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Indian Agency,
Birdtail Reservation,
Birtle, Manitoba,
Canada.

Dear Sir:

Attention: Mr. Lazenby

My friend and colleague, Professor Bird of this University, ~~son~~ of Mr. A. D. Bird of your city, has suggested that I write to you in connection with some historical work I am doing. As it happens I am preparing a biography of the Sioux chief, Sitting Bull, who as you know, was in Canada from 1877 to 1881. I understand that some of your Indians now living had contact with Sitting Bull during those years and that there may be on your reservation some refugee Sioux of his own tribe or band. I have just received a fellowship which will enable me to visit your city next summer and I shall be very grateful to you if you will give me the names of old timers you know who may be able to help me. It will also be of great assistance, of course, if you will prepare their minds for my visit and get them to think of old times before I arrive. I am not a sensational journalist, but I hope a writer of history and an old Rhodes Scholar.

The manner in which the Dominion government handled the Sitting Bull business is in pleasing contrast to the way it was managed down here. I shall be grateful if you will help me in this matter.

Just what Indians are found at your agency? I wish to get in touch with all the tribes which had contact with Sitting Bull in Canada, the Cree, Blackfoot, and the Red River Half-breeds as well as the refugee Sioux. Will you be so kind as to give me the names and addresses of persons in charge of these people? If so I shall be very grateful. Of course, I shall be happy to give you full credit for any information you help me to when my book appears.

Yours very truly,

W. S. CAMPBELL.