

Fort Yates, Nov. 2, 1929
Mr. W.S. Campbell, Norman, Okla., State University.
Yours, 23rd ult, rec'd. Glad you are making progress in
the Life of Sitting Bull. A good Life of S.B. will live
forever. I send a 14-page article, by the late Dr. Jip-
son, who intended it as a beginning of a book. He died in-
stantly, heart failure. S.B., a rather silent man, was not
hard to approach, was an ardent listener to birds, as well
as to men; was always up at early dawn, like many others;
bathed his feet in morning dew (snow in winter), believing
that healthy feet could "nahon" (translated "hear") the
very heart of "Holy Earth", with its radiations out throu-
gh all there is on the Earth. He was "fire-hearted". I have
heard old Indians talk that one in his presence felt an
indescribable thrill pulsating in him (the one in his pre-
sence) lifting-up and giving contact with "whole Holy All".
Whatever of tendency to romance, & carry-back later im-
pressions, I have to think there is, and was, from S.B.'s
early teenhood, much to this. You see you are dealing with
one who got & retained by a sort of direct intuitive pro-
cess, convictions that could not "down."

To one intimate with Indian psychosis, who has so recently
seen John Grass (Peji), adopted father of Major Welch, at
his death (only two whitemen allowed to see him), sever-
al times in slight delirium, try to seize his weapons
(preferred to in his delirium as oldtime weapons) and kill
or drive out all white people intruding upon the Sioux--
this I saw in one who for a half century had professed
great devotion to the white people & their superior ways--
and who knows that even now, IF POSSIBLE, the dead spark
of free life in scores of Indians right here might be
awakened into a fire----to one sensing all this, and re-
alizing how S.B., from as early as 1850 on, from his very
make-up, which was every fiber actual (no sham) became the
center of this stupendous desire (however much hidden)
has no trouble in seeing how S.B. arose to power. The dif-
ficulty is not in seeing and realizing it, but is in
How to Put it Across to readers. It is like this, viz:
One actually realizes the Real, so-that-Bibles, creeds,
which IS religion, basically, so that Bibles, creeds, mooted
history, and even the "God" and "Jesus" are helpful aids
rather than anything central. Well, all right, but who can
put it across, making another sense it? Space so vast
among those who do realize basically. There is the All-
Animated Space, called by the Sioux "Wakan Tanka, which is
so easy for an Indian to sense.

I do not doubt that that the Ree. Bullhead, whom S.B. res-
cued was the father of the Bullhead who lead the party
of police intending to kill S.B. But who can possibly
put it across, to prove who a person's father was?
I am told that records show he was not his father.
If you can do it "make the reader wonder whether he has
not a red skin", God bless you. I will, within a month,
and some proverbs & sayings
Q. M. B. B. - d

Ab killed F. Bear's
water no needed. It is
white water
my doubt that S.B. had
noted as
S.B. be legal

be a white man's offer
Cooler?

