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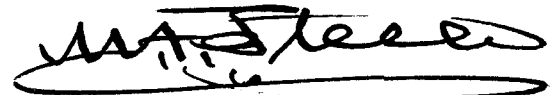
I did not hear Sitting Bull's wives or any of the Indian women say anything. The three or four squaws who were sitting on the bed had to be pulled off of the bed by the soldiers, but I do not recall that they said anything whatever. I never saw Mrs. Weldon. The general opinion that I heard spoken of was that she was a meddling member of some Indian Protective Association in the East who had come out to teach the Indians what their rights were and how they should demand them. We found that morning (I do not recall just where) a lot of written conversation between Sitting Bull and Mrs. Weldon. Apparently Mrs. Weldon had learned something of the Indian language. This writing, of which there were many pages, had English questions and answers written by Mrs. Weldon and the Indian words written in above the English words. And there were similar questions and answers by Sitting Bull which we learned had been done by an amanuensis, a graduate of Hampden Carlyle. I remember in this writing there was one item which amused us. Sitting Bull asked Mrs. Weldon to marry him and her reply was something like this; "Is this the reward I receive for the kindnesses I have shown you"? Sitting Bull said there would be no reason why she should not marry him, that an Indian named Chatka (if I recall the name correctly) had married a white woman. Of course, this was all a long time ago and I am writing now only from my recollection of the affair.

I do not now recall the name of any man who could tell you much about Sitting Bull. I think, however, that there are men living at Fort Yates or at Bismarck who could give you such information. I know several men there have written sketches of Sitting Bull, but I do not recall their names now. I think if you would write to Mr. Oscar H. Will, Bismarck, North Dakota, he might give you the names of men who could give you some information.

I have no objection to your quoting me in your book.

I do not know what became of the written conversation mentioned above.

Yours very truly,



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