

After this I went out from the tent and looked at the people screaming, dancing, and wildly waving their arms in the air. One man whom I knew well fell upon the ground affecting that he was unconscious. I went up to him and said, "Louis, get up, you are not unconscious, you are not ill; get up and help me to send these people home." Louis rose and looked about him. All the people saw him obey me and of course lost their faith in the dance. Many of them turned to go home tho some still stayed. I think we met at least a mile of wagons filled with Indians returning to their homes. At least many of them were convinced that it was useless to dance and that what Sitting Bull had told them was false. Many were sent from the dance and others returned before entering it at all. This was the last occasion I had to see the people before the awful tragedy occurred which ended Sitting Bull's life. I think I was the last white person whom they saw before that time. Colonel McLaughlin and others were there shortly before but not at so late a date and when so many hundreds of people were gathered together when the dance was at its height.

If Sitting Bull had been left to himself, without interference of the white people, in this dance proceedings with what knowledge he had of the Bible it is not certain just what would have happened. He tried many times to compromise with me in so far that I would agree to teach his people, for which he would be very thankful, and that I must induce them to go to the dances as they had always done. These two things could not be done tho for the people whom we had converted believed that there would be a resurrection day and that the Christ would come sometime but that it would be in the future while Sitting Bull, with his winning personality and gracious presence was not to be resisted with his theory that the Christ had come for the Indians now and that they alone would rise. He made them believe, so far as he could, that the whites never would be resurrected and that if the Indians were brot to life that of necessity the animals would have to be also for without them they could not live for there would not be sufficient food for them and all their ancestors. He told them that they would soon see their friends and there would be plenty to eat for everyone and that all the Indians would hereafter live in eternal joy, and that they would go back to their old way of