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introduction of a new religion. They would^{not?} have listened to anyone who came there to reason with them. If SB had used his own mind about it it would have been different but he had to listen to his followers. That was the trouble. He had a bunch of old fellows who didn't know whether to trust a white man or not, realizing that they had been robbed and defrauded in every way. After they came on the reservation the white man's education, religion, etc. puzzled them. This new religion which came from the Indians appealed to them. It told they they would see their relatives and good times were coming. They mistrusted the educated mixed-bloods, Santees, who came and enrolled with the tribe. McLaughlin is always blamed as being the man who brought the Santees there. He had the treaty of 1889 to back him. This provided that any man having Indian blood could enroll on the reservation. That part of McLaughlin's action, bringing his relatives here is looked upon as a fraud. It is said they had lands there or in Minnesota. According to the Santee treaty these Santees were allowed so much land. They claim that was just a government script. They claim that they can live for a while on their land in Minnesota and could then relinquish this strip. They said they did that when they got on the Standing Rock roll. It didn't look right. There were several families, Wells, Fredette, Faribull, Reedy, Primauts, Hallses, de Rockbraine. They had quite large families.

I don't think it would have had any effect at all if Buffalo Bill had gone out there. SB was a man not easily bribed with presents. If he were determined to carry out something for the tribe he could not be moved. Of course it depended on what his people thought about it. Buffalo Bill probably would not have been harmed although the Ghost Dancers did not allow anyone in civilian clothes. I don't know what they would have done but their minds were so on the dance that they