

Walker - Campaigns of Gen'l Custer & S. B.

him, provided, however, I found him in the right kind of humor, knowing very well the prejudices that had been inculcated from the aboriginal preinstruction of many of his race.

Upon giving him the photo, "White Bear", who sat at the foot of the semi-circle row, looked up in a wishful and pleasing manner, and extending his hand to shake said, "How, how," evidently much pleased to meet a pale-faced stranger who could talk the language of the red man by signs.

After extending the usual "shake and how" with him, I turned to Sitting Bull's father, whose Indian name is "Four Horns," who was very reticent, although quite good-natured. He is an Indian quite under medium stature, with shoulders somewhat bent to the front, and, to try a guess on his age, / ⁹⁰ would say quite close to seventy. He seemed to accept his situation quite willingly, at the same time showed a rather tiresome air, which led me to believe that he was actually tired of being on the war-path, and only too glad to be at peace, and no doubt thinks it better for him, as well as others of his age, to be settled upon reservations, where they can freely partake of government rations and draw their annuity goods semi-annually, even if "the bad young braves" do go out in raiding parties occasionally. As to the latter, he probably cares but very little, and will never give himself any uneasiness, even if all the young braves on the Missouri River should turn loose upon the frontier; but as far as he is personally concerned, there is no question but that he intends to live quietly upon a reservation and abide by such rules and laws as will be made to govern it.

In turning to Sitting Bull, I asked Allison if he, "Bull," would take good care of my photograph, whose reply was, "Yes, he is glad to get it and will take good care of it." This was encouraging to the writer, thinking it might stimulate him to have his own taken to give in return, as is characteristic with leading chiefs to make a return present, and more so when his heart is good toward the donor.