Freshman Themes.

Football is brutal and foolish, so my sister says. Just think of a crowd of men rushing at one or two other men like wild beasts; and then to catch a man and throw him to the ground because he is running with the ball! It is too savage for anything! Then think how foolish it is for a dozen men to fight each other for the possession of a leather ball! Why, they are childish about it. Men must receive brutal instincts by playing as they do, and as for education, how can they study when their heads are full of football all the time? There is only one thing that I am positive about, and that is that my brother shall not play football!

H. I. W., 1901.

My attention was attracted the other day by a man who was making desperate efforts to ride a bicycle. He appeared to have more courage than most beginners for he made his attempts unassisted. He tried hard to mount that saddle; finally, his perseverance was rewarded. After running about a half a block on one foot on the step of the bicycle and the other on the ground, he succeeded in mounting; but before he could place his feet on the pedals the whole fell over, carrying him heavily to the ground. His next effort was more successful. This time he rode diagonally across the street, and only saved himself from another fall by reaching the curbstone just in the nick of time. His last trial was very amusing. He was riding along fairly well when a dog began barking in front of him; he tried to turn and in so doing he was thrown again to the street. Just as he struck the ground a small boy, who, like myself, had been watching his performance, cried out to him, "Third down, two feet to gain." This was too much for him. He picked up his wheel, and glancing sagely at the boy, walked away thoroughly disgusted.

J. M., 1901.

'86. Mr. C. F. Richardson, Course II., has taken up the patent-law business, and opens an office at 53 State Street, Boston, Mass., soon.

'87. Mr. J. Waldo Smith, Course I., has just been promoted to the position of engineer and superintendent of the Passaic Water Co., of Paterson, N. J.

'88. Mr. G. S. Lee, Course I., is a member of the firm of Blake, Scott & Lee, wholesale fruit and produce dealers, 57 Chatham Street, Boston, Mass.

'89. Mr. E. W. Gannett, Course VI., has gone into the real estate and loan business in Omaha, Neb. His office is at 504 Brown Building.

'90. Mr. Frank W. Atwood, Course V., was married to Miss Grace Frances Gilman. Mr. Atwood is at present agent for a dyehouse on Commercial Street, Boston.

'91. Mr. H. A. Kennicott, Course I., has accepted a position as draughtsman with the Gillette-Herzog Manufacturing Co., of Minneapolis.

'91. Mr. Geo. W. Favor, Course III., has been promoted to the position of Manager of the Sullivan Machinery Co., in Pittsburg.

'91. Mr. Geo. M. Warner, Course I., consulting and supervising engineer, has moved his office to 11 Broadway, New York City.

'91. Miss Adelaide Bird, Course VII., is a teacher of Biology at Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa.