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Sept. 19, 1929

Mr. W. S. Campbell,  
 University of Oklahoma,  
 Norman, Okla.

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Yours of the 14th came this morning and I am pleased to know that you reached home in good spirits. I want to thank you in advance for the pleasure of reading your novel. It may be some time before I shall get a chance to read it, as I know Helen will have to have it first. She is more experienced with novels than I.

I was sure you would find Mr. Carignan a valuable source of information. Whatever others may say about their sources of information on Sitting Bull, you have tapped the best. You already had access to all the documents that anyone else has had, and have besides seen some of the principal actors in the various episodes of Sitting Bull's life. I am sure that your life of Sitting Bull will be the highest authority on the subject.

In the early spring of 1891 a wandering article of about 5,000 words was written on "~~The Passing of the Old Medicine Man~~" by a man named Bird M. Robinson who was a secretary in the office of Major McLaughlin at the time of Sitting Bull's death. This article has nothing new in it but supports Major McLaughlin's opinion and serves to give the viewpoint that nearly all subsequent writers have accepted, showing that this writer is probably the original source for much of the distorted evidence that has since gained credence among modern authors.

This article was first printed in a Nashville, Tennessee paper in 1891, but we have a reprint of it in one of the bound volumes of the Selfridge Journal. Robinson had sent a copy of the Nashville paper to Major McLaughlin and his son Charles gave the copy to the Selfridge paper to reprint. If you do not have access to the article and feel that it would be useful to you, I shall go over it carefully and pick out the essential facts or have it copied entire for you. I shall also look up the Sioux article by Mrs. One Bull Brown and have it translated for you.

I appreciate being associated with you in a minor way in gathering the source material for this book and feel deeply honored at your request to dedicate it to me. It