

has lately been graded down, in street improvements, but whether the Pawnee's bones were found in it or not I do not know.

Little Hill used to camp on the knoll at the country end of the Wisconsin-river bridge at Portage,—about where our house was subsequently built. In a fire-water row there, in 1837 or 1838, he murdered another Indian, whereupon he fled to the west of the Mississippi to escape vengeance. I afterward frequently met him at the Yellow river agency. He was a short, thick-set man. He afterwards became a very good Indian, and old Mr. Lowrey made a chief of him as a reward of merit.¹ Little Hill died a good many years ago.

I want to close my narrative with an account of the condition of the grave of my father, Pierre Paquette.² His remains were originally buried under the Catholic chapel which had been built by him on what is now known as Conant street, near the northeast corner of Adams. The land then belonged to the government, but afterwards a strip of territory was granted to Lecuyer, across the marsh, along the transportation route, and it included this place. Webb & Bronson³ succeeded to the possession of the Lecuyer claim. The little chapel was afterward burned down, and a wooden railing was placed around the grave, to mark the spot. A wooden cross, unpainted and uninscribed, was the only monument. In 1857⁴ the remains were removed and placed under the rear doorway of the new church, built on the old site; but there was nothing ever put up to mark the grave, nothing to show to the world that under the door-sill my father lay.

In 1859 or 1860⁵ the church authorities purchased the old Baptist church lot, in another part of the city, and aban-

¹ Shogonikkaw (Little Hill) furnished Agent Jonathan E. Fletcher with some Winnebago myths, to be found in *Schoolcraft*, iv., p. 228; see also *Wis. Hist. Coll.*, v., p. 309.—ED.

² *Wis. Hist. Coll.*, viii., p. 319; *Hist. Columbia Co.*, p. 626.—ED.

³ *Hist. Columbia Co.*, p. 591.—ED.

⁴ *Ibid.* says 1852.—ED.

⁵ October 29, 1859.—ED.