

December 26, 1928.

Mr. Horatio H. Larned,  
Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

In reading Mr. Crawford's account of the life of your friend, Ben Arnold Connor, I find your name given as one of the old-timers who knew the West when it was young. I am trying to learn something about the Dakota Indians and especially Sitting Bull, in order to publish something along that line. If you can help me I shall be very grateful to you.

Did you ever see Sitting Bull, Red Cloud, or any of the other leading Indians? If so, what did they say and do, and what did you think of them? So many false statements have been made regarding these Indians that it is hard to find anything much in print which one can believe. That is why I want your aid - to get at the truth of these matters and put it before the public. If you will help me I shall be glad to give you full credit in my book for any statement you may make.

I am the author of several books on the old West, as you will see by the enclosed card. Though I have been known since boyhood by the name of my stepfather, Campbell, I write under the name of my own father, Vestal.

Faithfully yours,

W. S. Campbell.