

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO,
MOSCOW.

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April 13 1877.

PRO. Geo. J. Fairchild, L.L.D., 25

Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Sir & Friends:

I learn by the associated
press dispatches that the Pope
has unseated you and a large
number of your associates, for
no cause except political.

Your long and excellent ser-
vice then would seem to have been
sufficient reason to have
stayed the handy injustice;
but if your Pops are like
ours, they know no justice but self.

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Is the Professor of Chem-
istry out with the rest?

I desire to make a change
here on account of my wife's
health. The altitude and long, damp
winters are more than she can
bear up under much longer.

I have a good position, fairly
good quarters (board) thing &
begin to feel physically the effects
of dampness. I seem to be giving
good satisfaction and I think I
can remain as long as I
desire, but the health of my
family and two little girls prompts

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me
to look elsewhere.

Again, we have an entire new Board of Regents, at its annual meeting in June the members thereof may believe themselves called upon to reduce salaries. At present my salary is \$1800.00 per annum.

If your professor of chemistry is out, would you advise me to apply for the chair?

Dr. Worthington of the University of Washington, at Seattle has resigned gone east, and a new president is needed there.

Sincerely,
C. W. McCurdy
W. A. K. 1881.

THE MAINE STATE COLLEGE

ORONO, MAINE

A. W. HARRIS, Sc. D., PRESIDENT

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April 13, 1897

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Dear Dr. Fairchild,

I have just seen a newspaper
item stating that you had been superseded by one
of the faculty for political reasons. I am
very much grieved.

Yours truly,

A. W. Harris
A. W.

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"UNITRUSCO."

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Dear Mr. Fairchild:-

I have been reading with great surprise of the action of the populists in getting possession of The Kansas State Agricultural College. I regret this very much indeed - as well as hundreds of thousands of others will. I am very sorry to see you leave, but can not but respect you for the course you have taken in not remaining at the head of a college to be run by such an element. There will undoubtedly be a strong revulsion and change a little later. It is too bad to have politics get into educational matters in such a way.

With kind regards I remain,

Very respectfully,

Geo. T. Fairchild, Esq.,

Manhattan,

Kansas.


W. B.

I note that you took personally one of the bonds that was sent up because there was a lack of funds in the college to take them.

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Greencastle, Ind.
April, 13, 1897.

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Pres. Geo. T. Fairchild

Manhattan, Kans.

My Dear Friend:-

I have heard with very deep concern and sorrow something of what has been occurring there at the College the last few days. I first saw something about it in the daily paper here last evening and today I received a letter from Brother. I can hardly see how it is possible at all that such action so hazardous and, it seems to me, ruinous and in every way ^{so} bad should be taken.

The more I have been away from home and Kansas and have learned more definite knowledge of other institutions the more I have honored and taken pride in the K. A. C. which I know owes so very much to you as its President, your wisdom in managing it.

Personally I feel that I shall always feel myself greatly indebted to you for help in many ways. I could relate many incidents, most of which you have forgotten but ~~which~~ I never will, that did me great good.

I cherish a high regard for all the faculty as it was when I was there.

President - I do not write this because I have any idea you need it from me but because I feel it so deeply I want to write you.

If anything is done by the alumni or in any way that I might help I shall be very glad to know of it. I still hope however that it may not be as bad as reported by the papers.

Mrs. Phackrey joins me in all of this.

Very respectfully Yours,

John E. Phackrey.

Mr. J. S. Ditto feels about as we do.

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Oberlin, April 13th. 1897

My dear Brother George:-

Our paper brings startling^r news in regard ~~to~~ to the political fanaticism that has struck your College. I have waited a day in the hope of hearing that the report was without foundation, but nothing comes. The movement is so unprecedented & preposterous that it is difficult to accept the report as an approximation to the truth. It is one of the wildest blows at state educational institutions & even at government by the people that could be thought of. Of course you cannot have time to write much, but tell me in a word what you think is coming of it, & what you who are thus dropped are proposing to do.

I need not write about our home affairs, you have heard so recently.

You have doubtless heard of Mary Gerrish Francis having been in a sanatorium in North Adams, Mass. for several months past under treatment for cancer. Her brother went for her ^{at home} call last Friday evening, & reached home with her Sunday noon. She is still cheerful & hopeful, but the prospect is that she must follow Martha & her mother before many days. Her husband & daughter are in California, & there is no probability that they can come.

