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lodges; also look to the safety of our animals, etc. Mrs. Galpin was called to every lodge in the village, and was treated with great respect and kindness. At sunset the Black Moon, Four Horn and Sitting Bull entered the lodge, and ordered twenty braves to take the places of the ones that had passed the day with us. The three spent the night with us. At daybreak they ordered all the lodges to be placed together so all could be present at the council. At ten everything was in readiness.

The Indians began to assemble, and 1 P.M. the Rev'd. DeSmet was escorted to a spot in the center where four Buffalo robes had been spread for seats. The Four Horn and Black Moon sat in front of us with their pipes; the Sitting Bull, White Gut, Gane and No Neck were seated in front of their warriors, about five hundred in number; the balance of the space, about $\frac{1}{2}$ Acres, was covered with men, women and children, in all about five thousand. After a great deal of dancing and singing, quiet was restored. The Black Moon then said they were ready to hear what the medicine man had to say. After a short and appropriate prayer Father DeSmet said: "Friends, I have been trying to see you for the last two years; and this day, through the help of God, I now have that pleasure. I hope you will listen well to what you hear from my mouth, which speaks the sentiments of my head, which will be entirely upon the importance of your making peace with the Whites. This cruel and unfortunate war must be stopped, not only on the account of your children, but for a thousand other reasons, which the great man, 'the President of the Whites' has chosen to meet you at Rice will show. I have come only as an adviser, to aid you all, knowing your Great Father means you well and will help you. Indeed, in the name of the Great Spirit, and in the name of all good, in the presence of your chiefs and braves, and all assembled to most solemnly beseech you, one and all, to bury all your animosities against the Whites, - forget the past - and accept the offering of