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Mrs. Minnie-Moore Willson,
Kissimmee, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Willson:-

I have read your book, "The Seminoles of Florida," not once, but many times. The ^{all} chapters in it which arouse in me the indignation which I always feel at thought of the treatment of the Indians, a feeling which I felt indeed when a little boy I sat beside the fire in the old rawhide tepee on the western plains and listened to the tales of treachery of the white man, and which was emphasized in me when many times I went hungry to bed because of unfulfilled promises of the Government.

Again, there are chapters in your charmingly written book which cause tears to spring to my eyes--that in which the death of Osceola is spoke of, *particularly*.

I spent some time with the people in the Big Cypress swamp and in the Everglades, last winter, and your book confirms my impression of them. The language as I learned it in the Indian Territory is a little different from the language spoken by the Glades people, as I found some there calling themselves Micksaukees, who still retain their mother tongue in a degree.

I had a successful hunt, getting a panther seven feet and nine inches from tip to tip, besides other game, and have written an article on my visit with them. I am wondering if it will be asking too much of you to allow me to use some of the pictures in your book with which to illustrate it., as I lost the photographs I got while down there. Of course if you grant me the favor, you shall be credited with them in the article.

I am to start out soon on my summer tour of two months lecturing at Chautauquas, and will urge people to get your book; for I feel sure that it will do much in creating public sentiment, not only for the poor Seminoles, but for other oppressed tribes as well.

Thanking you for the volume, and praying God's blessing upon you,
I am

Most Sincerely yours,

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