

Black Hills country in a little black-covered wagon with a white cross on the top. He was the first missionary to visit that region. He had been known by Sitting Bull before his visit to the Uncahappa Camp. When he arrived there, however, Gull, then chief of the band, and now second in authority to Sitting Bull only, raised his rifle with the intention of making short work of the good missionary. Sitting Bull sprang forward and placing himself before the missionary offered the Gull and the whole tribe to attack him. Gull's rifle was pointed at the breast of Father DeSmet's gallant defender, but, with that tact and cleverness that have served him so often in moments of danger, Sitting Bull managed by some means to distract Gull's attention long enough to bring his own rifle to bear on his would-be assailant. Finding that Sitting Bull had the drop on him, Gull for a moment lowered his rifle, when Sitting Bull quietly remarked -- "Stir hand or foot and I will shoot you down"; and to the tribe, "You can attack me if you will, but I will kill some of you and no one can die better than in defending this good man". Of course the missionary's life was saved.

Sitting Bull, though not a Catholic, wears a crucifix on his breast and professes a general belief in Catholicism, but, like Poundmaker, he has two wives and is not disposed to give up one of them to be baptized. Sitting Bull is fifty years of age, stands 5 feet, 8 inches, and is broad-choldered and heavy-chested. He has a remarkably large head, wearing a No. 8 hat. His countenance, though pronouncedly Indian in character, is decidedly intelligent, emphatically the reserve of unpleasant, especially on occasions like yesterday afternoon, when he appeared to be in a particularly amiable mood.