My dear Sir:

1. Mr. Uphamson tells me to say that you wished to use our Cavalry troops as escort to President McKinley from about 42nd St. to the University. We are glad to render this service, but have been

\[\text{继续下文}

...
distance from where the President could stop to the University?

2. The Grandstand in front of the Kent Theatre would have to be large enough for the exhibition drill, but the athletic grounds, there, are very well suited for such a purpose. Would it not be better to withdraw to that place for the drill?

3. After the ceremonies in the Kent Theatre are over, would it not be practicable to have the President and the University Faculty review the battalion on the Athletic grounds?

This is a very pretty ceremony, and if the corps only passed the reviewing party at the usual quick time, omitting the head double quick time, it would continue only a few minutes, not more than 15. If desired, during theMarching in Review, after the usual parade Military Preliminaries, the
Col. A.H. Fleet, A.M., U.S.V.
Superintendent.

Headquarters
Culver Military Academy,
Culver, Indiana.
(Lake Maxinkukkee.)

March 3rd

Whole student body comes past the reviewing party, facing in our rear. This last march of course took more time.

Hurry let me hear by Ridge's mail on these points.

We expect to reach Evolve Park at 12 M. Monday, and shall go at once to the Del Prada Hotel for lunch. On the way we could go directly from the train to the President's office and stop the train - Headquarters, or call them - and be ready to move at any moment when the President would be ready to start.

Please let us hear definitely on play, as it is a matter of the greatest importance to the whole nation! And we want to do credit to the great University of Chicago!

Yours truly,
A.H. Fleet.
Courses Instruction
General Military Training
[Handwritten notes and corrections]
Headquarters
Culver Military Academy
Culver, Indiana

Oct. 26, 1898.

Pres. W. R. Harper,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir:—

You are certainly a very wise man! You took time by
the forelock and anticipated the other universities by eight or nine
months in conferring the degree which any one of them would have been

glad to do, and which many would have done next June.

I do not know that we could estimate the money value of the promi-

nence into which the University has thus pushed itself, and yet $50,000
would seem to me to be the minimum, especially when we consider the
large part played by the President of the University in the exercises of
last week. I congratulate you upon the success of everything not-
withstanding the weather. The address given by Dr. Small was especially
excellent and appropriate. I hope you were pleased with the showing
made by the boys of this academy, and if so I should be very glad if you
would write a letter, which can be published in Gen. Orders. It would do
the boys good, and would do no harm to the University. One of your
Profs. said to me on the first day, that if the academic department was
as good as the military we would be all right! As I said to him the
academic is what we pride ourselves on, and if you can find in the whole
University two your men who have better preparation than Mr. Rhoades
and Rea, who will easily graduate in three years instead of four, I will
give it up. This is a rare thing for a secondary school like this.

Please do not forget your promise to come down some afternoon at
three o'clock, and stay till 1:30 the next day, and prepared to address
the boys at night.

Very truly yours,
A. F. Fleet.
My dear Sir:

Very truly in, and to wish you Happy Health. The school is now getting on, and I am coming here and we decided to begin the new building a new barracks to hold sixty-nine boys, to be completed by Sept. 10.

I am greatly pleased at this, as I expect that we shall get worked this year up to our full capacity, and I hope we can fill this new building too. It gives us also a good laborer's house in need by next. So I am sure you will excuse me, Capt. Esmond enjoyed the meeting very much.

May 31, can't you come down some day, some five day this month and look in on us? You can leave England at 10.39 A.M., reach Whitworth on richel Jet at 1.07, drive down in 20 or 30 minutes, the lunch stop the Rich, and go back through richel at 6 A.M., at 4.19, reaching England at 7.02 to get down to breakfast. I am sure you must speak to the boys at least. Your day would be most friendly.
Nov. 7, 1900.

Col. Fleet,

Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana.

My Dear Mr. Fleet:—

In view of the relationship of Culver Academy to the University, I am writing to ask you to give me a brief statement of the facts in reference to the late troubles with the Academy. I have learned to put no credence in newspaper stories and am therefore hoping that I may have an official statement of the facts.

Yours very truly,
In view of the reorganization of Ontario Vocational College, I am writing to see if you will give me a prior appointment at the table in adherence to the fee structure with the Vocational College. I have learned to write in accordance to newspaper articles and as a gradual process, I feel I may have on occasion a service of the nature.

