

to me, he would not permit me to put them on myself, but obliged me to allow him to perform that service,—even insisting on fastening the thongs, and showing the same marks of respect that servants do to their Masters upon rendering them this service. Kneeling at my feet, he said to me, ‘It is in this way that we treat those whom we honor.’

“On another occasion when I went to see him, [88] he arose from his seat to yield it to me, with the same formalities that politeness demands of gentlefolk.

“I proclaimed the Faith to them publicly in the general Council held a few days after my arrival in this country, and privately in their cabins during their month’s sojourn here,—and afterward throughout the following Autumn and Winter, during which I baptized thirty-four of their children, nearly all of this number being in the cradle. I may say, too, for the consolation of this Mission, that the first one of all these people to take possession of Heaven in the name of all his Countrymen, was a Pouteouatami child whom I baptized soon after my arrival, and who died immediately afterward.

[89] “During the same Winter I received into the Church five Adults, of whom the first was an aged man, about a hundred years old, who was regarded by the Savages as a sort of divinity. He was wont to fast twenty days at a time, and had visions of God—that is, according to these people, of the Maker of the Earth. Nevertheless, he fell ill; and he was attended in his sickness by two of his daughters, who showed an assiduity and love above the capacity of Savages. Among other services rendered him by them was that of repeating to him, in the