

Col. A. H. Fleet, A. M., U. S. D.  
Superintendent.

Headquarters  
Culber Military Academy,  
Culber, Indiana.  
(Lake Maxinkuckee.)

"President McKinley's plans  
will not permit inspection  
proposed. Event probably  
impossible but see later  
Monday" *Fleet.*  
10/13/98.

My dear Sir:

1. Mr. Shepherdson told me Monday that you wished to use our Cavalry Troop as escort to President McKinley from about 4 1/2 P.M. to the University. We are glad to render this service, but would be glad to suggest that as the whole corps of cadets is organized into four companies of infantry and one troop of cavalry, we have only 20 to 24 men mounted on our black horses. This number would scarcely present an appearance as imposing as the occasion and the distinguished guest would demand, and we would suggest that the escort be the whole corps, both infantry and cavalry. The escort would report for duty at the President's headquarters at any time you would suggest, and immediately take up a good brisk march to the University. May I ask the

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distance from where the President would stop to the University?

2. The Quadrangle in front of the Kent Theatre would hardly be large enough for the exhibition drill, but the athletic grounds, I hear, 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 Visiting 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 usual double quick time, it would consume only a few minutes - not more than 15 - If desired, during the marching in review, after the usual purely military preliminaries, the





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Monday

Whole student body could pass the reviewing party, ~~passing~~  
in our rear. This last would of course take more time.

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

We expect to reach Englewood at 12 M. Monday, and  
shall go at once to the Del Prado Hotel for lunch. Or  
we could go directly from the train to the President's  
stopping place - Headquarters, we call ~~them~~ - and  
be ready to move at any moment when the President  
would be ready to start.

Please let us hear definitely and fully, 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!

Yrs. very truly,

A. F. Fleet.



*Map*

Headquarters  
Culver Military Academy  
Culver, Indiana

Pres. W. R. Harper,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir,-

Oct. 26, 1898.  
*Map*

You are certainly a very wise man! You took time by the forelock and anticipated the other Universities by eight or nine months in ~~con~~fering the degree which any one of them would have been glad to ~~have~~ done, 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 Pres<sup>ident</sup> of the University in the exercises of last week. I congratulate you upon the success of everything notwithstanding 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<sup>eral</sup> Orders. It would do the boys good, and would do no harm to the University. One of your Prof<sup>essors</sup> 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 <sup>of</sup> 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 oclock, and stay till 1.30 the next day, and prepared to address the boys at night. Very truly yours,

A. F. Fleet.



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and which may have been done

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(H<sup>S</sup>) Fleet

My dear Sir:

Very sorry we can't be with you Friday Saturday. But I shall not  
possibly get away, as Mr. Culver came Friday and we decided to begin it on  
a new Branch, to hold sixty more boys, to be complete by Sept. 10.

I am greatly pleased at this, as I feel that we have not worked  
this year up to our full capacity, and I hope we can fill the  
new building too. It gives us also 2 good laboratories, which we  
need very much. So I am sure you will excuse me. Capt.  
Yacobi enjoyed the meeting very much.

By the way, can't you run down some day, some fine  
day this month and look in on us? You can leave Englewood  
at 10.39 A.M., reach Ribbands on Michel Plate at 1.07, drive down  
in 20 or 30 minutes, take lunch & spend the P.M., and go back the next  
A.M. at 4.13, reaching Englewood at 7.02 & get home to breakfast. Of course  
you must speak to the boys at night. Any day would be most  
suitable. Truly, A. F. Fleet.



, 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,



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Yours very truly,

, 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,

July 22, 1900.

My Dear Mr. West:-

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 85 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.

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*answered by  
F. S. P. May 12*  
THE PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY

President W. R. Harper,

May 11, 1900.

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

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.





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(Lake Winnebago)



Pres. W. R. Harper

November 12th, 1900.

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir,-

Col. A. F. Fleet,

Yours at hand and contents noted.

I send you two circulars which will give you a general idea of the whole matter. My dear Colonel:

I am very much obliged to you for your letter of November eighth and the accompanying

circulars. These throw much light upon the whole situation.

I am sure the heroic treatment will be given 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.

