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Mr. Alexis A. Praus, Director
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Dear Mr. Praus:

Thanks so much for sending me your Newsletter and your document on Father Piret, which I find very interesting. And thanks so much for the new Pictographic Autobiography of Sitting Bull. I had heard that this was out, but had not obtained a copy and so I am particularly pleased to receive it.

I obtained a number of winter counts from the Sioux, one of which was kept by Chief White Bull which you will find in the Appendix of my book on that Chief entitled WARPATH published by Houghton Mifflin in 1904. The book is now out of print but I suppose you could obtain a copy, and a copy of NEW SOURCES OF INDIAN HISTORY, through a library loan, or possibly by advertising through your bookseller.

I note in the Sitting Bull Autobiography Number Ten is Fight With the Flathead. This is evidently the affair in which he was wounded as indicated here by the arrow. You will find the account of this fight in my biography of Sitting Bull.

In the NEW SOURCES OF INDIAN HISTORY you will find a description of Sitting Bull's shield. However, the first part of that I learned afterwards is an error. One Bull was describing Four Horn shield but my interpreter misunderstood this. The second description by White Bull is authentic, in which he tells what species of birds are represented on Sitting Bull's shield.

You can always recognize the autograph of Sitting Bull by the fact that the dot over the "i" resembles a sea gull in flight. There is one of his autographs in the Boston Public Library.

Cordially yours,

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