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the old men who do the talking, if you think best.

One thing the Sioux claim is that after the treaty of 1868, the Sioux tried to keep the inter-tribal peace, but that the Crows would not leave them alone and started the war again. I would like to know what the Crows say to that; it ought to be interesting.

Another thing I would like to hear their report on is how the Sioux killed a war party of Crows (I have not my notes here, but believe it was in 1862), sparing only three women and a boy: a child hung at the horn of a saddle in its cradle, too. Sitting Bull's father was killed in this fight, and the Sioux held the prisoners at his disposal, but he said they felt as bad as he did, having lost their relatives, and sent them home safe and sound. I would sure like to know the names of these women, if anyone up there can tell you. I have talked with several eye-witnesses of this battle, and the story is always the same. It is also said that Sitting Bull released another Crow woman prisoner at a later date, who had been placed at his disposal by the Sioux who caught her. I wonder if she still lives-- or her relatives.

In June 1850, S.B. counted coup upon a Crow woman, who was killed by a Sioux named Makes the Enemy. I wonder if anybody knows of that fight. Another Crow woman was killed the same fight. Makes the Enemy rode a brown-eared horse in that fight: maybe someone has heard the story.

But especially I would like to hear of that council I wrote you about after the Indians went on reservations, and SB visited the Crows.

I want to say again that your book is a wonderfully fine job, and worth whole libraries of the usual Indian books--and I don't mean the cheap ones, either.

Cordially,

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