

the Queen Anne plate was only used on state occasions. Last July the Bishop visited the reserve on his confirmation tour, and this being regarded as a state occasion, the missionary, the Rev. G. A. Anderson, sent word to Mrs. Hill that he would like to have the Queen Anne plate brought to the church.

A day or two after the event Mrs. Hill sent to the clergyman's house to have the communion plate returned. To her surprise, he refused to give up the plate, on the ground that he was the proper custodian thereof. This action on the part of the missionary produced great indignation among Mrs. Hill's friends on the reserve, and resulted eventually in a large number of the church communicants refusing to attend his ministrations, and in dividing the Mohawks into two parties, some siding with the missionary, and others with Mrs. Hill.

Finally, the Indian Department stepped in and proposed certain regulations in reference to the custody of so valuable a historic relic. Among others the regulations vested the appointment of the custodian with the Council of Chiefs, and required that the custodian should give bonds for the safety of the plate, and also should provide a suitable fire-proof safe in which to keep it.

Thereupon the Council of Chiefs by a majority vote appointed Mrs. Hill the custodian, upon which she offered a bond, which was accepted by the department, and provided herself with a safe as required by the regulations. And when all this was done the Indian Department instructed the local agent to go to the clergyman and demand the plate, and to give it back to Mrs. Hill's custody.

This the clergyman refused to do. As the matter now stands, the feeling of dissatisfaction is more intense than ever, and it may take years to remove the bitter feeling, and restore perfect harmony among the Mohawks.

BLACKHAWK'S FAREWELL SPEECH.

On August 27th 1832, after the suppression of an Indian *emeute*, near the Four Lakes, by the United States army, the great Indian Chief, Blackhawk, losing all hope, surrendered himself at Prairie du Chien. On this occasion he delivered a remarkable speech, a full