

619 S. Willson Ave.
Bozeman, Montana.

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Mr. Stanley Vestal,
Cr. Riverside Press,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir;- I have just read your "Sitting Bull".
I say "Your" as I think he differs from any other "Sitting Bull" in
history.

I have taken considerable interest in some Indian history and in
this section of the country and know that good friend of the Indian
Major Mc Laughlin very well.

I am inclined to doubt if you ever knew him personally.

You take one angle and hunt out the tribesmen and clansmen and , of
course get a biased story.

To his own group he was, of course, a hero and became a martyr.
I would much rather take the account of Major Mc Laughlin who was there
and a position of keen responsibility than to take your story and opinio
40 years after.

You give a great array of "Informants" I happen to know several of
the list and know that they knew nothing about Sitting bull and I
dont believe they ever claimed that they did.

~~It~~ I am inclined to judge many of the others by those with whom
I am acquainted. Perhaps they should be listed as "Misinformants"

Perhaps in another laps of forty years or more it will be discovered
that he really was baptised by that great pioneer, DeSmet, and is
entitled to be sainted and shrines erected on the Little Horn and elsewhere
to his memory.

Very Respectfully,

C. H. Asbury
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