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Mr. Gordon Gipson, treasurer,  
The Caxton Printers, Ltd.,  
Caldwell, Idaho.

Dear Gordon:

Today's mail brought your letter and separately the original manuscript and proof pages of Drummers and Dreamers.

May I comment in highest terms of the composition noted at first glance. It is most surely up to the standard that has won Caxton's its high reputation.

I have two questions:

1-"Earliest convenience..." pertaining to the return. I am more accustomed to dealing with proofs, checking etc. perhaps than some "first authors" because of my newspaper work. However a suggestion from you would be most helpful, and would not lead me to detract from my work by rushing...just a rough estimation of the general time length.

2-Should this be returned before I tackle the indexing? If not, I assume that since you follow the University of Chicago style manual the indexing would be in that form, but in this case, the manual provides several choices.

I have before me Hear Me, My Chiefs! which I assume would be the type wanted. If you will clarify the indexing question, I will be appreciative.

I am enclosing a carbon for Mr. J.H. Gipson, Sr. This will notify him

that several members of the faculty at Washington State College wish to sponsor my appearance, during the book tour, in the library. As you no doubt know, this permits the College Book Store to enter the picture and provide books for the library party, publicize it etc.

I will write them upon my return from Tacoma (Monday) to see if they wish any circulars and then I am sure you can depend upon them to place an order. But I will encourage them to "order early".

It is possible that as the ~~itinerary~~ itinerary is "confirmed" there may be additional dignified tie-ins. I shall keep Mr. Gipson posted.

My trip to Tacoma tomorrow is to attend a State Board meeting of the State Historical Society at which I have been proposed for re-election. Early in May I am to participate in the Northwest History Conference, at Tacoma this year, as a discussant on an Indian topic panel. These matters will interfere but little in returning the proofs, will be general helpful in pre-establishing the writer, and will encourage me to do as good a job as possible with pruners and Dreamers, both in checking the proof and on the book party tour, in harmony with the high standard of your publishing house.

Sincerely

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