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December 15, 1933.

Mr. W. S. Campbell,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Campbell,-

It has been a long time since I wrote you. In these days we like to write with a ray of hope, so it is but natural for us to put off till a more sunny day the letters that should have been written when nothing but clouds envelope us. But occasionally we must write whether there be sunshine or clouds.

Conditions in the book business could not be worse, at least I can't imagine a condition with less comfort to offer. We moved from Fargo during the months of June and July to this place where we might have a better outlet, although we have found little improvement. Financial conditions in Minneapolis are unspeakably bad and the city is in debt as deep as it can get and taxes are so heavy as to make it impossible for the people to pay them. The only money that comes in is from salary people; the business people not being able to buy anything more than the bare necessities.

Tell me how "Sitting Bull has sold". I hope you have done well on it, though I know that it came out at the wrong time to ~~get~~ the sales its merit entitled it to receive. I think your article on White Bull is the best you have written on the incidental ~~article~~ features surrounding Sitting Bull's activities. As you probably know, White Bull died last fall. From your account of the "Fetterman Massacre", Red Cloud does not seem to have been present. Yet this very battle is the one that white writers have made Red Cloud the hero of and established him as the great Indian leader of his time.

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We have a fine stock of books but owing to the reduced outlet it is hard to hold on. We have made many sacrifices of other properties and must get in all we can to hold on. When you were visiting in our country you were to send me the expenses I incurred while on the trip with you. This was not a large amount and I was glad to be of service to you, but I need the money so badly now and I wish you would send me a check by return mail.

We have a good selection of western Americana, and a number of fine ~~selection~~ items in literary criticism. Can't your library send us their want list? Our prices are low and we can help them, I am sure, to some good items at a price below the market.

Do you have a copy of De Barth's Life of Grouard? We have a copy of this scarce item. Those who read this volume will never think of Sitting Bull as a "coward."