

"Oh," replied Sitting Bull again, "there was no need to waste warriors in that direction. There were only a few soldiers in those intrenchments, and we knew they wouldn't dare to come out." /p.416/

Three years ago a Crow Indian in Montanna, taught that the Messiah would make the Indians impervious to bullets; two years ago a medicine man named Swohalle, claimed that the Messiah was coming to wreak vengeance upon the pale-faces for their wrongs to the Indians, and now Sitting Bull actually claims to have seen the Messiah, and that his coming is near at hand.

Mr. Zook, a Montanna ranchman, gives the following interesting account of the vision of the Messiah, as related to him:

"Sitting Bull was hunting one day near the Sheshone Mountains, and as night came on he was seized with a strange feeling, and at first involuntarily, but finally with alacrity, he followed a star which moved westward through the sky. All night the star guided him, and near morning he met the Messiah, clad in a white robe. His hair flowed upon his shoulders, his beard was long, and around his head shone a bright halo. When Sitting Bull beheld this wonderful apparition, he fainted and had a strange dream. A band of Cheyennes and Arapahoes, who had long since been dead, appeared to him and danced, inviting him to join them. Presently he was restored to his senses, and the Messiah spoke to him. He asked him if the Indians could not rejoice to see their dead kindred and the buffalo restored to life: and Sitting Bull assured him that they would be deeply gratified. Then the Messiah told him that he had come to save the white men, but that they had persecuted him; and now he had come to rescue the long-tormented Indian. He showed him the holes in his hands, made by the nails when he was crucified, to convince him that he was the same Christ who had appeared 1,900 years ago. All day Christ instructed him and gave him evidence of his power. He