

## THE LATE "SITTING BULL."

A CORRESPONDENT in an American paper, speaking of this late powerful chief, says :

Totanka-e-o-Tocha, the "Bull Sitting down," euphonized and abbreviated into "Sitting Bull," was of the tribe of the Uncapapa Sioux, the most warlike division of the Sioux nation. When a mere lad he killed a half grown buffalo, and dragged it several miles to his father's tepee, when he sank on his knees exhausted, hence his name Sitting Bull. He was born in the year 1833, and was consequently 57 years of age at the time of his death. He early developed qualities of leadership, not in war or chase but in the councils of his tribe and around the camp fire, and although not a chief by heredity, secured by force of intellect a position of pre-eminence among the leaders of the nation. When but sixteen years of age he endured the tortures of the Sun Dance, and in 1876 underwent the ordeal. In May, 1876, one month before the fatal fight of the Little Big Horn, 130 lodges clustered around his buffalo skin tepee, and all the huge camp, the Ogallalas, Minneconjoux, Sans-Ares, Brules, Blackfeet, acknowledged him as chief. Sitting Bull was not personally engaged in the Custer fight, but it was undoubtedly he that planned the attack and he was the leader in the savage orgies that followed the massacre. Afterwards Sitting Bull and his band fled into British territory and made a sort of submission to Major Walsh, at the Mounted Police post at Wood Mountain, in Assiniboia. In 1881 he again fled into British territory, but did not receive a friendly reception and recrossed the border and surrendered to Major Brotherton at Fort Buford. He was detained a prisoner until May, 1884, when he was released and removed with a few lodges to a beautiful spot on the Grand River, about fifty-five miles from Standing Rock agency, which has been his home ever since.

He travelled for six months with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, in which Bull was a star and won great admiration. After his return home he found that his old influence was to a great extent



gone, and that his future life must be one of retirement. This prospect did not suit his ambition, and when the message came of a new Messiah, who was to restore the prestige of the Indian race, he eagerly seized the opportunity of regaining his lost power, and posed as a John the Baptist commissioned to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. The details of his refusal to come to the agency, his arrest, attempted rescue and death are generally known, and will give a greater feeling of security to the frontier settlers in Montana and Dakota. Sitting Bull was a type of his race, treacherous and hating the whites with an implacable hatred. His followers themselves hated while they feared him, and dreaded while they damned him.

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