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Mr W. S. Campbell
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Dear Sir

Your letter has been forwarded to me here when I am visiting my son who is an instructor in U. M. I. My experience in the West dates back to 1869 when I made a trip on the Missouri River to Fort Benton in Montana, the head of navigation. The country was in its natural state then there being no trace of any kind beyond Yankton in Dakota. For some time I have been thinking of writing the details of my experience from 1869 to 1879 for the use of my family & friends. The recollection of it all is still very thrilling to me but I hesitate at trying to put it on paper. I came next meeting up with Sitting Bull.