Lehigh, Stevens and several other colleges, the Cane Spree has been in vogue for years, and is continually growing in favor. Six contestants, three from each class are necessary, and they are paired off according to their weight, the light-weight opponents weighing under 140 pounds, the middle weights between 140 and 160, and the heavy weights anything over the last figure.

Each pair of contestants is given a hickory cane of ordinary size, and upon a signal from the referee the struggle for possession begins. Of course only fair means are allowed to be used by each man in the attempt to wrest the cane from his opponent— all slugging being barred and an umpire being appointed for each pair who shall, in the event of any unnecessarily rough methods being used by an opponent, declare the contest forfeited to the other.

The Cane Spree being an open contest, foul play can be easily guarded against. The contestant who wrests the cane from his opponent is winner of his individual contest and the class, whose representatives win two of the individual contests wins the Cane Spree.

A Cane Spree is one of the most exciting contests imaginable, and arouses far more interest than the Cane Rush, which is nothing more than an amusing general scrimmage. As the question is of most vital interest to the members of the lower classes—Manager Hilken asked their Presidents to appoint committees to meet him and discuss the advisability of having a Cane Spree this year. Mr. Briggs, the chairman of the Advisory Council on Athletics looks with favor on the proposal, and if the committees decide to adopt it, the Football Association will furnish practice canes, so that candidates can get into condition by the fifteenth of November.

1903 Football.

The Sophomores played their first game of football with Cambridge High, Friday, October 19th, at Charles River Park.

Although all the candidates were given a trial yet the team succeeded in scoring three touchdowns and were on the 5-yard line when time was called. Cambridge made their only score on a 50-yard run after a fumble. Score, '03, 18; Cambridge High, 6.