

This is the actual condition of affairs at every agency this side of the Missouri River; and while we are flattered by the representations of a few, and slumber in the belief that their savage prejudices are to be overcome by generous acts, fatherly care, and kindness, we shall be startled by a massacre and awake to find that their war spirit is not to be controlled by kindness entirely.

In the North, on this side of the Yellowstone River, there are not far from four hundred and fifty lodges of Indians, composed mostly of Uncpapas, but made up from all the different bands at the several agencies. Their principal chiefs are No Neck, Black Moon, Sitting Bull, and Four Horses, but they have several others. These Indians are hostile and their camp is a place of safety for all the bad characters of the agencies. They serve to keep a spirit of resistance to the influence of the better disposed, and by their successful raids on our frontier encourage the braves. One old chief, who had received his lesson by sad experience, said to me, "The young men will have to feel the power of the white man's soldiers before they will learn." This is the evidence of ~~many of the white men who are true friends~~ every true friend of the whites among the Indians; there can be no certain and permanent change for the better until all of the Sioux are brought under the power of the Government.

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