

Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission

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Hon. W. S. Campbell,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir: -

Some time ago you wrote me a letter of inquiry concerning the noted chief Sitting Bull. I came to Standing Rock Agency Dec. 1. 1886. Sitting Bull was killed Dec. 15. 1890. During this period I met Sitting Bull occasionally and became somewhat acquainted with him. As I was not very well impressed with him, I cared very little for him. However to strangers he was quite an imposing personage. Being medium sized and heavily built with a large forehead he made quite a figure. Possessing oratorical qualities and having somewhat ^{commanding} ~~an~~ imperative voice his influence could easily be felt. Posing as a Medicine man of some note his clients had implicit faith in him. It never has come to my knowledge that Sitting Bull killed any one directly. Undoubtedly indirectly he has been the cause of many a death, for being a constant foe of the whites and also an enemy to the Mandan