Love from us all to you & yours,

Faithfully,

Geo. A. Fairchild

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Illinois State Senate,

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SPRINGFIELD, April 13th 1897.

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President George T. Fairchild.
Manhattan, Kansas.
My Dear Friend =

I notice in Monday's Chicago Record, a news item in reference to the late action of the Board of Regents of my Alma Mater that provoked my displeasure not a little. If it is true that you with fourteen others of the tried ^{and} true standard berrers of the K. S. A. C. have been dismissed from the faculty of the College, it is in my judgment, a fatal mistake, and cannot fail in work-
=ing irreparable loss to the institution.

I regard the action of the gutter-
=men who compose that honorable body, as malicious, cowardly, and unbecom-
=ing gentlemen in so high a station, not to say that it is unprofessional in them as politicians, and unAmerican in them as citizens of this great Commonwealth, and I take the liberty here of condemning

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the action of that honorable body as contempt-
=ible, malicious and unworthy of the respect
and confidence of a liberty loving and patri-
=otic people.

As a loyal member of the Class of
'90 and a lover of my Alma Mater, I hope
the sentiment I have uttered will be the
sentiment of not only of every Alumnus
of the college, but of every student and every
friend of the institution, & I will gladly
put myself upon record in this matter,
and trust that the action of this Board
will be branded as infamous by every
loyal citizen of the Sun flower State.

I am profoundly sorry that in
so great a State as Kansas, whose public
institutions of education and charity have
so long been her glory and her pride, should
become so blinded by ignorance and prejudice
as to sacrifice all her honor and her virtue
on the altar of political corruption.

I trust you will pardon me

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SPRINGFIELD, 1897.

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for expressing my feelings so plainly but I feel that I have not spoken in this matter beyond my provocation.

I extend my sympathies ~~to~~ to all those ~~who~~ worthy unfortunates who "were not in harmony with the fundamental principles of the administration", and only hope for them that the value of their professional abilities may be more highly prized in grimmer fields of education. I remain

Your sincere friend
S. J. Vanzile.
Atty at Law.

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Penned at Kas
April 12th 1897

Mrs Fairchild

Manhattan Kas

My dear sir

I have long known that the leaders of the populists were in most instances, either intolerant bigot, or ignorant hypocrite, possibly both. But I could hardly believe my senses this morning when I read the special from Manhattan, Kas. It came to this, that the work of sincere devoted Kansans in building up our State institutions from nothing, until they are sources of pride at home and abroad, is to be counteracted and overthrown by a gang of ignorant, intolerant intemperate badmen convicted out of their own household, "O shame when is thy blush" The new dispensation calls for victims.

And you and your associates suffer first. This band of pirates that pose as the harbingers of a new civilization in my judgment, are by no means satisfied with their ghoulish work at Manhattan. Unless they lose their nerve, and criminals usually have a good supply on hand, they will swamp all the educational institutions of the state. Populistic economics or Decadence will corrupt the curriculum and Kansas boys & girls will be dwarfed mentally, morally and physically, or go outside the state to school until reason again assumes her sway in Kas. How unsatisfactory it must be for you to reflect that eighteen years of your active life has been spent in a state where such conditions are possible.

I pity the state, sneers will fly thicker and faster than ever before, but you can console yourself in part by knowing that you have laid the ground

mark in many a young man
 And woman bent that will
 prevent the germination of
 Populohic seed as grown at
 Summit in Kas.

On your retirement my boy
 will share his connection with the
 college and I wish all patrons
 felt as I do,

Whenever you may go, in
 whatever field of labor you may be
 called to serve in you have
 my best wishes

Very truly
 J. H. Benedict

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

JAMES H. CANFIELD
PRESIDENT

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COLUMBUS APR 12 1897
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Dear President Fairchild:

The morning papers state that yourself and fourteen of your associates in the Faculty have been summarily removed from the State Agricultural College "for no other reason than that your views are not in harmony with those of the present state administration" If this means exactly what it says, or what it intimates--that is, that these removals have been made for political reasons only, and because as individuals you do not agree with the political views of the party now in power in Kansas--then this is the greatest educational infamy that has ever been known in the history of all education: and those guilty of such foolish, unjust and iniquitous practice deserve to be outcasts as to their own party and despised by all honest men and women in Kansas. Any party, any party whatever, that will thus tamper with the welfare of education and of educational institutions, to say nothing of the rank injustice to individuals, deserves to be buried beyond the hope of resurrection.

