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5418 Greenwood Ave

Chicago, Ill.

Apr. 27, 1898.

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Pres. Fairchild,

Dear Friend:

Some time ago I learned of the shameful work of the board of regents of our college. After reading the news I wrote you. You never received the letter. The language used was not elegant. Such letters are better destroyed.

Ever since holidays, when I was at home and learned something of the situation, I have feared that the College would be made to suffer. But I could not at any time bring myself to believe that so killing a blow would be struck.

On reading the news my first thought was of you. I remembered that

seventeen of the best years of your manhood have been given to the Kansas College; that the institution has been to you almost an idol;

that to your wise and conservative policy is due, almost wholly, the steady substantial growth of the school, and that, when it was to your selfish interest to go, you staid.

I thought too, that it will not be an easy matter for you to break from these long time associations — from the scene of what promised to be your life work.

All this I now have in mind when I say that it is the college, rather than you, that is to suffer. You will not be idle. So long, ^{as} you have strength to work you will have work — important work — to do.

But what of the college? What will be its future? A faculty dismissed ^{when will the}

effects of this precedent cease to be felt; With this before them can able men be secured for the faculty?

These questions concern every student and ex-student of the institution.

Surely every graduate has a right to expect that his college will, as years pass, grow in influence.

I will not say more on this point. You anticipate all that I might say.

At this time it must be a source of great satisfaction to you to know that you have been an unusually successful college president. And then, that you have influenced for good many, many lives, and that the gratitude of thousands of students is yours.

Truly your friend,
H. C. Whaley.

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Fort Collins, Colorado.

April 27, 1897

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My dear Friend:

I am finishing my work as Secretary of our Board, College, and Experiment Station. I was not satisfactory to our President; and so, in the trades that made his extravagant salary possible for the future (for two years after Sept. 1, it will be \$5400), the man who did most for him was made Secretary after resigning his membership on the Board. Of course I am a little bit "cut up"; but I did not feel so bad over my own defeat as I did over yours. I shall find something for myself; for the world is wide, and few colleges are cursed with the presence of men like our Clifton Ellis - unutterably selfish, vain, unscrupulous, and at the same time incompetent.

I was greatly distressed when the

D. W. Working, who retires from the position of Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, has filled that position with singular zeal and fidelity for four years past. It is seldom that a man can retire from public office leaving so excellent a record for efficiency and ~~integrity~~ integrity and possessed of the consciousness that he has done his whole duty.--Rocky Mountain News, April 22, 1897.

news came that you had been removed. It is not quite so bad as we were led to believe at first. But I have not been able to see or conceive possible any justification for the course pursued. At your time of life and after the time you have spent in building up what I have believed is the best college of its class in the United States, you should have had different treatment. Agreed that your political faith was not orthodox according to the dominant "doxy" (it does not exactly "jibe" with mine), the justification is not yet in sight. I had hoped you might have the Fairchild privilege of resigning at the age of seventy. I hope you are financially able to take a vacation for a year and then find a satisfactory position where your character, ability, and experience may be rated at their true value. - I may make formal application for your chair of History and Political Science.

Your friend D.H. Perkins

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Portland, Or., April 24, 1897.

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Hon. Geo. T. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have just learned accidentally, of the general removal of members of the faculty by the board of regents. I could hardly believe that it was true. It seems impossible that a body of men would jeopardize a great educational institution by such an action. I can only assure you of what you already know, that you have my highest esteem and appreciation of what you have accomplished at Manhattan. Your work and the work of the other teachers will last forever. It has entered in and became a part of the lives of all who have been in attendance at the College. It is only within the past few years since I have been trying in a minor way to grapple with some of the educational problems that I have appreciated the practical work that was being carried on at Manhattan.

I cannot but regret that I am not in Kansas at this time, for were I in the state, I feel that I should like to have a part in the mighty protest that I am sure must be going up at this time on account of this cruel and unprecedented action. It would seem to me that pressure enough could be brought on the governor to change this action. If there is, or can be any step taken by the alumni, or the friends of the college to protest against this action, let me assure you of my

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heartiest co-operation in any way within my power.

Yours respectfully,

H. W. Stone

We are enjoying Oregon very much,
our Association hopes to acquire a
valuable property and build in a humble
way during the coming summer. *H. W. S.*

WASHBURN MEMORIAL ORPHAN ASYLUM.

Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 24th, 1897.

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Dear Mr Fairchild:-

I deem it almost a duty to give expression to my regret that you have been called to give up your work in the Agricultural College. I am not advised as to the precise aim of the Board of Regents, but they have certainly not been influenced by a single desire to promote the welfare of the institution over which you have so long presided with signal ability.

I have never had very much patience with politicians of any party who would make merchandise of the public service for the promotion of party aims. For twenty years I have steadily opposed the practice, and after much thought am prepared to condemn it as one of the very greatest evils of our system of government. An appeal to the cupidity of men, under the cover of a pretense to serve a party, is an infamy which will certainly wear itself out upon the patience of the better grade of citizenship before very much longer.

In coming to Minnesota, I shall not lose sight of dear old Kansas where for twenty eight years I have worked with others to promote somewhat of her welfare in public affairs, and shall hold in firm esteem those men who by patient skill, have led their specialties to honorable mention among sister states.

With Sincere Regard,

Your friend and well wisher,

C. E. Faulkner

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April 21, 1897.

Prof. W. A. Kelleysan,
Columbus, Ohio.

My Dear Friend:--Your telegram was the first note of condolence from any source. I thank you for your earnest words. While the papers did not state the exact facts, the principle of action is clearly the same. The motive for action of the dominant party in the Board is double. First, to pay a political grudge in this senatorial district where they believe the influence of the college prevented their victory. Second, to so organize the college as to give the weight of influence in the future in favor of populist ideas. They propose a course of study largely in sociological lines, to carry out the ideas of the socialists who are the party leaders in this state. Prof. Will, the new president, is their chosen apostle, though he has not identified himself as a party leader.

The mode of procedure was first to pass a law insuring a partisan majority for four years. Second, to assume that this terminated the existence of the previous organization of the Board. Third, to terminate the employment of all employees on June 30th, without provision for reappointment. At this stage, after a night's debate with myself realizing that my own views were a chief obstacle to their undertaking.

I urged them with all the earnestness in me to at once reappoint as many as they chose to retain, and thinking to make it easier for them, I declined to be a candidate, or accept reelection. At once, in a committee so organized as to exclude republican members of the Board, they began reorganization. They have appointed a president, and thirteen other members of the Faculty, including Mrs. Kedzie, who declines to accept. They leave out, besides myself, Profs. Failyer, Popenoe, Lantz, White, Georgeson, Mayo, Mason, and Supt. Thompson. All sorts of rumors imply a condensation of departments for the sake of introducing additional chairs in sociology. I think the effort has been to retain such of the faculty as would cause no trouble and would hold together somewhat the general routine, yet the strong departments of agriculture and horticulture are so far represented by only a foreman and an office assistant. Rumor says that Secretary Coburn, may be called. But the secret way of talking over all matters in special committee or caucus has prevented my knowing directly either the purpose or the plan.

The leading member of the Board has publicly stated that no fault is found with the past administration of the college, or with any of the faculty as teachers or men and women. But they differed fundamentally as to the great problems of distribution of wealth from a majority of the Board. If this difference is not a political difference, chiefly if not solely, I cannot describe it. I have made no public statement, because I prefer, on purely personal accounts, as well as in the interests of education, that the college should suffer as little as possible, from this upheaval, either in the general course of its work, or in the attendance of students. If the time should come when the general purpose of the college appears to be lost, I shall not be slow to publicly express my disapproval, and to give the steps by which the work has been done. Such a letter as this I do not write to others, but

our long association here gives you a right to the facts.

If you should see anywhere charges against the institution of partisan work, during the recent campaigns, you know us all well enough to deny them. I hear that I am charged with very sly methods of work in the last campaign. I did accidentally preach for Mr. Tunnell one Sunday, while he was giving addresses in Wabunsee county. But I did not know until after election that those addresses were political.

You may also see statements that the college had fallen away from its former prestige, and needed renovation. Our 730 students this year, and our strong graduating classes, will scarcely furnish ammunition for such a charge. Every excuse possible of course will be given to account for an act which nobody approves on general principles.

