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Dear Mr. Pope:

Thanks for your letter. I will try to answer your questions.

I do not know how many times Sitting Bull underwent the Sun Dance torture, but nearly every man of any standing in the tribe suffered it at least once. Nearly all the old Indians I knew had the scars. Of course, it was possible to dance the Sun Dance without self-torture. Sitting Bull had quite recovered from his Sun Dance wounds by the time of the Custer Fight.

He had two wives at the time of his death, and was married to nine different women during his life. You will find some account of his marital experience in my biography of the chief recently published by the University of Oklahoma Press here in Norman for \$5.00.

No leader was necessary in the Custer Fight. All the Indians knew what to do--save their ponies, stop the soldiers, protect the women and children. All this is discussed in my book.

I am enclosing a list of my books, some of which may interest you.

Cordially yours,

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