An Opinion on the Sophomore-Freshmen Contest.

As the last annual contest between the Sophomore and Freshmen classes was in the nature of an experiment, it seems perfectly admissible to point out its fault and have it remedied in the struggle which is to take place this fall.

The football game was, as it always has been, most successful. The relay race was an innovation, but judging from the interest taken in it, and the closeness of its finish, it too, may be easily classed as an event worthy of the day. But it is the third event, the tug-of-war, which is open to criticism. The tug-of-war last fall was an earnest struggle, yet did it appeal to college men as being a truly collegiate contest? The mind naturally associates a tug-of-war with the county fair where the farm boys of adjoining counties gather and stretch their mother's clotheslines in a gallant attempt to gain the frosted sponge cake.

The idea of an annual field day at Tech is to foster and encourage a strong, healthy college spirit. The events we now decide on are to last for all time, and in choosing them we naturally look to similar events at other colleges, where traditions are the strongest. There is no college which we care to emanate where this prize event of the county fair is allowed a place in a Sophomore-Freshman contest.

There are at least two substitutes for this third event. A set of cane spree and a game of association football. If the idea is to keep the contests limited to a few principals, representing their respective classes, the cane sprees will serve the purpose admirably. On the other hand, if a contest is desired where each class could meet the other in its entirety, a game of association football solves the problem. The cane sprees, when divided into the light, medium and heavy weights, is representative and spectacular. It is in vogue at Princeton, similar to the wrestling matches of Yale, two colleges whose spirit is recognized throughout the country, and two years ago, here at Tech, the cane sprees were highly interesting. Association football is in vogue at several colleges, and at one, namely Brown, it was substituted to relieve the congestion caused by the size of the classes, which before that time engaged in a cane-rush similar to the Tech rush of the old days. It has been most successful in preventing this congestion, and has also provided an event wherein the entire classes can participate, and at the same time the danger of serious injury is eliminated from consideration.

A tug-of-war is all right in its place, but is a college the place for the tug-of-war?

The Sophomore Football Team.

During the past week the Sophomore football team was defeated twice. The first game of the season was played against Brookline High School on Brookline Common, Oct. 15. Only ten-minute halves were played, but during this time Brookline succeeded in scoring six points. Time was called just as Tech, '05, was forcing the ball over for a touchdown. The second defeat was at the hands of Dean Academy. The game was played Oct. 18, at Franklin, Mass. Owing to general loose playing and very weak forwards, the Sophomores allowed their opponents to defeat them with a score of 43-0.

The history of this past week should show every man in the class of 1905 who has reason to believe that he would be of any use on the gridiron, two things: first, he is needed by his class; second, he has a fair fighting show for making his class team. So let every such man come out.

Mysterious Disappearance.

Chester A. Richardson, '00, mysteriously disappeared nearly a month ago from Munising, Mich., where he was superintending the construction of a paper mill. He left Munising to spend Sunday with a former classmate in Chicago, and no trace of him since has been found. He had just recovered from an attack of typhoid fever.