We have no plans as yet for the future, but are willing to await developments for the next few months. Both Mrs. Fairchild and myself are cheerful over the situation, and shall not waste energy in deploring what we cannot help. Prof. White and Anna, with their two little boys, give us a little anxiety, because their home here in Manhattan may burden them somewhat in the necessary transfer to work elsewhere. Your experience in reference to property for sale should suggest the difficulty of transferring.

Remember us all kindly to Mrs. Kellerman and your children, and believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Geo. T. Fairchild

P. S.--You can show this letter to Chancellor Canfield, if you choose, as his near friendship to me warrants my stating the facts in full to him. I shall write him a word in acknowledgment of his letter to me.

Geo. T. F.

To County Superintendents:

I have this day designated the WESTERN SCHOOL JOURNAL as the official organ of this department, through which medium, by agreement with the editor of the JOURNAL, I shall in each issue reach superintendents, teachers, and many school officers. This designation is complete evidence of my confidence that the JOURNAL can be safely indorsed by superintendents as a paper which should be in the hands of every teacher.

WILLIAM STRYKER,
State Supt. Public Instruction.

That we renew our expressions of pride and confidence in the WESTERN SCHOOL JOURNAL, and bespeak for it the hearty support of the Kansas school-teachers, Kansas school boards, and of all who are interested in the work of our public schools and school-teachers.—[Kansas State Teachers' Association, December 29, 30, 31, 1896.]

Western School Journal.

JOHN MACDONALD, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

\$1.25 A YEAR.

Topeka, Kansas, April 26 1897

Dear Mr. Fairchild,

As I know little or nothing concerning the troubles at the college except what I learn from the newspapers, will you be kind enough to give me the real cause for the removals.

In the first place please give me the names and titles of all who are still out.

Many of my exchanges are making much of the fact that you left of your own accord. Technically speaking, this of course is right, but as I understand it, you resigned so that the Board might feel free. I want light on this point. Then, can you tell me what is

meant by "fundamental principles"?
Has that phrase reference to political
economy or to agriculture?

As soon as you can, be kind
enough to make clear to me
the inner machinery of this affair.

I wish to be able to speak with
the spirit and with the under-
standing.
Yours sincerely,
John Mac Donald.

WEST VIRGINIA
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.
JOHN A. MYERS, DIRECTOR.

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Morgantown, W. Va., April 24th, 1897.

President Geo. T. Fairchild,

Manhattan, Kansas.

My Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of April 20th, I would say that I noticed in the papers that the Board had knocked your institution to pieces and propose to reorganize the Faculty. I do not know whether any of our young men here would care to enter such an explosive territory or not. I will mention the matter to them, and if they care to be considered in the matter, they will address Professor Will.

In regard to vacancies at this institution, I would say that no action has been taken by the Board, and none will be taken until June. There are of course all kinds of rumors afloat in regard to what the new Board is going to do. If the politicians in the State get full swing, at least half the Faculty will be removed in order to make places for political friends. No one can tell how much reorganization there may be, but the entire Faculty, excepting the President and myself, are subject to reelection in June. In our cases the indications are that an effort will be made to remove us and put in other men. I presume the President feels that my tenure is quite precarious. I know that his is. We stand together on all questions of policy, administration and discipline, and had the old Board remained there would have been no

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JOHN A. MYERS, DIRECTOR.

Morgantown, W. Va., 189.....

trouble. As it is, there is likely to be a vacancy in the President's place, in the Director's place, in the place of the Dean of the Law Department, in the place of the Professor of Constitutional Law, and some half dozen other chairs in the University.

If you feel like applying for any of the positions, communications addressed to the Governor of the State, George Wesley Atkinson, Charleston, W. Va., would not doubt be turned over to his representative upon the Board, for its consideration. You need not have any hesitancy in regard to applying because the places are at present filled. There are sure to be a number of vacancies, but no one can tell how many. Our Station people are quietly getting ready for the crash. Two of them are already substantially placed; negotiations are pending for others.

I sympathize with you very much in the destruction of the work of fifteen or eighteen years, but you should have no difficulty in readily commanding an excellent place elsewhere. Men with the successful experience at the back of them that you have are not likely to remain out of employment long. If I can be of any service to you in any way, call upon me.

Trusting that you and all of the members of the Faculty who have been so unfortunate as to be crushed in the political mill may soon be able to do better elsewhere, I remain,

Yours sincerely, *John A. Myers*

The Pennsylvania State College

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE.

H. P. ARMSBY, PH. D., DEAN.

TELEPHONE 142-4
BELLEFONTE EXCHANGE.

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State College, Centre Co., Pa.

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April 24th, 1897.

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Pres't G. T. Fairchild,

Manhattan, Kas.

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My Dear Sir:--

I was greatly pained to learn from a cursory item in one of the Philadelphia papers of the overturning at your College, news of which is confirmed by a letter received a day or two since from prof. Popenoe. I cannot express too strongly my sense of indignation at such an outrageous attack upon an institution of the standing and character of yours and my sorrow at the set-back it will give to the college itself and the cause of rational agriculture in the State. I sincerely hope that ^{neither} ~~both~~ you ^{nor} ~~and~~ your associates may ~~not~~ be seriously or permanently affected in your personal interests by this unfortunate occurrence.

Yours very truly,

H. P. Armsby.
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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK
FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

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April 24, 1897.

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Dr. George T. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kan.

My dear Dr. Fairchild:

I have your note of the 21st. I have taken the liberty of suggesting your name to the Trustees of Westminster College, about to be established at Denver, for the Presidency of that institution. I have no idea what will come of this suggestion, but it may prove to be of use.

Yours sincerely,

Nicholas Murray Butler

per M.

UTAH
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

F. C. SEARS, HORTICULTURIST.

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LOGAN, UTAH, April 24 - 1897

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My dear Presb. Fairchild

When the first news came from Manhattan of the trouble at the college I could not believe that it was true. It seemed as though there must be some mistake & that I should hear that you were still to stay there & to keep the college, what you have made it an institution to which we graduates might point with pride as the one in which we received our training. But of course I know there is no longer any doubt & I write now only to express my sorrow at what has happened. It is useless to say that it is a disgrace to the state & to every man in it, for that will not help to bring back to us the man we have honored from the day that we entered the institution & whose influence we shall always feel in our lives.

It is not so much for your sake I am sorrowful for everyone must honor you the more for what has happened & many will now realize more fully what you have done for them. But it is of the state & the dear old college that I think. I have always felt toward the college as toward my home but now it seems as though I should never care to go there again.

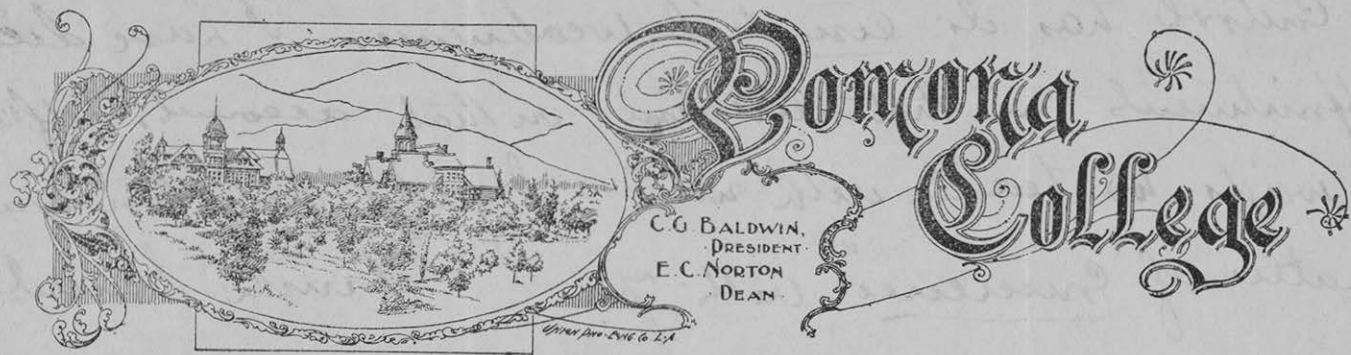
If anything could be done it would not be so bad but we seem to have our hands tied &

can only feel sorrowful & angry by turns & always
entirely helpless.

Believe me that no one more sincerely
regrets what has happened than

Yours most sincerely

Fred C. Sears.



Claremont, Cal. April 21st - 1897
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Dear Uncle George:

The Luddistralist of April 12th just reaches my eye - un-
marked but I found the matter of chief interest. I always look
carefully at anything which comes from Manhattan. I read
between the lines but probably imperfectly. I am in hearty
accord with the protest of the Alumni. That rings true.

