

was alone on a hilltop near Bear Butte. We were camping near there one winter. I came home and told the vision to Black Bone, Crazy Horse, Turns Holy, and Running Horse. These four men were waiting for me to come home to tell them my vision. They were sitting in a council tepee; other men were there too, but they were persons of no importance. — Women were not allowed to be present on such an occasion. — I sketched my vision in the sand for these four men. Then one of the men took four puffs of the peace-pipe, (Plate II, a) between each puff telling me to be a brave man and predicting that from now on I would be able to withstand all hardships. After this he pointed the cup end of the pipe first and then the mouth-piece toward the earth (Plate II, b, c) and handed the pipe this way (mouth-piece preceding cup end) to the man to his left. (Plate II, d) Pointing the end pieces of the pipe toward the earth purified them. Now, each of the other three men did likewise, the pipe always being passed to the man at the left. This ceremony was like that of ordaining a man to the ministry is today: it gave me the right to carry out my powers. I had a vision in the Sun Dance that I gave in 1937, but it didn't give me any powers. The power a man has is kept in a sacred bundle; the Sioux call this bundle wotawe.

Sitting Bull had a watowe. After the battle at Wounded Knee, we were all taken to Ft. Yates and made to camp there. When we came back here, all our belongings had been stolen — our cow and chickens and all we had left behind. Sitting Bull's wotawe was gone too.

A man must have a good reputation before he can own a <sup>w</sup>wotas. If he commits a murder or does something similarly serious, he is not permitted to have one. (At this point the informant was asked to describe the vision that gave him his wotawe.) That is hard to discuss. (He sat some moments reflecting and sang a short time.) It was early in the morning. It was cool. Someone woke me. I was looking toward the place of the rising sun. It was a man coming up instead of the sun; it was a human being. (Here the informant hesitated and remarked that it was difficult to explain what his vision was like, but that he would get the wotawe and show it to us. While he was fetching it from his tent, the