I hope and trust that the report is untrue, or is at least exaggerated. I hope this for the sake of the institution, for the sake of the men and women who have labored so long and so faithfully in the interests of the people and of all the people, for the sake of the dominant party in your state which cannot afford to have this laid at its door, for the sake of the credit of the state that I love so well and to which I gladly gave fourteen of the best years of my life.

With warmest regards, and with kindest expressions to all those whom I once knew and with whom I labored,

Cordially Yours,

James H. Canfield

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✓ Urbana, Ill. April 12. 1897.

Geo. T. Feinchild,

My Dear Sir and Friend:

I have just read in this morning's paper that nearly all the faculty have been removed including yourself, because of "lack of harmony with the principles of the administration."

I can hardly believe it. Strange such things have happened. Such a thing is a calamity to the institution and a disgrace to the good state of Kansas. Because my protest is of no avail will you receive my condolences in the spirit of sadness in which it is offered?

As you have doubtless heard me too on in the midst of trouble

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Urbana, Ill.

but from a different cause -
the loss of my funds from the
failure of the Globe Savings Bank.
This is our fruit of Attgeldism
if we may be allowed to interpret
the facts. as yours is of populism.

Again let me express my
sympathy and my indignation that
such a thing should happen to so
professors an institution and that
such treatment should be accorded
men who have labored faith-
fully in an honorable cause.

With kindest regards to you
and yours I am

Faithfully yours

E. Davenport

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK
FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

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April 12, 1897.

Dr. George T. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kan.

Dear Dr. Fairchild:

I have read this morning with shame and indignation of your displacement from the post that you have so long honored, for what are said to be purely political reasons. It hardly seems possible to an eastern man that in an intelligent community like Kansas, political feeling can run so high as to invade the sacred precincts of educational administration.

I tender you an expression of my sincere, heartfelt respect, as well as cordial good wishes in any field of educational work to which you may now turn.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Henry Butler

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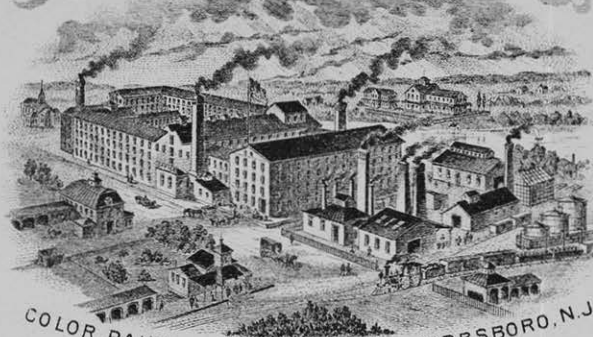
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Geo. T. Fairchild.

Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear President:

I am sure all the graduates of the K.S.A.B. of the past 18 years with me, will equally regret to hear that their Alma Mater is now to lose the benefit of your direction and influence.

I appreciate what must be your feelings in leaving a work which has so long engaged your attention, received your best efforts, and by which you have achieved such splendid results.

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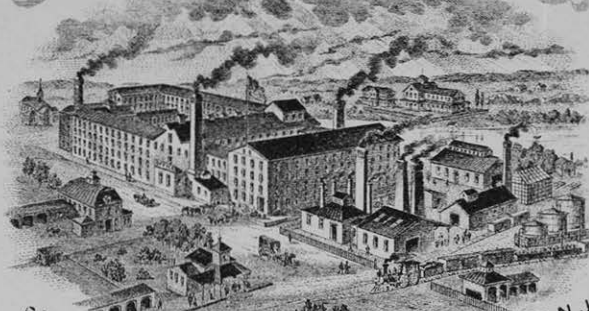
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Under your guidance you have seen the N.S.A.C. develop into one of the leading educational institutions of its kind. You have sent hundreds of young men and women away, well equipped to successfully fight the battles of life —

Your successor will not only require great assurance but great ability, in connection with what the papers term, "New and advanced ideas of political Economy" to enable him to take up