State Control has its essential weaknesses. I have declined
all appointments in that direction on that account. Self re-
spect weighs too heavily with me. I judge that there was
the matter of "experience" with you. I wish I could
see you.

Yours very truly

Cyrus G. Baldwin

Manhattan, Kas.

Sept. 29, 1897.

Dear Prest. Fairchild, ^{10/2}

Your letter with check for \$1200 was duly received. I had sent out a statement like the one sent you. All approve it and have sent in the assessment. I have therefore applied \$6³⁷ toward expenses, as per statement. I will accept one dollar toward that old affair. That would be your proportion, I think. That others did not feel like paying should perhaps be taken as ~~an~~ evidence that I should not

have incurred the obligation. In this case I prefer to meet most of the amount myself.

After paying the \$7.37 there are \$4.63 over. I have placed this to your credit at the bank and enclose duplicate deposit ticket.

Please accept this arrangement. I appreciate your feelings and intentions in the matter but want it settled in this way.

We are all well.

Sincerely yours.

G. H. Fisher

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Columbus, O., April 20th, 1897.

Pres. George T. Fairchild,

Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Uncle George:

The newspapers of a few days ago contained brief notice of the troubles which your Faculty has been having with its Board of Regents, and the Industrialist of a day or two ago confirmed the report. Our local papers commented on it editorially and the views were very far from complimentary, either to the regents or the state of Kansas. I think the people of Kansas are to be pitied much more than the members of the Faculty, who thus resigned. I have for some years watched the unfortunate course taken by the majority of the people in Kansas, and I am very glad indeed that I have not a dollar invested in that State. Certainly the policy which they are pursuing is most distinctly suicidal, but unfortunately the innocent must suffer with the guilty, the sane with the insane. I do not know what the outcome will be, but I suppose ultimately the fools will see their folly and give the State an opportunity to develop, but the course of events for the last 5 years has ~~has~~ certainly put the State back 25 years in its outcome.

While some members of the Faculty will doubtless meet with some difficulty in finding other places for work, I do not think that can apply to the great majority. Good teachers are always in demand. I am especially sorry, however, that Nellie did not accept the offer that

was made her to come here, and I know that Pres. Canfield feels much deeper regret than I do; but as she refused it the place was given to another so that, as I understand, there is now no opening for her here. Of course she will not be idle long, but I presume there are few places where she would prefer to be, for personal reasons, ~~more~~^{rather} than here. Please give her our kindest regards.

While politics for many years usually played havoc with our asylums, thus far politics ^{have} kept their hands off our state collegiate institutions. Of course Boards of Trustees are shifted with the change of politics, but the professors have always been left alone. Indeed, so far as I know, your State is the only exception. Please remember me most kindly to Aunt Lottie and the rest. With kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Baldwin.

Dictated.



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Massachusetts Agricultural College. 58

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE. ✓

Amherst, Mass., April 20 1897.

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Dear Dr. Fairchild

I am truly sorry to learn of the cyclone that has smitten you and the College. I cannot but look at it in the light of a distinct blow at higher education. North Carolina I understand has been similarly struck. Any thing I can do for you, I will very gladly. The only place I know of at present is the vacancy soon to occur in the Univ. of Alabama ^{recommended a candidate} for wh. I have already

I am very glad you are to be with us at Minneapolis.

Yrs ever

A H Goodell



C. R. NOE,
* LAND COMMISSIONER, *
— OF THE —
KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

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Leon, Kans., Apr. 20th 1897

Dear President.

When I think of the shameful slaughter of K.S.A.C.'s most loyal and faithful servants I just get "too hot under the collar" to write. When I see the institution virtually being controlled by a wily scuffer and realize my inability to stay the tide, I too, want to resign. But no! that would not help matters. I just pray, Lord what wilt thou have me do?.

I would have you remember me with sincerest regards, to Mrs. Kedzie, Miss Clark, Prof. Georgeeson, Fairyear, Kautz, Mason, Thompson, Mayo, White and all who disagree with Regent Hoffman, "on fundamental principles."

Mrs. Noe is improving slowly - I go for a little diversion to the G.A.R. Encampment at Chastate.

God bless yourself and family,
Yours Truly
C.R. Noe

B. F. MERTEN, SUPERINTENDENT,
CITY SCHOOLS.

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CLAY CENTER, KANSAS, April 20, 1897,
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Pres. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kan.

Dear Sir:-

Our High School graduating class desires to have you preach the Annual Commencement Sunday evening, May 9th.

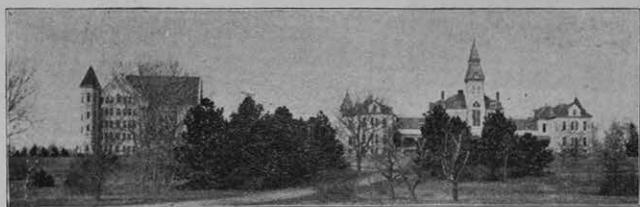
The faculty join heartily in this request and I sincerely hope you may be able to serve us.

An early reply will be appreciated.

I join in the general condemnations of the K. S. A. C. regents.

Respectfully,

B. F. Merten



K. S. A. C.

Manhattan Kansas.

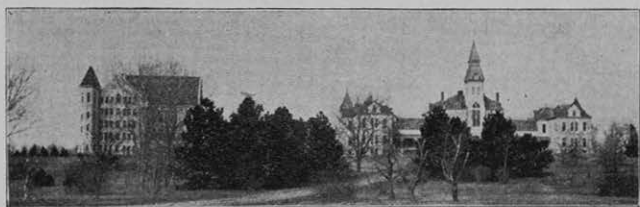
Sept 24, 1897.

Dear President Fairchild:-

When I saw you last in the office I felt so badly that I'm afraid I didn't give very clear answers to your questions as to my work and since reading your letter in the Capital I have wanted to write and tell you how glad I am that you let them publish it. I read it carefully and mean to keep it for future reference and I hope that the day will come sometime when my influence however insignificant it may be, can be used in an

attempt to right the wrong done
the College, and those who left it.
It has all seemed so dreadful to
me and never will seem right and
it has been harder because I felt
that in a small way as a Populist
I was responsible with the rest even
while I deplore the changes more
than I can tell.

I decided that I would not ask
for work but should they see fit
to ask me to go on I could continue,
and as Prof. Walters, Prof Hitchcock
and Prof. Farille have done so I
am now at work for them. I have
five freehand drawing classes
and considerable drawing in the
botanical and entomological
departments enough to fully oc-
cupy my time for as long a
period as I expect to stay here.
I shall be very glad to have



K. S. A. C.

you call upon me if at any time I can be of any service to you when I am in Manhattan or elsewhere, for to me there will never be more than one President and I feel I have a debt for thoughtful care in the past and interest in my future that I can never repay.

It is a cause of great satisfaction to me that the President of this Board considers me, as he worded it "one of the most bitter of the alumni." Please remember me to Mrs. Fairchild and Mrs. Kirshner and consider me always as you once expressed it "one of your children."

Yours Sincerely
Bertha S. Kimball

Burlington Kan
June 21 '87,

Pres. Geo. T. Fairchild.

Manhattan Kansas

Dear President:

Allow me to
thank you for the letter of
recommendation, which I
rec'd a few days ago.

I assure you that it will
be of great service to me.

Wishing you every good
fortune I am

Sincerely yours

L. B. Heworth.

United States Department of Agriculture,
Office of the Secretary,
Washington, D. C.

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April 19, 1897.

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Dr. Geo. T. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kansas.

My Dear Doctor:-

I have been very much exercised over your treatment and the treatment of your colleagues there in the work at Manhattan. I am very sorry that your good work has been so ruthlessly interrupted. I fear that Kansas will suffer in the future on account of it.

I may give you one pleasant word when I say that we have just cabled to your son in Australia, asking him to do some work for us down there, and offering him good remuneration while doing it. I have just sent his commission. I expect him to get us some seeds, plants, etc., suitable for semi-arid conditions in the United States. If there is any good service I can do you at any time believe me I am ready to go a considerable distance to do it.

Very cordially yours,

James Wilson



INDIANA FARMERS' INSTITUTES
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
THE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE.

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President Geo. F. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kan.

La Fayette, Ind.

Apr. 20, 1897.

