

was the tendency to "fine writing" that was evident. Especially were the Homeric similes trying. Your ballads - and I doubt not your Sitting Bull - should be eagerly sought out by school people. I have an ambition to do some for the Dakotas - in fact I have done one which I may be bold enough to send you.

It would greatly please me to meet you. I shall be in Chicago about Jan 3rd - by any chance shall you be there? Do you contemplate a visit northward? Can you be induced to come to lecture and read to an interested group, and how much will you charge?

Yours truly

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