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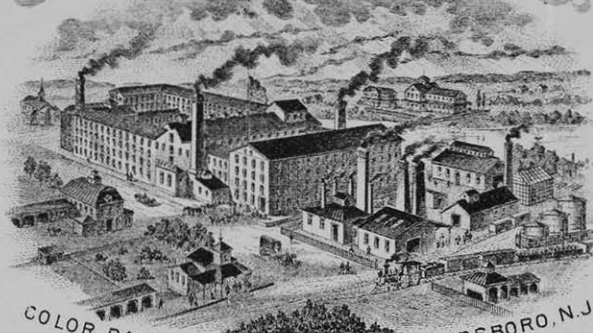
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The work, and maintain the high standing the Institution has attained under your administration -

In whatever work you may hereafter engage, I am certain you will have the unanimous good wishes of all the students who have attended the College during your long term - I am

Very Respectfully

C. D. Pratt

Class of '85

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Scandia, Kansas, April 12th., 1897

Hon. Geo. T. Fairchild,

Manhattan Kansas,

My Dear Sir:-

I have just been reading of the extraordinary proceedings of the Board of Regents, at their meeting last week, and want to give expression to my feeling of indignation, at the course they are pursuing.

My connection with the College as Regent, was rather brief, but it was long enough to impress me with the fact, that under your able management it had developed into an institution, which every citizen, of the State of Kansas might well be proud of, and I firmly believe that if the people of the State, regardless of party, could be heard, they would condemn this action of the Board as a peice of vandalism without any excuse.

It is said that "Whom the Gods would destroy, they first make mad" and it is possibly necessary that as a state, we have got to suffer outrages like this, at the hands of the Populist Party, before the people get their eyes open to the fact that all the best interests of the State are endangered by giving the reins of Government into their hands. I hope to live long enough to see the State redeemed from the curse which now rests upon it.

With assurances of my continued respect and esteem, I remain,

Yours Truly,

C. G. Bulkley

General Association
Congregational Ministers & Churches,
of Kansas.

W. C. Wheeler, Registrar.
Chapman, Kansas.

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April 12, 1897

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Dear Bro Fairchild :-

I read the notice in Capital
two or three days ago that you were
no longer to be at Agri. Coll. and yet
I could hardly have anticipated such
a political movement as has
taken place, however. I am
pained to think those men can
be more loyal to Party than to
the interests of our institutions

Mr Hoffmann is Treasurer of our
High School Board! As a citizen
of Kansas I am excited!

Sincerely

W. C. Wheeler

OKLAHOMA
AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE
AND
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

Stillwater, Okla.,

April 12, 1897.

Pres. Geo. T. Fairchild,

Manhattan, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

Five minutes since I first heard of the report that you had been removed from your position as President. I much hope this is not true. I had supposed few men in the line had a stronger hold on the people of the state. I am sure you will not suffer in reputation if the report is true. It would be too much to ask that you write me, but I would be obliged if you could send me any printed report of the matter. I will hope to see you at Minneapolis next July.

With highest esteem, most cordially yours,

G. C. Morrow



Topeka, Kansas, April 10th, 1897.

My dear Pres. Fairchild,

Manhattan, Ks.

~~Dear Sir:~~--

The news contained in your letter of yesterday comes to me as a shock. I had, during the winter, heard such a program outlined, and up to that time had allowed the consideration of my name in connection with the regency, but immediately forbid all further mention of it in that connection, being unwilling to be in any way identified with a movement so sweeping and to my mind illadvised. After the announcement of the name of Gen. Harrison Kelley, Mrs. St. John, and some others whom I believed to be reasonably conservative, I hoped that the Board might confine its actions to building up what is already at the College rather than beginning anew.

Thinking that you might feel some delicacy about presenting my letters to the Board, on account of the stand taken in favor of your retention, I had copies of them made and sent these with an explanatory letter to Gen. Kelley. It seems, however, that the radical program had been determined upon and there was probably no way to prevent its execution. A letter just received from ^{Prof.} Mr. Georgeson, informs me that all



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Topeka, Kansas.

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of the College employes have been dismissed, but a dispatch in this morning's Capital states that Prof. Will is to supersede you. The situation leaves me entirely at sea and I can only hope that sufficient reconstructive ability will be brought to bear to rebuild with the least possible loss to the College and the State. I think I need not assure you that personally you have my sincere sympathy, and that I shall be glad to be of service to you should you need my assistance.