Yours very truly,

O. D. McFarland.
July 23, 1900.

My Dear Mr. Fleet:—

I am very much obliged to you for sending me a copy of your new program. It is surely a most interesting exhibit of the work. I am inclined to think that the paragraph on page 23 ought to be made a little fuller, and I would also suggest that in some way in connection with the title page there be expressed the fact of the affiliation,—but these are matters concerning which we may talk at our next meeting.

I am greatly pleased with the book. It is a credit to all concerned.

Yours very truly,
My dear Mr. Smith:

I am very much obliged to you for sending me a copy of your new book. I am much interested in the fact that you have written a novel that is a work of fiction. In the preface of the book, you mention that you have made a little effort to keep the period of history on which the book is based as general as possible.

I would also like to state that I am very much interested in the fact that you have included a map of the area in which the events of the book take place. I am anxious to read the book and I will do so as soon as I have the opportunity.

Yours truly,
President W. R. Harper,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

May 11, 1900.

Dear Sir,—

Do you know I have come to the solemn conclusion that you are neglecting one of the most promising of your affiliated schools? Here it is over two years since we got together, and in that time I suppose you have been to every other one of the similar institutions five or six times and have never been to see us once. We perhaps would seriously meditate seceding if the question of secession had not been decided a few years ago in a most decided manner, and we do not propose to try it down here. But seriously I do wish you could come down some time between this and our closing exercises June 7th. How would Sunday, the 20th or the 27th suit you, or any other day you might suggest? The Nickel Plate makes the run very convenient and simple.

Very truly yours,

A. F. Fleet.
Do you know I have come to the

very eminent conclusion that you are neglecting one of the most prominent of

your considerable capacities. Here it is over two years since we last spoke,

and in that time I imagine you have been too busy to see

the stimulus that has in six times and half never been seen by the

department. We believe a monthly will be a very good idea. I

mentioned to my friend, and we do not know of it. It goes well.

If you don't come back soon, I'll have to give up the idea of my

written words. How many Sundays have you had off?

The ticket office makes the trip

very convenient and enjoyable.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
November 12th, 1900.

Dear Sir,—

Yours at hand and contents noted.

I send you two circulars which will give you a general idea of the whole matter. Attached as copy in carbon I should like to write you a letter covering the translation and rewriting to end, and should be glad if you could furnish yours letter of November eighth and the accompanying circulars. These throw much light upon the whole situation.

Thanking you for this information, I remain

received not only from the parents of the boys, but also from outsiders.

Very truly yours,

With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

A. F. Fleet.

Col. W. R. Harper
Chicago, Ill.
Dear Sir,

I am at hand and contents noted.

I send you two circulars which will give you a general idea of the whole matter, and as soon as possible I should like to write you a letter covering the transaction from beginning to end, and should be glad if that could be published.

I am sure the heroic treatment will not permanently injure the school, but will rather benefit it, if I might judge by the letters received not only from the parents of the boys, but also from outsiders.

With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

A. M. Fleet, Superintendent

P.S. From the printed Regulations of the Cadet Military Academy:

29. Any Cadet who shall absent himself from the Academy at night, after call to quarters, without permission, and go from the Academy, shall be dismissed.

30. All punishments under this regulation are strictly enforced. Any Cadet who returns to quarters, shall be subject to the time of good order and cleanliness, or to which they shall return.

31. Any Cadet who shall neglect any instruction under this regulation, or any other order, shall be subject to the time of good order and cleanliness, or to which they shall return.
Yours in full confidence,

A. P. POPE, Superintendent.

P.S. Am just received the latest intelligence that the Board of Directors were unanimously of the opinion that the regulations of the Academy are quite consistent with the objects of our military establishment and the regulations of the Academy, and I hereby order that they be

The Catonsville Military Academy:

A. P. POPE, Superintendent.

P.S. Am just received the latest intelligence that the Board of Directors were unanimously of the opinion that the regulations of the Academy are quite consistent with the objects of our military establishment and the regulations of the Academy, and I hereby order that they be

The Catonsville Military Academy:

A. P. POPE, Superintendent.

P.S. Am just received the latest intelligence that the Board of Directors were unanimously of the opinion that the regulations of the Academy are quite consistent with the objects of our military establishment and the regulations of the Academy, and I hereby order that they be
November 3, 1900.

My Dear Sir:

On Tuesday night, October 30, two cadets absented themselves from their quarters in the barracks without permission and were absent from the Academy grounds for two hours or more. The paragraph in the Academy Regulations covering this point reads as follows:

"255. Any cadet who shall absent himself from the Academy at night after call to quarters, without permission, and go beyond the limits, shall be dismissed."

