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number of the spectators, I went on to the house of Henry Bullhead, three miles distant, where I remained over night, and returned to Sitting Bull's house next morning, where I had a long talk with Sitting Bull and a number of his followers.

I spoke very plainly to them, pointing out what had been/p.565/done by the government for the Sioux people, and how this faction, by their present conduct, were abusing the confidence that had been reposed in them by the government in its magnanimity in granting them full amnesty for all past offences when, from destitution and imminent starvation, they were compelled to surrender as prisoners of war in 1880 and 1881, and I dwelt at length upon what was being done in the way of education of their children and for their own industrial advancement, and assured them of what this absurd chase would lead to and the result that would certainly follow.

"I spoke with feeling and earnestness, and my task was well received, and I am convinced that it had a good effect. Sitting Bull, while being very obstinate and at first inclined to assume the role of a big chief before his followers, finally admitted the truths of my reasoning, and said that he believed me to be a friend to the Indians as a people, but that I did not like him personally, but that when in doubt in any matter in following my advice he had always found it well, and that now he had a proposition to make to me which, if I agreed to and would carry out, it would allay all further excitement among the Sioux over the ghost dance, or else convince me of the truth of the belief of the Indians in their new doctrine.

"He then stated his proposition, which was that I should accompany him on a journey to trace from the beginning the story of the Indian Messiah, and when he reached the last tribe, or where it originated, if they could not produce the man who started the story, and we did not find the new Messiah, as described, upon the earth, together with the dead Indians returning to reinhabit this country, he would return convinced that they