Yours truly,

E. B. Congill

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TELEPHONE CONNECTION.

MADISON, WIS., April 12th, 1897.

President Geo. T. Fairchild,
 Kansas Agricultural College,
 Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear President Fairchild:- I cannot express to you in this letter my extreme sorrow and deep regret at reading in the morning paper of your serious troubles at the Kansas Agricultural College. How your people could disgrace their whole state by such unwarranted action as this is beyond my comprehension. In striking at you they have hurt all Kansas in a way that will take years to get over. Nothing seems to be safe there.

If I can be of help in any way call upon me. You have done a grand and glorious work, and when the excitement is over you will take much comfort in feeling that these people, who are for a day only, cannot smirch your reputation or destroy what has been accomplished though they make check it and set it back years.

Believe me, with high regards, your earnest and sympathizing friend,

W. A. Henry

I have just read with real anguish of President Fairchild's deposition by the Populists of Kansas. I cannot express to you my disgust at the action of these people, who do not know how to treat the States' best friends decently.

Yours respectfully,

H. C. F. Loane

W. A. Henry
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Pres, Geo. T. Larchild

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Manhattan.

I was very much surprised when I read in to-days paper of your removal from the Presidency of the College. I have mentioned it to many former students and the parents of the present students now at Manhattan from here. They all express disgust and surprise at this action. I do not know your successor in office but have formed a very unfavorable opinion of him from his articles in the Industrialist. Mrs Berry joins me in the hope that your lot may fall in some pleasant place, removed from the ravages of "politics" of the Kansas kind.

Sincerely J. W. Berry

DAVID G. ROBERTSON,
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SUITE 15, 206 LA SALLE STREET.

RESIDENCE: 2461 SPRINGFIELD AVE., IRVING PARK.

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Chicago, April 21 189

Pres Geo T Fairchild
Manhattan
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Dear President:

I cannot begin my work this morning without writing to you an assurance of my deep sorrow caused by the action of the Regents of the old Alma mater. I noticed in yesterday's Times Herald of this city that they have suspended you. I assure you I cannot express the indignation that I feel over this action on their part. I feel as though I were parting with one of the dearest friends I know. The U.S.A.C. has been to me one of the dearest places on earth and the

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Friends there who took me from
the ranks of the ignorant and
by their good works made it
possible for me to become a worker
and self-respecting citizen are
still very dear to me and grow
more so as I advance in years.
and now to think of having the
best and ablest of them all who
has spent the best of his years in
making the institution what
it is, suspended by a set of
ignorant rogues who could well
offer to resign their official position
and take a four years course
of instruction under your own
leadership. it is to me a calamity.
It is a disgrace to the once good name of

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Kansas. When I have had occasion
heretofore to speak of my experience
in my college days I have always
been proud of the K.S.A.C. and of
the circle of friends I have there
who are so worthy of respect, but
from the way I feel today I fear the
good name of the College will soon
be lost and its high position
among the colleges will be ^{ruined} ~~lost~~.
It has always been a great pleasure
for me to return to the College but
now if its men who have been its
makers are to go ^{in this way} I shall care very little
about returning. In fact I am so blue
over it - I don't believe I can return
to the place without feeling sad rather
than honored. I feel that it is
utterly impossible to express

Chicago, 189

my indignation and grief.

I wish now since you
probably must go that some
good institution in Chicago
might secure your services..

Mrs Robertson joins me in this
letter with the same sad feeling. Our
good wishes shall follow you wherever you may go.

Yours Sincerely
D. G. Robertson
Class of '86

P.S. Since the above was written
I have just read in this morning's
paper of the wholesale dismissal of
a number of asthms and I am so
unsettled I can hardly go to work
D.G.R.

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Topeka, April 10, 1897.

My dear Mr. Fairchild, -

The news in this morning's Capital filled me and others with astonishment, for none of us thought you were in the least ^{danger}. But the ways of boards, like those of petty juries, are

past finding out.

If I can interpret
the public feeling at
all, I am sure
you have the con-
fidence of the ma-
jority of Kansas
farmers, and of
the entire body of
teachers in our
public schools.
It is too, too bad,
but it cannot

be helped. I deeply
regret that we
must lose you
from our educational
Councils, and personally
I regret that your
pleasant face is
to be seen no more
or, at least, not many
more times, in my
office. I am saying
this presuming that
you may determine
to leave the State.

