

said that the white men had come to take him, but as they approached the soil became quicksand, and the men and horses sank. As evening came on, he bade Sitting Bull /p.535/ depart; and although he had been hunting away from his tepee for ten sleeps, he came to it in a very few minutes. He told his people his story and sent others to verify his statements, and they told the same tales."

When the Indians heard of this wonderful vision, they came in swarms to see Sitting Bull and pitched their tepees around him. There they inaugurated the "worship dances," and forming a ring to the number of 5,000 people, they danced around Sitting Bull and his chiefs whilst chanting a monotonous accompaniment of weird strains. Thus they danced all night until they dropped down from sheer exhaustion, when others would take their place.

Sitting Bull praised their zeal and bade them to depart to their winter quarters and there await the Messiah, who was to come in the spring-time. He likewise urged them to leave the pale-faces unmolested, as the Messiah would move them across the ocean, and they would torment the Indians no more. Following his advice they took down their tepees and departed to their homes.

Kicking Horse, a Sioux, who claims to have just returned from a visit to heaven, tells the following curious story; He says that he entered heaven through a hole in the sky, and that he saw the Great Spirit, who, told him that the Indians had suffered long enough, and that the time had come for their deliverance. They were to occupy the earth once more, which had been taken from them by the whites, but they were not to kill or molest them. The Great Spirit told him that the earth was getting full of holes, and many places were rotten. He would gradually send a wave of earth 20 feet or more over the country, and that it would move slowly. The Indian must keep dancing so as to be on top, and when the wave