

no one to talk about anything but business. (To the committee:) Our people have been like the little fish in a stream of muddy water, they wandered about without seeing their way, but you, my friends, have come to clear the water and show us our way. You have come to wake us up from a long sleep, and show us where we are. Your hearts have grown large from wisdom and knowledge, and we are glad we have the opportunity of talking to you. I went to Washington some time ago and I have the pictures of men of your standing, which I have kept ever since.

By the Chairman:

Q. Do the Indians at Standing Rock want to become farmers and live like the white man? - A. Yes, sir: they do.

Q. Would not each one like to have a farm by himself if he could keep everybody else off of it, and have everything on the farm for himself? - A. Of course we know that is the thing we ought to do, but we are not able to do it without help.

Q. What do you want the Great Father to give you that will help you to become farmers like the white man? - A. I suppose you know that not long ago a great many Indians were brought here, and some of them were very poor. I suppose the Great Father knows that, and if you men want to say anything to us, we want you to come to the point.

Q. If the Indians want to go to farming the Great Father wants to help them, but they must tell him what they want. - A. The Great Father has made many promises to us, and we have come here to-day to see if we will ever get any benefit from those promises.

Q. What promises has the Great Father made to the Indians which have not been fulfilled? - A. The promises at Fort Rice; and when we gave up the Black Hills country; and at the council we held here last fall.

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/ Q. What were those promises? - A. There were a great many things.

Q. Do you want the Great Father to help you and your people to build houses and cultivate the land like white men, and help you to live like white man? - A. Those things were promised years ago, but those promises were never fulfilled. The Great Father promised us houses to live in, and some one to show us how to work the land, and