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Dear Pres. Fairchild:--

I have been waiting to hear something authentic before writing you. The last issue of the Industrialist gives me definite information as to the happenings at Manhattan. I am shocked and grieved and indignant by turns over the summary treatment of yourself and your co-workers in the faculty by your board of regents. I know it must be gratifying to you to note the grand stand taken by your alumni. I feel very sure they reflect the sentiments of all educators who know of your own good work as president and of the magnificent career of your institution. If corporations and boards of management have no souls it is certainly demonstrated that they have pitiable fits of mental aberration.

I sincerely regret this unfortunate and untoward termination of your work in connection with the agricultural college of Kansas not only for the pain and chagrin it must cause you and your co-workers, but for the back-set it will give to agricultural education.

I have just written Prof. Georgeson but beg you to say to Mrs. Kedzie and professors Failure ^{yes} and Mayo (the only ^{other} ones with whom I am acquainted) that I am very sorry to learn of their misfortune, and trust that in the end some good to you all may come out of this "ill wind".

With kindest regards to Mrs. Fairchild, I am as ever

Your friend,

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W. C. Latta
W. C. Latta

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AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Urbana, Ill., April 19th 1897

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George D. Lanchild,
President Kansas State Agricultural College,
Manhattan Kansas.

My Dear Sir:

At the last regular meeting of the members (named on this sheet) of the staff of the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Illinois, I was instructed to express to you the astonishment and regret we all feel in regard to the recent action taken by the Board of Regents of the Kansas State Agricultural College, terminating the services of yourself and of the most prominent members of your faculty. Whatever the cause of this radical and subversive action, we look upon it as a disaster to the College which has so long and so creditably stood in the forefront among kindred institutions the world over. It seems also equally destructive to the best interests of agriculture in the state and therefore to the welfare of the majority of the people of the state. No excuse for such action can be maintained upon the grounds of inefficiency, adaptation to, or fitness for the special work of the College, for the facts known and read of all men abundantly and incontrovertibly prove the opposite. If the movement originated in, and was carried into effect for political reasons, shame and disgrace as well as disaster must be the result to the whole Commonwealth.

It is no doubt improper for us to question the motives of the Board of Regents, but seen from this distance the indications are that the men have little conception of the real trust placed in their keeping.

We heartily congratulate you for the brilliant success attendant upon your long administration of the affairs of the College.

I am Very Truly Yours

T.

J. Burrill,
President of Station Staff.

Columbia, Mo., April, 19, 1897

Dr. Geo. T. Farichies

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My Dear Friend.- Word has just reached me of the murder of my Alma Mater and tonight my heart is so full of commingled bitter hatred and sorrow that I am lost to find words for expression. This is a most cowardly blow and, so far as I can learn, without any justification or pretense of justice. I do most sincerely sympathize with you and do heartily wish there were some aid I might render you at this time. If I can serve you in any way, command me. I look to you as one of the best friends I ever knew both as a personal friend and as my advisor in my struggle for an education. I heartily endorse all that was placed in the resolutions passed by the residents

Alumni - all with a hearty Amen.

My heart is burning with indignation toward the base principle of making a University or College chair a part of the political victor's spoils. And now that this thing has been done and that too in the institution I have heretofore loved as my college home, it humiliates me more than I can express. As one of the sons of the college my protest shall always be lifted against such infamy. I feel that the college is not only killed, but murdered - stabbed in the back by villainous ignorance. The College may retain much of its past honor but naturally I cannot think so. I have always been proud, heretofore, to tell people of my Alma Mater. Today I meet my fellow instructors and with withering chagrin I have to acknowledge

that it was "my college" that has been murdered so and I can only explain that it was not so in former years - that heretofore politics has played no such part in the institution. Until I saw the college again on a very high plane I shall be very slow to tell people where I was educated for a school is judged by its present standard rather than by its past. But when that great day shall have come, if it does come, I think I will be telling the story of my college life to my grandchildren round my knee.

I know absolutely nothing of Will more than that he is a young man and with such limited experience as he must surely have I feel that he has a terrific task on his hands. It may be wrong in me but I think I view the feeling of a large part of the Alumni when I say that we cannot sympathize

with him and his administration under the circumstances that make him President. This fact will make the task all the harder for him. A very high standard has floated over the old College for many years and a young man will have to have a very old and experienced head to be able to hold that standard anywhere near its rightful place. Please remember me in kindest remembrance to my unfortunate friends and former teachers. Every one of them has my sympathy and in my hearty wish is that they may all soon secure positions worthy their abilities and in places where political machinery is worked by brains and not wit and coin.

My kindest regards to yourself and wife and Mr. and Mrs. White.

Ever sincerely Yours, C. H. Thompson

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Kansas City, Mo. April 19th., 1897.

Geo. T. Fairchild, Esq.,

President, K.S.A.C.,

Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Sir:--

I have just received a copy of the Industrialist and have noted that you have decided to leave the college.

While I know nothing whatever of the conditions surrounding the case, I wish to express my most sincere regret that it has come to pass. I remember my days at Manhattan with a good deal of pleasure and your kind face appears often in my thoughts of the past.

Yours very respectfully,

George A. Gamble

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

At Chambers:

WILLIAM L. CARPENTER.
WILLARD M. LILLIBRIDGE.
ROBERT E. FRAZER.
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JOSEPH W. DONOVAN.

Circuit Judges.

Detroit, Mich.,

April 19

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Pres. Fairchild
Manhattan
Kansas.

My Dear President,
Serious sickness, may only have prevented
my writing earlier and assuring you of my sympathy
for the retrograde treatment you have received.
At the same time I think you should be congratulated for
the position your enemies have given you. They have proved
to the world what your friends already knew & that your convictions
could not be bought by money or by position. You have gained
more than you have lost by their action. And it is doubtless
your solving to realize that this flagrant outrage will do much to
place the cause they represent in its true light before the people.
I retain a just sense of my obligation for your aid and kindness
many years ago. If you think of any way I can serve you I should be
pleased to have you indicate it.
Yours truly Wm L Carpenter

1872

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CRETE, NEBRASKA, Oct. 6-1897
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Dear Uncle George

I have read your published letter with great interest, and have also read the Industrialist very carefully of late. The animus of the new President is pretty clearly shown in his articles. It is easy to see that you must have had a trying time for

several years. The editor of one of our town papers is a rank Bryanite. I asked him once how he happened to know so much about Brown University

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ESTIMATES

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5 @ \$200.....	\$4000
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80 " 10.....	3200
290 " 5.....	5800
445	\$25,000

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3125 @ \$1.....\$25,000

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in R. I. and apparently had not heard of the State
Agricultural College in Kansas. He replied
that he had not seen any allusion to your trouble.
I have now given him your article to read calling
his special attention to the remarkable contrast in
the two cases. A committee was appointed
to confer with Mrs. Andrews as to his public
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my attempt to gag him. while about one-half of your faculty has been dropped and the populist press of Kansas seems to approve.

This editor has now had two chances to make mention of this in his paper but has not done so.

I have always felt more or less guilty that we did not manage to see each other often, and now that there is a prospect of your living further away. I feel worse still. There are a great

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With best wishes

Bellevue I would like very much to have you & Aunt Lettie make us a visit this fall while the weather is pleasant

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South McAlester, Ind. Ter., Apr. 18 1897

Geo. H. Fairchild

Manhattan Kan.

Dear Sir:

I learned through the Manhattan papers the great change in the College Faculty. I am very sorry for the change and hope the Regents can be persuaded to look at the subject from a different political view. Since leaving the college I have always looked back to it with much pride also with a feeling of it being a home to all that have attended the past seventeen years.

I fear that by the change that homelike feeling will to a great extent be destroyed. It will be as though the head of a great family be taken away.

I am heartily in sympathy with you and hope the change will be canceled.

I am as ever your obedient servant
Geo. H. Deibler

STATION STAFF.

C. S. PLUMB, B.S.	Director.
W. C. LATTA, M.S.	Agriculturist.
JAS. TROOP, M.S.	Horticulturist.
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PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Agricultural Experiment Station of Indiana.

LAFAYETTE, IND. April 16, 97.

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Pres. G. T. Fairchild,
Manhattan Kan.

My Dear Sir:- I take the liberty of writing you the sincere regret I felt when I learned of the recent unjustifiable and outrageous action of your Board of Regents in removing you from office. I have long looked with admiration on the work you have been doing in Kansas, and I have felt, that the Kansas Agr. College, through your efforts very largely, was among the very best of our agricultural institutions of higher learning. The entire situation as I see it through the press statements, shows a state of affairs that I had hardly supposed could exist in a college of respectability today. I do not see how your Regents dared do this thing. With much sympathy, I remain,
Very cordially yours, C. S. Plumb.

