

I could not but remark to Gen. Brooks as follows, "Little Wound's remark, "if this is a good thing we should have it, if it is not it will fall to the earth itself," is the key to the whole situation. It means that they will dance through the winter. The green grass comes, with it no Messiah, and the thing ends.

"If I were agent here, I would let them dance themselves out. What right have we to dictate to them on a religious belief founded on the teaching of the religion of the white man? If the Seventh Day Adventists get up on the roofs of their houses, arrayed in their ascension robes, to meet the "second coming," the U. S. Army is not rushed into the field.

And so the second coming of Christ was again deferred by force of arms.

Yours truly

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P. S. Go into the highways and byways, and spread the gospel, smite the heathern, dispoil them of their lands.

I remember the remark of my old friend Mark Twain, in talking with him on the Indian question.

"Our Pilgrim Fathers were a Godly people, when they landed that day on Plymouth Rock, from off the Mayflower, they fell upon their knees, they thanked Almighty God for the many blessings he had vouchsafed them that day, in enabling them to reach the land of liberty and free thought.

Later on they fell upon the aborigines.