

October 7, 1929.

Reverend Reed,  
McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Dear Reverend Reed:

I recently visited your city in the company of Lewis F. Crawford of the State Historical Society of North Dakota. As it happens, I am working on a life of Sitting Bull and Mr. Crawford told me that I must see you by all means. I was sorry to miss you. However, I am hoping that you will be kind enough to tell me something about Sitting Bull by mail. I am particularly interested in Sitting Bull's relation to the missionaries and the churches on the reservation in his later years. Please let me know what his attitude was toward them and to what degree you think he was influenced by their teaching. Do you know whether Sitting Bull ever attended any religious services at the missions? If so, when and where?

What was your opinion of Sitting Bull, his character, intelligence, etc? Any incidents you may remember about Sitting Bull, anything you saw or heard him say, will be extremely welcome and helpful to me. I am trying to give a true account of this man which I hope will supercede the fantastic stories now generally accepted. In as much as many of the Sitting Bull men now belong to your church I am sure you can help me.

Cordially yours,

.. S. CAMPBELL.

P. S. - Mr. Crawford failed to give me your initials. Please pardon the omission.