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Winfield, Kansas, April 17th, 1897.

President G. T. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kansas,

Dear President:

I can not begin to tell you with what feelings of shame and sorrow I have read the reports of the insane action of the Board of Regents. It has been so usual to see the political offices seized by them that we have almost gotten used to it and regard it simply as one of the many punishments with which we Kansans are to be afflicted. But this last move this wholesale slaughter of such an efficient corps of teachers as is known to occupy the different positions at the College, is something which goes beyond even our wildest dreams. It is so entirely uncalled for and so sweeping that it is eliciting just the condemnation which it deserves. It is needless for me to say that the press of the entire country without regard to party lines with the exception of a few as fanatical as themselves have denounced the action in the most scathing terms. To one who has never been permitted to attend such an institution it may not seem such a blow to the College as to one who has. For myself, it is impossible to think of it otherwise than by the Faculty who have made it what it is. And for yourself President who for so many years have labored so faithfully and well it may be a grain of comfort to know that

so many young men and women have higher conceptions of life and its possibilities and what is beyond all else its demands by having come into contact with your own so replete with all which is true and manly. Believe me President that "Prexy." has a closer place to our hearts than you think.

And yet it is in exact accordance with all the past actions of the party. I am in the loan business at Winfield, and probably have a little more opportunity to know the extent to which they have driven capital from the State than some others. Practically all the idle capital of the East which would find its way to us looks askant at such actions as this last one of theirs.

I am in the Loan and Insurance business at this place, and reading Law. It my intention to enter an attorney's office this Fall and take up Law in earnest. My business is such that it impossible at the present time.

At such a time as the present you are probably too busy to reply to every old student who may desire to enter their protest to such a proceeding as the present. So do not think it necessary to do so in the present.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours Truly,

Geo. L. Melton

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New York Agricultural Experiment Station,

GENEVA, N. Y.

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June 19, 1897.

Pres. George T. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kans.

Dear Sir:- Please accept my thanks for your answers to the list of questions which I sent you.

I have just received a letter from your son dated at Hawaii. He expected to find a letter there from me in reply to one which he wrote from Singapore. I had not received his first letter, so of course did not know that I might communicate with him at Hawaii. He writes me that he expects to reach San Francisco about the first of July, unless a matter of which he is not fully informed keeps him a little longer. I have written him at San Francisco, and have made to him definite statements with regard to his coming here. I feel quite sure that we will be able to reach an agreement.

I would be very glad indeed if I could suggest to you at the present time an opening worthy of your experience and ability, but I do not know of such. I am sure that I shall never suggest the state of Kansas as a place for a worthy man to take up a life-work unless public affairs change there somewhat.

Yours very truly,

W. H. Jordan

Director.

Ypsilanti Ap. 15. 97.

Dear Bro. George:

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Yours came yesterday. He had seen the day before, in a Detroit paper, the statement of the action of your regents, & were waiting for the confirmation of the same.

We are not surprised, as we have for some time thought that there were no lengths of absurdity to which the populists could not go. In this case they would seem to have reached the limit of the ridiculous.

Of course you know you have our sympathies, & the wish & prayer that you may find an opening for work in due time. The Lord reigns, even if the devil flounders & foams.

Emily will write you soon.

I am doing well, gaining in strength from week to week, & ~~the~~ more rapidly as the weather becomes warmer. Emily has been generally well, but is just now house cleaning! an uncomfortable malady. -

We shall hope to see you & Lottie during the summer. -

We wish we could see you & learn the inside of populist movements. I have a suspicion that there was the plan of ousting you all in the cutting of salaries.

With lots of love to you both & your children. -

Affec.

M. V. F.

Formerly a regent
of the College

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Liberty Kansas

April 17th 1897

Prof Geo V Fairchild 21

Manhattan Kansas

Dear Friend

I desire to put my self on record
as condemning in language as
strong as possible the action of
the Board of Regents in
what they term the reorganization
of the College. I am growing to be
an old man but in all my
life I have never known such
an outrage upon common dec-
ency and intelligence. In my nine
years of service I assisted in em-
ploying some ten or twelve members
of the faculty and in no one single
instance was Church or Party

Affiliations brought in question
 In fact there are members of the
 Faculty that I have known for years
 whose Church and Party affiliation
 I am unacquainted with not from
 indifference but from the fact
 that in my estimation it had
 nothing to do with their qualification
 as Teachers in the College. The action
 of the Board is utterly indefensible
 upon any ground whatever. And if
 Gov Leedy is as active a politician
 as he is credited with being he will
 ask and demand the resignation
 of every member of the Board that con-
 sented to this outrage. This he should
 do for the credit of the State to say
 nothing of saving his party from the

ignoring of such an unprecedented
and fool act you will believe
me sincere in saying that no in-
stitution of ^{the} state had so strong a
hold on my affections as the Agri-
cultural College & was proud
of the distinguished position it held
among the Colleges of its class in
our country and after all the labors
and pains of its friends to bring
it up to its high position to have
such a disaster brought upon it by
the infernal conduct of a volume
of unscrupulous politicians is a burning
shame and disgrace to our state
I most heartily commend your
course and the other members of the
faculty in refusing to accept the

and carry out the political policies
of the Board. You could do nothing
less without sacrificing your
manhood and that independence
of thought and action so dear to
every true American citizen.

I hope you will find it convenient
to take a rest for a year or two for
I want to see you round out your
work as an educator with the College
to which you have given so many
years of labor and thought and have
been the principal factor in ^{giving it its proud} ~~importance~~
~~position~~ ^{importance}. In fact I desire that every mem-
ber of the faculty that has been
displaced restore to their old
places I believe this can soon
be accomplished for I predict

and make the prediction that it will ^{be a long}
long time before there is another
Populistic Board of Regents

I don't believe the loss of a good
part of ^{the} endowment fund (as in
the case of the Illinois University)

would have been as disastrous
to ^{the} prosperity of the College as this
act of the Board & I shall be very
much mistaken if this high handed
outrage is not universally execrated
and condemned by the people of the
State & still have faith in Kansas
and believe her people are not wholly
led by a considerable majority if
they do at times allow themselves
to be hypnotized by a set of pseudo
reformers and cranks

I may attend Commencement
 I would like to look around
 and about the College once more
 before its glory and honor shall
 all have departed. However I am
 inspired with the hope that ^{this} state of
 affairs will not last for long.

God has been too good to Kansas
 in the past too suffer her humiliation
 to continue. Please convey to those
 other members of the faculty my hearty
 commendation of their course, with
 my best wishes for their future honor
 and success. Remember me kindly
 to Mrs Fairchild. With a hearty appre-
 ciation for the many acts of courtesy and kindness
 recd. from you and with best wishes for your
 future success & happiness I am Respectfully and
 Sincerely yours
 A. P. Holyth

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

C. A. MURPHY, SUPERINTENDENT.

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Kingman, Kas., April 17, 1897

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Pers. Gen. T. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kans.

Dear Sir; I have made application for the superintendency of the Beloit schools. If you can help me in any way toward obtaining the position I shall be greatly obliged. Mr. A. T. Rodgers is Pres. of the Board there, and a few lines addressed to him in my favor might have considerable influence.

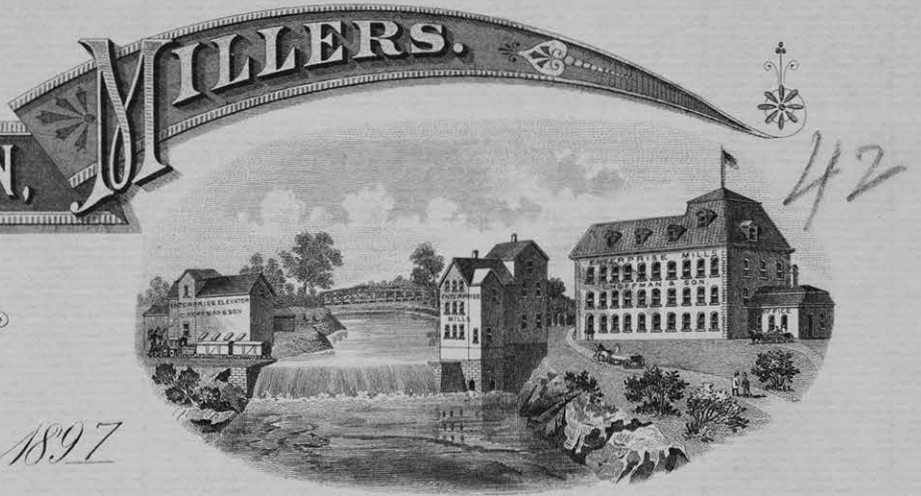
I am very sorry indeed to learn of the changes being made in the management of the College, and most heartily endorse the resolutions adopted by the resident Alumni. When you leave us our state will suffer a very serious loss.

