

a tenth of their former numbers." And he describes a waste area seven miles in extent, still showing the traces of cultivation once carried on by them throughout its whole extent. In 1738, nearly half of the Cherokees perished by the small-pox; but the Creeks early recognized the necessity of isolating those attacked by the disease; and so, to a large extent, escaped the decimating influence of this terrible scourge.

The Indians of the Six Nations still preserve at Tuscarora, on the Grand River, the Silver Communion Service brought with them from the old home of their most warlike tribe, in the Mohawk Valley, of the State of New York, and which bears the inscription:

"A. R. 1711. THE GIFT OF HER MAJESTY, ANN, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, OF GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE, AND IRELAND, AND OF HER PLANTATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA, QUEEN: 'TO HER INDIAN CHAPPEL OF THE MOHAWKS.'"

This singularly interesting memorial is of earlier date, and associated alike with a race peculiarly identified with Canadian history and with its royal donor. Nevertheless the Picalata horn may be fitly classed with the Silver Communion Plate "of the Indian Chapel of the Mohawks," as a historical memorial of incidents otherwise lost sight of, and of a representative Indian nation now disappearing from the scenes where little more than a century ago it treated on proud equality with the representatives of the British Crown.

