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boulders sticking up here and there above the surface of the ground. When we played Chicago University in Chicago, the spectators stood behind ropes tied to sticks stuck into the ground a few feet back from the lines of the playing field and a hat was passed around to defray expenses.

Under separate cover I am sending you a picture of the team as it played in the fall of 1890 and a picture of 1894 Class team of the same year. You will see Jewett's picture in both of these. Do not be misled by the '91 on the football in the Varsity Team picture. This figure was used, no doubt, because Malley, the captain, and others in the picture belonged to the class of 1891. Of course, the football should have been marked '90 instead of '91.

You will also observe that there was another colored man who played on the '94 team. This was R. A. J. Shaw, a gentlemanly, scholarly fellow who played good football. He was quickly dubbed "Alphabetical Shaw".

It occurs to me that duplicates of the pictures I am sending you may be available to you. If so, you may want to return my copies to me and I will hand them down to one of my grandsons who is now playing prep football in preparation, I hope, for playing at Michigan someday. If the keeper of the athletic archives at Michigan feels these pictures are of sufficient interest to be retained and framed, I will be delighted to have them appropriately framed and will gladly defray any expense in this connection. There is enclosed, for use with these pictures, separate slips showing the names of the players on the two teams in question.

I have had a very good time recalling to mind the early football days at Michigan. This I did in order to write something that is even halfway intelligent. In any event, I hope it serves your purpose. In this connection don't forget what Mark Twain said when asked in his later years if he didn't have difficulty in recalling events that happened way back in his boyhood days. He replied that he could remember quite easily and clearly not only the things that happened then but many things that never happened at all!