Very Truly Yours,

C. A. Murphy.



ENTERPRISE, KANSAS,



April 16th 1897

Pro. Geo. F. Fairchild

✓ Conversation
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Dear Sir:

On arriving at home I was surprised to learn that you had complained to the "Board of Regents" of the manner in which I exulted over your removal.

I feel that I have a right to be placed in the right light; and I do not know you I would say nothing but wishing to retain your esteem, I dare write to you.

I have nothing to say only that I have felt the deepest regret to see you removed; do not misunderstand me, I believed the action of the Board to be a just one, but having been under your discipline for three years I realize what you have done for me. I thank you most sincerely for your aid, your kindness, your forbearance with me and I hope that you will grant me, on my return, a



chance to clear myself.

I have said nothing that I will not repeat to you.

I for one am not ashamed of the Board of Regents, I believe they are men, true and steadfast, but men who have the misfortune to possess the courage of their convictions.

Hoping that this letter will be read with the same spirit that it is written in & remain.

Yours most Respectfully.
Emmett V. Hoffman

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Onaga, Ks, Apr. 16, 1897,
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Dear President-

I am going to accept the invitation to write you, you gave us just before we left the old K. S. A. C.

Of course no word of mine can have any effect upon that dearly beloved board of regents but I think I will sleep better by freeing my mind a little about them. The people around here are all very bitter against the actions of the Board. It has very nearly made me forget the teachings of my mother wherein she said "John my boy, don't swear." I have felt that about forty rods of "cuss" words would relieve my feelings.

I have today finished an eight months school at Savannah. This is my third term & while I have been very successful & been asked to take the same school a second time, I hope this is my last

years work in that line.

I go to Holton Monday. Am going to study in the office of Crane & Woodburn Attys. Will take a course in Shorthand and typewriting at Campbell University at the same time.

Yes I would like very much to see you before you leave but cannot find the space for it now. If, by any crook, you should expect to be in Holton this summer, drop me a line before hand.

I do hate to see old K.S.A.C. torn to pieces as that outfit seems to be doing.

Your old Student

J. A. Rokes ('93)

Onaga Ks,

(Holton, Ks. after)
(Apr 19)

H. G. Larimer,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,
Room 24, 535 Kansas Ave.,

Topeka, Kansas.

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April 16th, 1897.

✓
Prof. George J. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kansas.

My dear Sir and friend,

My indignation and grief at the irreparable injury inflicted upon higher education in this state by your dismissal from the presidency of the Agricultural College, has kept me from sending you a letter until I noticed in the morning papers that this was to profit, in all probability, by Kansas' second suicidal blunder. We first lost Canfield and now you, the two strong pillars of all right education in Kansas. I do not know, sir, what we shall do without you. We younger men who grew up under the splendid influence of your manhood and scholarship have long trusted and followed your leadership that we shall be without our shepherd.

In all these years we have seen that schools grow and prosper under your marvellous executive ability until we were proud to pronounce its name, for that name added to our state pride and fame.

H. G. Larimer,
 Attorney and Counselor at Law,
 Room 24, 535 Kansas Ave.,
 Topeka, Kansas.
 (G. T. F. 2)

Indeed, during these last few years, Kansas has been shorn of ~~much~~ that made her distinguished and great, and now the vandals of civilization have laid the ax at the roots of education. The spoliation has begun, and no one can say where it will stop. Retaliation and reprisal will follow, without question, for the passions of men can not be cooled for years, until all our schools become arenas in which political enmities are turned up. I am not pessimistic, but my experience of last winter, combined with this, has made me fearful of the future.

Kansas is the loser, not you; Kansas and Kansas men are the losers.

While I was never under your supervision in school or class, I learned many valuable lessons from the beautiful life you led amongst the educators of the state. You have always been an uplifting force in my life. For that life of yours, and for the friendship with which you have honored me, I am a grateful man. May all Good attend you.

Yours sincerely, H. G. Larimer

Foot Run O. S.

April 16th 1897.

Geo. J. Fairchild,

My dear friend:—

I am sorry to note that the Board of Regents has recommended the deposition of nearly the entire faculty of the Agricultural College, including yourself. The Populists have done much harm to the state of Kansas, but nothing that they have done heretofore will prove of such lasting injury as this stroke at an institution, which you have been largely instrumental in making an ornament to the state.

Mrs. Helmick and myself would both like very much to be present at this last commencement, under the directions of our old teachers and friends. Please remember us to Mrs. Fairchild and the old members of the faculty. Sincerely, yours
 Eli A. Helmick
 1st Dec 10 Ant. Ant.

Kansas State Insane Asylum.

All correspondence concerning
patients should be addressed
to the Superintendent.

B. D. EASTMAN M. D.,
SUPERINTENDENT.

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Topeka, Kas., April 15th, 1897.

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

Dear Sir,--

I have to thank you for your letter regarding Miss Ridenour and Mr. Thompson, the latter I have employed and think he will do well.

It is somewhat doubtful as to my being able to give employment to the former as we have fewer female patients and attendants and consequently less changes than among the men.

I regret exceedingly to learn from the papers of your being deposed from the college. I trust you may find some satisfactory position where you can continue in the work you are so well fitted for. As to what may be done here I do not know. The air is full of rumors but nothing definite has been announced.

Very truly yours,

Dictated.

B. D. E.

B. D. Eastman
Apst

*Partially
written
Am*
I would like to add some more another
alto, trombone, & tuba. If you have
these musicians among your students
who want to get places, suggest that they
apply.
B. D. E.

National Educational Association.

Department of
Manual and Industrial Education.

OSCAR CLUTE, President,
Lake City, Fla.
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Manhattan, Kan.
JUDSON E. HOYT, Secretary,
Menomonie, Wis.

Milwaukee Meeting, July 6-9, 1897.

Menomonie, Wis.,

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April 15th '97
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Pres. George V. Fairchild
Manhattan, Kan.

Dear Sir -

Your favor of Mar. 12th - forwarding letter of Pres Clute was duly received. I was very busy at the time and have been ever since on account of extra work entailed by the fire which destroyed our buildings. Was unable to give attention at once to the matter of making up the program, but it is now under way. Have written to Miss Coburn and Director Sisson as you advised. - expect to get replies soon.

I regret that Pres Clute could not carry this through - It would have saved me at least the chief responsibility, and I am sure he could make a better program than I. Hope he will be able to attend the meeting and preside. Accept thanks for your expressions of confidence as to

the program and your sympathy for
our loss by the fire. The loss of our
buildings will set us back at least
a year in the progress of our manual
training work, but in the end we are
hoping and expecting to be better housed
and equipped even than before. A large
amount of hard work must intervene how-
ever. We are hoping that we shall be
able to keep Miss Day. - have been
greatly pleased with her and her work.

I don't know as I ought to mention it;
but I am greatly annoyed at the changes
which have been taking place in your
state and your Board of Regents - resulting
in your resignation of the presidency.

Am sorry for your loss. It is a decided
loss to the Institution, one which will be more
evident as time passes unless you are
soon restored. I hope this is only the temporary
ascendency of one of those waves of popular
folly, which occasionally we have in Wisconsin,
but for which Kansas has acquired some-
thing of a reputation.

With cordial regards

Yours very respt. J. E. Hoge.

...The South Side Academy....

5418 GREENWOOD AVENUE.

Affiliated with the University of Chicago.

EDWARD O. SISSON, A. B.,
Principal.

Chicago, April 15, 1897. 189

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President George D. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kansas.

My dear President:

I have been intending for some days to write to you,
and I must not postpone it longer.

I know I need not assure you that Mr. Whaley and I have
been deeply moved and indignant at recent occurrences in Kansas.
Indeed I have hardly been able to believe that the reports
could be true, and until I received absolute confirmation I
looked and hoped for a reversal of the statements. I am sure that
all over the state, and scattered far and wide outside of the
state, are others of your old students who are sad at heart, and
would blush to own their connection with Kansas. Personally I may
say what I have always felt, that I feel the deepest debt to my
first Alma Mater, and most of all to you, both in personal relation-
ship and in your class room instruction, the effect of which,
on my life, has been incalculable.

