

tremendous influence with them! When he came back to the Reservation he was brought in to Standing Rock Agency in 1871. He and about a hundred of his followers were sent down to Ft. Randall and were held there two years as prisoners. At the end of two years they were brought back to Standing Rock Reservation. I came into contact with him in '84. We were up building a mission station, dwelling and a hospital within a short distance of the Agency. Quite frequently during that summer Sitting Bull visited us and ~~xxxxxx~~ after preliminary remark or two, he would seat himself in the shade of a building and work away shaping a natural water washed stone for use as a war club and for days he would come in and work on this stone while we were putting up our buildings, rarely saying much, never paying any special attention to me, but watching everything.

I knew of him at home in later years to some extent, not intimately but chiefly by reports that came to me through other Indians.

<sup>m</sup> I do not know whether or not he was baptized by Father De Smet. Very possibly he may have been. If so, it never seemed to have any elevating effect on Sitting Bull himself. I never knew of his accept-