

and after receiving an assurance from / ⁷⁸ me, that I would follow as soon as circumstances would permit, he departed, saying, that I would either find the camp or his dead body at the mouth of Milk River.

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CHAPTER IX.

Intense cold causes great suffering; Final trip to the hostiles; The Chicago Times takes a hand; Sitting Bull disgraced and driven back to Canada with forty-three lodges; Patriarch Crow succeeds to the Chieftainship, and proceeds with me to Buford, where the entire band is surrendered to Major Brotherton; Sitting Bull soon follows, and my work was done.

I remained three days at Poplar Creek, assisting in the removal of Gall's band to Fort Buford, transportation having been provided by an order from General Terry. The weather becoming intensely cold, there was much suffering among the women and children, many of them having their feet, hands and faces frozen; but all received most excellent care as soon as they arrived at Buford, and were placed under the care of Major Brotherton.

When I started again for Sitting Bull's / ⁸⁰ camp, I went in a government sleigh, with the dauntless Day again as teamster, and this time I was accompanied by Mr. Charles Deihl, of the Chicago Times.

On the evening of the second day out from Poplar Creek, we stopped for the night in a deserted cabin in the woods by the river. Near by, I found encamped three or four families, who had the day before left Sitting Bull's camp, from whom I received important information. They said that the fugitives had reached the camp and spread the news of the attack by the troops at Poplar Creek, alarming the Indians, who, with Sitting Bull in the lead, began a hasty retreat to the north, so