With kindest regards to you and your family, and other
Manhattan friends, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Edward O. Sisson.

Mississippi Agricultural Experiment Station.

FREIGHT AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE,

STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI.

S. M. TRACY, DIRECTOR.

Dear Pres. Fairchild;

Agricultural C. 35
Political.
The President and fourteen others, members of the Faculty of the Kansas State Agricultural College, have been discharged because their politics was not in accord with that of the State (Populist) Administration.

Miss., April 15, 1897.
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Is that true? If so, I am ready to congratulate or condole, whichever you may prefer. At any rate I can assure you of a fellow feeling, as there are four of us here in the same boat, and probably some others who will follow soon. I happen to own a little place at Biloxi, down on the Gulf Coast, where the fishing, bathing and boating are delightful, and am thinking whether it may not be well for us to form a "College and Station" colony there - a place where we can go to draw a long breath on occasions like these.

I am greatly surprised that the people of Kansas should countenance any such action, for no institution in the country has stood higher than yours, since its first establishment, both in its college and its station work. I cannot think the action will be supported, and am sure that you, personally, will suffer only a temporary annoyance.

For myself - I have no plans, as our Board met only two days ago. I shall remain here until June 30, and shall then be ready for almost anything.

Your companion in affliction,

S. M. Tracy.

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Fredonia Kan.,

April 14, 1897.

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Dear President,

The "Ex" has no right to be used here.

Allow me to express genuine regret at the changes made in "our" school. It is but the outgrowth of the cranky visionary sentiment that prevails in the official circles of our state to-day. It is an insult to the lives of the men who have made our college what it is.

When reason reigns again, I hope, retriement will not be too late

Very respectfully,

Walter J. Burtes.

BRICK HOTEL, 33

J. H. VAN GESELE, PROPRIETOR.

GOOD LIVERY ATTACHED.

ACCOMMODATIONS FIRST-CLASS.

TERMS: --\$1.50 PER DAY.

Benton, Md., 14th April 1899.

Dear President Fairchild?

Greager has just telegraphed me a sketch of the miserable business which you have been experiencing at Manhattan. I will not trust myself now to put any comments upon paper. But I would like to know the facts as soon as convenient, and then the question is what is to be done. If a reasonable report is in print can you have it sent to me? or if it isn't have you the time for the briefest report?

And then what can be done for the salvation of our alma mater? The first idea which occurs to me is that if any shortening of the

idiotic proscription is to be secured
it will be by standing firmly for me
or two, and not crying for a wholesale
reinstatement. You will pardon me
the indelicacy of saying that I regard
your own retention at the present
time as being of supreme importance.

A. E. Will may not be a malevolent
vandal, but he is ———— well; he is
an indescribable individual so far as
parlor language can reach. If your
attachment to the Kansas Agricultural
College can not hold you at the post
I don't see how \$2600 will tempt
any decent or half competent man
to be your successor.

The questions are two, then, as
my present information enables me
to judge: First, what can we do to
induce you to stay in the fight now
when our college is in danger? Second,

BRICK HOTEL, 32

J. H. VANGESSEL, PROPRIETOR.

GOOD LIVERY ATTACHED. 2 ACCOMMODATIONS FIRST-CLASS.

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Denton, Md., _____ 189

What influence can be brought to bear
on a set of ignorant, vicious,
unhallowed politicians to bring them
to sudden repentance and to make
their vote sustain you?

But I'm taking your time. I
don't really think you need condolence.
Please remember me kindly to Mrs.
H. Child.

My address for two weeks is
Denton, Md.

Most cordially yours,
Frank Waugh.

New Jersey

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Agricultural College Experiment Station.

BOTANICAL DEPARTMENT.

EDWARD B. VOORHEES,
DIRECTOR.

PROF. BYRON D. HALSTED,
BOTANIST AND HORTICULTURIST.

New Brunswick, N. J., April 14", 1896. 7.

President Geo. T. Fairchild,
Manhattan,
Kansas.

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Dear Brother:-

Your letter full of the cruelty you have received at the hands of the populists (with a small p) is received, and I am more than filled with indignation; in short I am mad.

My first thought was to address a petition for your retention to every Board of Regents of Agricultural Colleges outside of Kansas. But upon second thought it is clear with such hot headed men there is no virtue in petitions. The next thought is Oberlin. I am not well informed about conditions there; but have an idea that a good president is needed, if not being looked for. If there is anything there you certainly have the inside track and I at least could not do any good. The next thought is Washington and the Department of Agriculture, and in this last connection I have run off a letter to the Secretary, which I will send you and then if it is thought best it can be returned here and sent to him.

There may be some other things that may occur and I will write you again soon.

Would you like me to state the facts in the case to any

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or all ^{of} the Teachers Agencies. I am bitterly sorry for Anna and Professor White. The injustice of the whole affair makes it inexpressibly galling.

I wish you and Lottie to come on to my house and make it head quarters whenever it will be a convenience to you. It is my sincere wish that you get Eastward if not in the East. We think we have civilization here!

I will write Lottie soon.

In sympathy,

Byron D. Hatfield



Topeka, Kansas, April 14th, 1897.

President Geo. T. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Ks.

Dear Friend,-

I shall have to write something about the movements ~~of~~ ^{at} the college, and am exceedingly anxious to have what I say strictly in accordance with the facts. While talking with Regent Kelley in regard to this matter today, he suggested that I write you for such abstracts of the minutes of proceedings as will give me this information fully. Will it be too much to ask that you have such abstracts made of such ^{part} copies of the minutes as will serve my purpose, and send to me immediately? Has the Board taken action on the position of foreman of the printing office?

I had no opportunity to talk with you this morning, but have been told that you will probably enter upon active work in the ministry. My Mother-in-law, Mrs. A. Harriman, of Guthrie, informs me that the Congregational pulpit is awaiting just such a minister as you, and at my suggestion she will mention to the people there, having returned to that city today, the matter of corresponding with you.

Yours very truly,

E. B. Cowgill

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Orono. Me. Apr. 14, 1897.
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My dear Pres. Fairchild;

I have read with no little indignation of the destructive work which the Populists are doing in the Kansas Agricultural College.

It is a shame that politics should have anything to do with our Educational institutions. Their introduction means disaster or complete ruin. Personally, I greatly regret that after the long years of faithful service for the College, you should be set aside for any reason, and especially for reasons so discreditable to the State.

You and your associates who have been treated in the same manner will here, I am sure, the kind and generous thoughts of all candid people and their desire to aid you to positions again in all ways possible.

The accounts which I have seen furnish few particulars, so that I do not know who of your associates whom I have met are involved in this attempt at wholesale destruction. They all have my profound sympathy.

You are aware that I have returned to the

State College of Maine as Professor of Mathematics, Emeritus. After three years' effort to regain shattered health, physicians advised me that it would not be safe for me to undertake full work again, and that I must content myself with doing a moderate amount and that of a nature not involving very much care.

Under these conditions, it seemed wiser to return to my old institution than to attempt service elsewhere.

This year I have undertaken half work of a professor and am carrying it comfortably. Next year, it is possible I shall venture upon a larger amount.

It has been my design to write you ever since deciding to return to Orono, and to thank you again for past kindnesses. I regret very much the special occasion that has called forth this letter at this time.

Mrs. Fernald unites with me in most kind and cordial remembrances for Mrs. Fairchild and yourself. I trust we may yet all meet again.

Yours very sincerely,
M. C. Fernald.



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MILWAUKEE, Wis., 1897. Apr. 14.

Pres. G. T. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kan.

Dear Friend and President.

I can not find words to express the sympathy I feel for you and the indignation I feel at the turn of affairs at the college. I can see only calamity for the college under reported changes. and I am filled with sorrow that my alma mater should ever come under the curse of partisanship, which seems to be the prime mover in the events which have transpired.

But while you may cease to have connection with the college your years of faithful service will be remembered by the boys and girls who graduated while you were at the head of the institution and in their minds you will still be the President of the Agricultural college, whose work has made the college what it



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MILWAUKEE, WIS., 1897.

is, the greatest of its kind in the world.

I am progressing nicely with my work and like newspaper work better than I formerly could have ever thought possible. I have full charge of the weekly and am never corrected or never receive any suggestions much to my disgust, as I recognize my inability and would like to have a few suggestions from experienced men, but they leave me reverly alone and what is more they give me to understand that they want to be left alone. It is a grand but trying opportunity to show ability. I work from seven in the morning till ten at night and am determined if it is in me to make a success out of the work.