The two cadets had a hearing on Wednesday, and were dismissed and instructed to leave on the Vandalia train going south at 7:30 p.m.

One of the dismissed cadets was a very popular, and his friends naturally were distressed at his leaving. It was determined among them, therefore under the guidance of some of the older boys, to give him a demonstration as he went away.

After supper, therefore, over a hundred of the cadets moved quietly away from the grounds, and went down to the railroad station, ostensibly to see the two dismissed cadets off on the train, but in direct violation of the very regulation under which the two had been dismissed.

In a few minutes the absence was discovered and the Commandant mounted his horse and rode rapidly to the station and ordered the cadets to fall in and march back to the Academy. After some hesitation and with some manifest signs of dissatisfaction they fell in and returned under orders. On Thursday they were all kept under close arrest and were examined by the Commandant to see if there were any extenuating circumstances. The whole matter was carefully investigated from every possible side and the decision reached that the only course to be adopted in order to preserve the integrity and the discipline of the Academy was to dismiss all the cadets involved in the disorder and send them at once to their homes.

The matter was one of such grave moment that the Board of Trustees were summoned from St. Louis and arrived Thursday night. The whole transaction was laid before them, and their unqualified decision was to dismiss the cadets implicated should be dismissed. This was done, and the cadets sent to their homes by the noon trains Friday.

A copy of the articles of the printed regulations, for violation of which the cadets were dismissed, is appended in a postscript.

No words can express the grief felt by myself and the Commandant and the other officers of the Academy at the occurrence. Because of the peculiar excellent conduct of the greater number of the cadets this action was entirely unexpected and could not have been anticipated.

On account of the unusual pressure upon us this matter could not be previously reported in detail.

Hoping to hear from you at the earliest possible moment, and with kindest regards. I am,

Very truly yours,

A. F. FLEET, Superintendent.

P. S.—Excerpt from the printed Regulations of the Culver Military Academy:

255. Any Cadet who shall absent himself from the Academy at night, after call to quarters, without permission, and go beyond the limits, shall be dismissed.

234. All combinations, under any pretext whatsoever, are strictly prohibited. Any Cadet who, by a combination with others, shall enter into any written or verbal agreement with a view to violate or contumaciously disregard the Rules of good order and subordination, or who shall endeavor to persuade others to do the same, shall be dismissed.

252. Any Cadet who shall assault an instructor or refractory spirit—acting a duplicitious or pernicious part, shall be dismissed, as he is the only proper and efficient means of making the Academy a respectable institution.
MY DEAR SIR:

We feel that the parents of the cadets discharged Nov. 2nd, should clearly understand the exact circumstances under which this action was taken. There was no haste nor anger on the part of the authorities of the academy, but the deepest sorrow for what seemed the only possible course to be pursued, and the results of which they felt as surely no greater could be.

When the cadets had violated the most important regulations of the academy, there seemed to be only three courses open to the authorities.

1. To take no notice of the offense and pass it by as unimportant and not deserving special attention, would have been altogether out of the question. The large number involved only made the offense more serious.

2. To punish severely the cadets guilty of the violation of these regulations and retain them at the academy, occasions seem to the individual parent the best course, but the danger of such a course would have been the fact that there were so many to discipline in this way. There had been already a disregard of authority of the academy, and the spirit of some of the participants was still restless and defiant. It would have been clearly impossible to administer severe punishment to so large a number of cadets without certain irritation and friction, which you will readily understand in a school where boys are brought so closely together would surely have affected many of those who had in the first place kept themselves out of difficulties.

3. The only other course left to the authorities after consideration of every matter and after deliberation upon the whole subject lasting through one day and the greater part of two nights, the only course consistent with the printed regulations of the service, was to make no discrimination among the cadets involved but to dismiss all who had been engaged in the affair.

I hope the authorities deemed it best that the dismissals should be general and without discrimination, and when these circumstances were carefully noted it was decided that these circumstances should be taken into account together with the attitude of the cadets under punishment and also his previous record and reinstatement granted when justified under the above conditions.

We have carefully considered your son's case, and will grant him reinstatement with such denial of privileges and penalty as the circumstances may demand. Appreciating as much as you do the importance of your son's not missing any more time, we can take him back not earlier than next Monday, Nov. 15, upon your formal application for reinstatement on the blank enclosed and his signature to the written pledge.

Teasing that if you accept this proposition, our relations in the future may be as pleasant as in the past, and that your son's subsequent course at the academy may be all that you and we could wish, I am with much respect and the highest personal regard.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
Superintendent.