

and they offer him a somewhat similar sacrifice when they go to fish, or undertake a voyage. This sacrifice consists of throwing into the water tobacco, provisions, and kettles; and in asking him that the water of the river may flow more slowly, that the rocks may not break their canoes, and that he will grant them an abundant catch.

Besides these common *Manitous*, each person has his own special one, which is a bear, a beaver, a bustard, or some similar animal. They carry the skin of this animal to war, to the hunt, and on their journeys,—fully persuaded that it will preserve them from every danger, and that it will cause them to succeed in all their undertakings.

When a Savage wishes to take to himself a *Manitou* the first animal that appears to his imagination during sleep is generally the one upon which his choice falls. He kills an animal of this kind, and puts its skin—or its feathers, if it be a bird—in the most conspicuous part of his cabin; he makes a feast in its honor, during which he addresses it in the most respectful terms; and thereafter this is recognized as his *Manitou*.

As soon as I saw the coming of spring I left *Missilimakinak*, that I might go the country of the Illinois. I found on my way many Savage Tribes, among them the *Maskoutings*, the *Sakis*, the *Omikoues*, the *Ouinipegouans*, the *Outagamis*, and others. All these Tribes have their own peculiar language; but, in all other respects, they do not differ in the least from the *Outaouacks*. A Missionary who lives at the bay des Puants, makes excursions, from time to time, to the homes of these Savages, in order to instruct them in the truths of Religion.