I enclose a clipping from a letter received this morning from Prof. Henry.
Respectfully, C. F. Doane.

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St. Augustine, Fla.,

Apr. ¹³ 97.

My Dear Mr. President: —

I do not know that
you can believe what
a personal sorrow it
is to me to hear of the
correcting of the Agricultural
College now in progress.

As Student and teacher
for so many years, I be-
came attached to it as
a home almost, and at

my different visits since
I severed active con-
nection in 1884, I have
always felt proud of
its increasing strength
and influence. It is
no flattery for me to say
that I believe the 18
years of your adminis-
tration have never been
equalled. and seldom
equalled in any insti-
tution for solid progress,
in the face of adverse
circumstances after-

agricultural and other
distresses - crazy political
fanaticism - queer regents
many of them - but against
all you have so far
carried the dear old
college right forward -
and now it ~~stands~~ ^{here this ok}
you and the other old
friends that I know
must have gone down in
the wreck with you -
oh! it is too hard to
feel that such things
are possible. It makes

one feel that fidelity
and enthusiasm and
wise counsels and honesty
and every virtue are
nothing worth - that a
long life of most zealous
application and loving
care ~~for~~ⁱⁿ the interests of
Education receives this
stinging insult as its
reward. And all the
other dear friends^{and}
associates too - I do
^{know} not the names yet - but
I feel sure that most

of those I knew and
delighted to work with,
go with you into honor-
able exile.

But I cannot believe
that the triumph of the
wild crew ^{now} at the helm
in Kansas can be lasting.

It cannot be that 1,000,000
people can long consent to
be governed - no, not
governed - abused and
harried, as the ignorant
and wretched transients
or rulers are now persecut-

ing Kansas.

You may think this strong language - but I feel very strongly. It has been in my mind all day, this villainy that is being wrought - and I cannot confine myself to mild censure.

Will you please remember me to all the old & dear friends at the college.

I do not believe that ^{of them} any one ~~for~~ feel this outrage more keenly

than I do. It is better.

I have no fear for the personal fortunes of any of you. I believe that those of you who desire it will be back in your old places as soon as an outraged people can have their voices once more at the polls - but the stain of the disgraceful act will remain for many a year. Please

remember me most
Kindly to Mrs Fairchild,
in which remembrance
to both of you Mrs.

I add joins me -

Very sincerely yours,
Albert Todd.

JOHN J. HERRING,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
310 BANK BUILDING,
TRINIDAD, COLORADO.

April 13th, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kansas.

My dear sir:

With much sorrow I read in the papers this morning of the action taken by the officials of Kansas regarding the college, and, while I attended the institution but a short while, I have the warm feelings of a grateful student to his tutors who, by their instructive powers and moral excellence, made him their friend in his younger days.

It would give me pleasure to personally express my sorrow to each of the faculty, and to aid, if possible, in disenthroning from power those who, for the sake of political malice, would tear down the high reputation of the Kansas Agricultural College.

Though years have passed since I walked 'neath the shadow of the buildings, and I claim another Alma Mater, yet my heart is almost filled with anguish to learn of the act which is this morning heralded over the land, and which marks another page of Kansas History with disgrace.

Believe me to be,

Very respectfully yours,

John J. Herring

"He who plants, or aids in planting, a Christian school of learning, may be sure that his agency shall yield beneficent fruits, ever more accumulating, till the knowledge of Christ shall be complete in the hearts of men."

"It is my fixed opinion that there is no surer road to immortality, such as can be obtained in this world, than that which lies through liberality expending itself in educational endowments."—Sir Henry Maine.

FAIRMOUNT COLLEGE,

WICHITA, KANSAS.

N. J. MORRISON, President.

232 West 11th Street,
New York, April 13, 1897.

President G. T. Fairchild:

My Dear Brother:

The newspapers have given me a little information as to the trouble in the Agricultural College and the severance of your connection therewith.

Probably this may be in large measure a matter of relief to you; but so far as it may involve pain or disappointment permit me, an old friend, to express my sincere regret & sympathy. For the State of Kansas I am ashamed. When will the reign of the insane in that State come to an end? If I correctly understand the reports all the old faculty go out. If so, please give my love & sympathy to Prof. A. B. Brown, a true noble man.

Very cordially, N. J. Morrison.



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Dear Brother George

I was greatly surprised when I read in a paper that you had been succeeded by Prof. Will, but I was astounded when I read the next day that 14 Professors had been removed by the same board for no cause, but want of harmony with the political views of the board!

No such outrage was ever known in our land. In the mad excitement of rebellion & civil war there was no such College-delivery of men who sympathized with the North. But here is populism bearing fruit, & I hope Prof. Mayo has a good appetite for such apples of Sedition & grapes of Gomorrah!

Madness rules the hour in Kansas. These unknown & not knowing fellows "dressed in a little brief authority, cast such fantastic tricks before high Heaven as make Angels weep." Evidently they go on the principle "Where there's a Will, there's a way."

The papers say that only 9 are left, & when the scriptural inquiry arises "Where are the nine?"

the answer comes "Och in Kansas!" But
will the mine stay under Will's leadership?
Is Hood willing to bear the shame of such
leadership? Will Hatters? Will Willard?

There is great excitement here over the
news, & on every corner I am asked "what
news from Kansas?" "Let us know the latest."
I am looking anxiously for a letter from
Tracy. The deep & hearty sympathy of all here
at the College go out to you & your companions
in political persecution. The answer will come
to you from every College in the land, & from
every civilized community within our borders.
How do the students take this slaughter
of the innocents?

With love & sympathy,

Your brother

R. L. Ridgic

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President George T. Fairchild,
Manhattan,
Kansas.

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Dear Friend:

I saw in the papers of yesterday the action of the Populist Board of Regents in decapitating some 14 members of the faculty of the once glorious K. S. A. C. I was very much grieved to hear this, as it seems to me that they have dispensed with the services of the most valuable members of the faculty and have retained the inferior ones. I feel nothing but contempt for any member of the faculty who has become a populist for the sole purpose of remaining in the institution, as I understand a few have done. However, this act of the Regents may be a blessing in disguise for certain members of the old faculty whose talents were deserving of a wider field of action. You can express my sincere sympathy to my once glorious Alma Mater and congratulate the deposed members of the faculty on their escape from the rule of such a fool-hardy Board of Regents.

I was once proud of the fact, that I used to be a resident of the State of Kansas, but since anarchy and populism with its train of kindred afflictions has subjugated this once Banner Republican State I would as soon admit that I came from Missouri or Arkansas.

The paper gives as the reason of your dismissal, that the new president has new and advanced ideas of political economy. I suppose that his "new ideas" have been borrowed from such "eminent" statesmen as Senator Pfeiffer and Speaker Sweet, and undoubtedly consist of Sub-Treasury Schemes, Fiat Money, Free Coinage of Silver and other

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kindred delusions! I fear that the better element of the people in Kansas will not send their sons and daughters to an institution that teaches nothing but populist ideas.

Every man and woman that has made a failure of life are populists. In looking back for the past ten years, I note that every client that has beaten me out of any money has been a populist. ninety-eight per cent of the criminals that fill our penitentiaries are populists and one hundred per cent of all the foolish and crazy bills which are introduced into our legislatures and into congress, are introduced by populist members.

I understand that John Vincent is the present congressman from your district, and I cannot help but compare him with your beloved predecessor Anderson who represented us before Kansas had degenerated from her high estate.

Give my kind regards to Mrs. Fairchild and other friends.

Truly yours,

F. M. Jeffery

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Alexis Cope, Secretary.

Columbus, April 13, 1897.

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Dear President Fairchild.

We have read with
amusement of the recent action of your board
of regents. We in Ohio have been inclined
to laugh at some of the propositions and
schemes of the ~~Race~~ ^{American} ~~Race~~ ^{of American}
politics, but we thought it was only talk.

We never dreamed they would proceed
to such extremes as they have in the case
of your institution. Surely the people
of Kansas will never acquiesce in such
a flagrant and outrageous proceeding.

I can assure you of our sympathy
in your trials, and hope they may not be
without their compensations.

With sincere regards for Mrs. Hedgie
and yourself,

Sincerely yours,

President Geo. T. Fairchild,

Alexis Cope

Newsham, Kas.