

2412 Belgrave Ave.,
Huntington Park, Cal.,
October 15, 1929.

Mr. Stanley Vestal,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I wonder why the white writers change their names when they write. Is it because the book makers have not always told the truth? With the Sioux men in the olden days the name that a man earned for himself he kept throughout life. With the woman the name given to her at birth by aunt, uncle or some other member of the family was kept and used regardless of how many times she might marry.

About the information you want concerning the people who were with Sitting Bull on his eastern trip. The best that I can do for you now is to refer you to Frank C. Goings, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Frank has been there as an interpreter for over twenty years and knows everybody. There used to be a sister of Sitting Bull living there and Frank will know her name. If she is still living you may get in touch with her.

The latter part of next June I am going to the reservation for my first visit in nearly fifteen years and my people are making great preparations to receive me. In a letter which I received yesterday from Uncle Charles Turning Hawk he tells me they will have the sun dance and other ceremonies and games which I am trying to revive. It will be the occasion also of the adoption of Wa-rca-zi-win (the lady who helps me write my books now since the death of Wastewim last May) into the family of Standing Bear. At that time I am going to refresh my mind with incidents and material for books I have in mind and if I can help you further I shall be glad to do so.

May I say that the articles that I have seen in the American Mercury are quite just to the Indian. This I appreciate for the white man has not always been truthful in his history of the Indian.

Most truly yours,

Chief Standing Bear