I shall be most
happy to learn that
you are not to leave
Kansas.

Yours Condolingly
John A. Dodge

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These letters were with those
pinned in a letter book which
Mrs. Kedzie gave me. President Fair-
child had given them to her to
dispose of.

Z. J. Winans

ELLSWORTH, KANSAS, 6/2 189 9

Prof. Geo. T. Fairchild,
Bozica, Ky.

My dear Sir:

I am very glad to have
your recent favor, and feel that the
suggestions therein are valuable.

I note fully the statements in regard
to parties mentioned and shall be glad
to consider each case as it presents itself.

I find myself very much embarrassed
in my endeavor to get at the true situa-
tion. Matters at Manhattan are in
such a deplorable condition that one
is at a loss for reliable information.

I think I can assure you that the
present board is anxious to ~~the~~ take
the school out of politics and restore
it, as nearly as possible, to its former
position of usefulness.

The other Regents, so far as I am able
to judge, are conservative and sensible

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men with only the best interests of
the Institution at heart.

Thanking you for your kind expressions
as to myself and fully appreciating
your deep interest in the College,

I am, Very sincerely yours,

E. T. Fairchild

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Topeka, Kan.,.....October 3,.....1899.....

Prof. Geo. T. Fairchild,
Vice President Berea College,
Berea, Ohio.

Ans.

My Dear Friend,---

I find in Macmillan & Co's catalog of new books, the announcement of your little volume on Rural Wealth and Welfare. The Kansas State Historical Society would be very glad to preserve a copy of this volume if you can spare one for that purpose.

Yours truly,

J. C. Adams,

Secretary.

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TOPEKA, KANSAS, Oct. 26, 1897.

George T. Fairchild, LL.D.,
C/f C. H. Kirshner,
838 N. Y. Life Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
My dear President,

Mr. Cowles and myself have conferred together concerning the possibility of inducing you to become a candidate for Governor, and decided that I should write a few of the alumni of the College for an expression of opinion regarding the matter. I hand you herewith a copy of the letter sent out, together with the replies received—one or two of the persons addressed not replying.

The Republican Party in Kansas needs such a governor as you would make to give it backbone; likewise the State, to administer its laws. If you could consent to be a candidate, I think you might be nominated, and when once nominated, an election would be certain.

I trust that you will consider the matter, and advise me of your conclusion at your convenience. I am,

Most respectfully, yours,

John H. Calvin

Copy

TOPEKA, KANSAS,

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I am writing a half dozen or so of the alumni of the State Agricultural College in various parts of the State for an opinion as to the desirability and feasibility of bringing out President Fairchild for Governor. I do this without his knowledge, but if the replies indicate that the alumni generally are likely to be as enthusiastic as myself, I will at once broach the subject to him, and if he does not summarily stop the movement, then we will confer further concerning the matter.

I am aware that the students of the College can not alone nominate a governor, but the movement might well start with them. His conspicuous executive and administrative ability and high character are well known to all the prominent men of the State, and if his candidacy were once auspiciously launched, he would be instantly recognized as in many respects a singularly available candidate at the present juncture. Is there not here an opportunity to do the State a great service, and at the same time afford a fitting climax to President Fairchild's career in Kansas?

It is doubtless advisable that the matter do not get into the papers at present.

Very truly yours,

John H. Calvin

Silver Lake Kans. Oct 24 '97,

Friend Calvin;

Your letter asking about the advisability of bringing Pres. Fairchild out in the race for governor received a few days ago, and in reply I wish to state that the idea meets with my most hearty approval.

There is no man in the state, in my estimation more suitable for the position than Pres. Fairchild.

His executive ability and his ideal character as a man makes him preeminently the best man for the place.

Nothing in the world would afford me as much genuine pleasure as to see him in the race and come out successful. He certainly would have a great many loyal friends throughout the state who would be of excellent service after the campaign is once started.

Having been forced into political prominence by the political actions of the present administration, I don't believe it would be very difficult for him to make up his mind to enter a political race where there are so many things in his favor.

I hope you will succeed in gaining his consent to allow his name to be used,

and you can rely on me to do my utmost to help the movement.

