

FOOT BALL.

A signal; then a kick, a run,
A tackle, down; a line, a sign,
A pass, a push, a tangled mass
Of human forms, another down;
Another line, another sign,
A pass, a run around the end,
Down; up and on; perhaps to lose
Perhaps to gain, but ever on.
'Tis push or tackle, kick or run,
'Tis work with heart and brain afire,
'Tis fight to gain or hold each play,
'Tis fight for every foot of ground,
'Tis fight! Fight hard to win the goal
Whose winning makes each gain a joy,
Each loss a curse, each play a test
Of mighty force, each player play
With bold resolve to win or die.

C., '00.