Very truly yours,

With kind regards, I am,

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A. F. Fleet

The matter was one of such grave nature that it was not discussed Thursday night. The whole transaction was laid before the faculty authorities, and that one subject complicated should be resolved. This was done and the matter put to rest by the next Friday.

A copy of the articles of the printed regulations, for violation of which the points were deducted, is appended to a postscript.

No words can express the grief felt by myself and the faculty and the other officers of the Academy at the occurrence. However, of the purpose and effect of the greater number of the whole this action was entirely unexpected and could not have been anticipated.

The amount of the expense incurred upon this matter could not be accurately reported to detail. Hoping to hear from you at the earliest possible moment, and with kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

A. F. FLEET, Commandant.

I am sure that the printed regulations in the Culver Military Academy

and any other school should always stand firm. The faculty of night after all is quarters, quarters, quarters, and go back to the old, that is, the old.

All authorities, whether they are parents or school authorities, should always stand firm. Any father who is not willing to stand firm should not send his son to school. Any father who is not willing to stand firm should not send his son to school. Any father who is not willing to stand firm should not send his son to school.

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A. W. R. Harper

Chicago, Ill.

November 8, 1900.

Name in full Dear Sir,-

Residence (give street number) Yours at hand and contents noted.

Age of Applicant years Last birthday

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. F. Fleet

summoned from St. Louis and arrived Thursday night. The whole transaction was laid before them, and their unqualified decision was to sustain the Academy authorities, and that the cadets implicated should be dismissed. This was done, and the cadets sent to their homes by the noon train Friday.

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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 previous 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.

Excerpt from the printed Regulations of the Culver Military Academy:

225. Any Cadet who shall absent himself from the Academy at night, after roll is called, without permission, and go beyond the limits, shall be dismissed.

226. All dissensions, under any pretext whatever, are strictly prohibited. Any Cadet who, in connection with others, shall adopt any course under pretence of presenting redress of grievances, or sign any paper, or enter into any written or verbal agreement with a view to resist or evade any regulation of the Academy, or to do any act contrary to the rules of good order and discipline, or who shall endeavor to persuade others to do the same, shall be dismissed.

227. Any Cadet who shall manifest an insubordinate or seditionary spirit—driving a disposition to resist the authorities of the Academy, thereby disturbing its peace and order, shall be forthwith sent to his home by the Superintendent.



# Superintendent Culver Military Academy:

I desire to enter my son as a Cadet in the Culver Military Academy for the year commencing  
 number. 189, and ending June 189, subject to the  
 conditions of your printed Catalogue and the regulations of the Academy, and I hereby certify that  
 he is a boy of good moral character.

Name in full

Residence (give street number)

Age of Applicant years. Last birthday

Height Weight

School last attended

To prepare for college or business

Course of study desired

Remarks or suggestions

Signed

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(Lake Michigan)

NOVEMBER 3, 1906.

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:

"225. 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 very popular, and his friends naturally were distressed at his leaving. It was determined among them, doubtless 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 murmurs 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.

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A. F. F.



Culver Military Academy  
Culver, Indiana

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

Culver Military Academy,

Sir:

I respectfully apply for reinstatement as a cadet of the Culver Military Academy, and promise on honor that if reinstated, I will cheerfully perform such punishment as is situated for my permanent dismissal, that I will not again violate a cadet's code of discipline against discipline, and that I will be the best of my ability conform to the regulations of the academy and uphold its traditions.



Culver Military Academy  
Culver, Indiana

Nov. 7

1900.

MY DEAR SIR:

We feel that the parents of the cadets dismissed 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 keenly as any parent could do.

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 offence 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 offence more serious.

2. To punish severely the cadets guilty of the violation of these regulations and retain them at the academy, doubtless seems to the individual parent the best course, but the danger of such a course would have been the fact that there were too 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 impracticable to administer severe punishment to so large number of cadets without constant 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 difficulty.

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

Though the authorities deemed it best that the dismissal should be general and without discrimination still where there were extenuating circumstances, these were carefully noted and it was decided that these circumstances should be taken into account together with the attitude of the cadet under punishment and also his previous record and reinstatement granted where 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 losing any more time, we can take him back not earlier than next Monday, Nov. 12, upon your formal application for reinstatement on the blank enclosed and his signature to the written pledge.

Trusting 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,

A. F. Fleet, Superintendent.

