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The University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

Miss Zea Grace Hawley,
2110 Ogden Avenue,
Superior, Wisconsin.

Dear Miss Hawley:

You ask about Sitting Bull's tipi at the Custer fight. What I knew of the matter will be found in my SITTING BULL, Champion of the Sioux, published by Houghton Mifflin Co, Boston, in the chapter on that battle. Also you will find Allisen's account of his family tent some years later given in my account of how Allisen tried to get Sitting Bull to surrender (page 247) in my recent book NEW SOURCES OF INDIAN HISTORY, University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Oklahoma. In that same book is an account of Sitting Bull as a medicine man, page 142 ff; I have his medicine bundle, there described. Sitting Bull was a war chief and a prophet, not a medicine man. He did not run off and leave his small son.

Your best course would be to write to his living nephews now at Little Eagle, South ^Dakota (Chiefs Joseph White Bull, and Henry Oscar One Bull). Both were in the camp when Custer attacked, and One Bull lived with Sitting Bull. You will get better results, of course, if you send them paper and stamped envelopes for reply, together with a dollar bill for each one. Of course you will have to pay more when you get the information. It is best to use ruled paper, and to type on it a series of questions (not leading questions, mind) leaving blank spaces for the answers.