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Mr. J.H. Gipson, president,
Caxton Printers, Ltd.,
Caldwell, Idaho.

Dear Jim:

I have sent to you, by first class mail [the Railway Express was closed Saturday] the corrected and much shortened manuscript, Drummers and Dreamers.

I am well satisfied with it now and believe you will concur that the elimination of much text and the revision of the last two chapters not only makes it much more readable but expands its interest and potential throughout a much larger territory.

It is real history now of the Wanapums and the river, the change taking place for Indian tribes all over the nation, and the tremendous growth of the Columbia Basin and the Columbia River.

Chapter XX, pp. 225-232, Hunger Stalks Along the River, could as needed be eliminated at the saving of some 2,250 more words.

It is, now I believe, less than 80,000 words. And there is contained in the picture material enclosed room for elimination of photographs without damage to the book.

It has been greatly tightened and brought up to date.

It will be an article now that I can personally carry its sale into more towns like Ephrata which has grown to 7,000 population and Moses Lake with a tremendous growth (now 9,000), as well as far away down the river. And it has a subject of interest to schools, students and residents of a wider area, yet is not confined in readership to a region.

As I wrote I plan to spend a couple of weeks in California in

a month and with my former connections there, would be able to do much good if a publication date is set. And I will have time this fall to personally "take the field" and see that it is introduced thoroughly in many likely places.

While I turn down many speaking engagements each week, I set out once and a while to "keep in trim," yet seldom discuss the Indian subjects in the book, make no reference to the book and in fact the audience has no knowledge of the manuscript. And I am saving the many requests for the time when they would be most beneficial.

So I now entrust Drummers and Dreamers to your tender mercies and good judgment, believing firmly that you will agree that it is a book for this Christmas trade, because the time is most opportune.

Sincerely

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