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Mr. Stanley Vestal, Research Professor of English University of Oklahoma Norman, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I just had to take this opportunity to tell you that I have just finished reading your latest book to be published, "Sitting Bull, Champion of the Sioux." I think it is the best book I have ever read on the subject of Indians and I personally want to compliment you on the work you put into this book. I found it so profoundly interesting that I just hated to lay it aside until I had completed its reading.

Indians are my favorite reading and I suppose I have good reason for that because you see I am married to an Iroquois (St.Regis Mohawk) Indian girl from the St. Regis Indian Reservation in New York State. I always appreciate any writings that show the Indian side of the story and the shabby treatment he received from his pale face brothers.

Incidently Mr. Vestal, why couldn't something like a penny per school pupil campaign be started to raise a fund to erect a fitting monument to the honorable and brave Sitting Bull. I should imagine something like that would catch on quick. I would like to see a real tribute made to this important figure in our history.

I hope to purchase many more of the "Civilization of the American Indian Series". In fact just a day ago I received a request from a friend of mine for the address of where he might secure your latest book.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Johnson