



Missouri River Aug. 30  
1881

My dear Mother,

I have seldom experienced anything so long as  
this trip up the Missouri. It seems a whole age since I  
left Montreal, & thought at first weeping constantly to get  
to prairie land, but now settled down into sort of  
apathetic content on the subject. The voyage is not altogether  
unpleasant, & the scenery & rocks often interesting. Fine warm  
days, cool nights, occasionally beautiful sunsets. Saw some  
astore on a bar, & "sparring off" assisted by a quite western  
celebrance of profanity on part of crew & officers. Wooding  
two or three times a day - steaming burns about 30 cords per  
dium at \$30 a cord. R.R. - We saw several small  
herds of buffalo lower down the river, & innumerable Indians,  
including many of Sitting Bull's people, at some of the