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Dear Mary Maude:

Am not weeping but sincerely sorry for the defeat of Saturday last.

I have dictated practically all the matters, athletic and otherwise, of possible general interest in the curricular year of 1891 and one or two matters of '92, my mention of which to the Chancellor at the rally here the night before the game met his accord; and I now enumerate certain pictures I wish you may obtain for me either through the assistance of Professor Hopkins, Secretary Fred Ellsworth, the Athletic Department and "Phog" Allen:

(1) Three gloss or finished prints of the '91 team, of the '92 team, of the '93 team and the '94 team (I have a picture of the '95 team that I can have rephotographed) to fit a 8 and 1/2 " by 11" sheet of the binder I will make up.

(2) Also there was a picture of the 1892 backs, Kinzie, Williamson, Champlin and myself posed as kicking for goal. Fred Ellsworth of the Athletic Department there, I assume, has it as somebody sent me a reproduction of it in the "Blue Diamond" of Kansas City two or three years ago.

(3) Another picture I desire is of cabinet size taken by Jim Noble of the street working brigade as they were marching east from Mississippi Street carrying their shovels and led by Sam James, the Negro policeman, enroute to work on East Henry Street; this being a cabinet sized photo would not need reduction.

Ascertain for me if these pictures I want can be made by the Photographic Department of the University and, if so, the price therefor; otherwise they may be sent me and I will have the work done here. It may be necessary to apply to Professor Hopkins for some of the pictures. By the way, he really enjoyed being at the game last Saturday. I might observe in this connection that the two years, '91 and '92, of his management of the team, there were no jealousies nor schisms in the team, but the philosophy of the "Three Guardsmen" obtained all the time, and he lost in the 16 games of the two seasons but one game to Baker, and that because Champlin was ill and out of the game, one or two others were out and replaced, and I was absent as a witness against young Bassett for shooting Bill Higgins.

→ Do you have any of these
pictures you would let us
send to Mr. Piatt for copies?

Sincerely,

W. H. H. Piatt

M. M. Smelser