Please keep me informed on the progress you make. In the meantime I remain very truly yours

L.H. Newwender

H
R. R. REES,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
MINNEAPOLIS, KAN.

Minneapolis, Kansas, Oct 13, 1897.

John H. Calvin, Esq.,
Topeka, Kan.

Dear Sir:

I have your personal letter of the 12th asking my opinion as to the advisability of bringing out President Fairchild for Governor.

I had supposed that Fairchild had left the State as I understood that he was to accept a position in Virginia as President of a college there. Doubtless I was misinformed as that of course would preclude the possibility of his considering for a moment such a proposition as we are discussing.

No one has a higher or stronger regard for our President than I have, and if he feels as though he cares to enter the race I will make an effort to secure him enough support to secure some delegates to the convention.

I doubt very much whether President Fairchild would accept the nomination to any political office. He holds a higher position in the hearts of the people of this state than any governor ever had, and I do not believe that his aspirations run in that direction.

However I suggest that you approach him and ask him whether he would accept the nomination if tendered him. If he will consent to be a candidate under any circumstances, then I think it would be wise to commence quiet work among his staunchest friends by letting them know what they can do, but above all things keep the papers from getting on to our movements.

There are certain practical politicians in the ranks of our party who occupy a conspicuous position in our political pow wows who will make a vigorous fight against a clean man like Fairchild, unless we

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so thoroughly intrench ourselves that they fear to enter the fight.

After you have had a talk with Fairchild I wish you would write me fully what he thinks about it so that I may be prepared to act.

Yours very truly,

R. R. Rees

Lawerence, Sept. 26, '97

My dear Sir!

Your letter I read with much surprise, but with the most cordial and hearty approval. The thought had not occurred to me and I fear many things are in the way for carrying out the project, the first one of which is the opposition that will be given by the professional politicians. That Fairchild would make a most excellent governor of this state is sure. Why should he not be? The whole matter of the disgraceful revolution at the College has won him many political supporters. He is as widely known as any man in the state, perhaps, is a man of good presence, dignified and courteous, known to be a man of rigid principles, conservative, a good executive and manager. He would win the support and assistance not only of the College alumni ~~but~~ of the alumni of ^{the} University and Normal Schools as well. Push the matter.

In ^{what} way can I be of assistance?

Very truly yours,

S. M. Miller

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LAW OFFICE OF
M. F. LEASURE,
LA CYGNE, KANSAS.

Sept 27th, 1897.

John A. Calvin,
Topeka Kansas.

Dear Sir. Yours of the 25th Inst. just received and in reply will say that I will take great pleasure in promoting the candidacy of Pres Fairchild.

If the time comes for outside work in that line, let me know and off will come my coat for earnest work. Respectfully,
M. F. Leasure, Clap of "ZZ".



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*John H Calvin }
Topeka Kans }*

My dear Sir:

*I am in receipt of yours of 23rd inst.
relative to the "desirability and feasibility of bringing out
President Fairchild for Governor."*

*Without delay permit me to say that the "desirability"
of the matter is unquestionable. The "feasibility" of it, Mr
Colvin, is unquestionably "remote." Indeed the "desirability"
and the "feasibility" are in inverse proportion to the
square of the distance between Pres Fairchild as a
candidate and the "machine" as an opponent.*

*John E. Hession no doubt is a candidate. Riley Co.
cannot hope to get anything with both he & Fairchild &
Geary county adjoining it after two state offices
with three candidates. I am not writing as a politician,
but about the "politics" of the matter!*

Geo. T. Fairchild would make an ideal governor



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indeed. He would honor the position with rare character and usefulness. I would delight to honor him with my ballot. I would counsel however an abandonment of your laudable undertaking Mr Colvin because; Hession & Fairchild would naturally "kill" each other; because Fairchild would never receive a ^{nominating} vote even commensurate with his dignity nor ability; because Fairchild is much too good & worthy a man to put up for the slaughter pen; because Fairchild is not a "politician" and apprehended candidly, the proposition you broach would be both unwelcome, and impracticable for him to consider.

I trust you understood my position.

I would highly commend the action which placed so able & clean a character in nomination for a position which he would honor; I seriously doubt its "feasibility" or "possibility" at the present "fracture".

Very truly yours,
H. C. Rushmore