

may, according to Chief Gibson, conclude as follows: "Thank to our Father who art in heaven. We still have the duty and privilege of planting corn, beans, squashes, and other vegetable. We ask you, our Father, to supply us this season with food, to send the game birds and animals, as usual. We thank you to-day as we have the privilege of performing our ceremony."

Two singers are now selected for the Feather Dance, in which all take part, and in this way give thanks to the four angels and the Great Spirit. When through with the dance, the next feature is the game of bowl, the women on one side and the men on the other. The articles wagered are all some kind of seeds, such as corn, beans, the seeds of the squash, pumpkin, water-melon, cucumber, musk-melon, etc. A woman is appointed to collect from the men. The contributions are placed in the centre of the longhouse. The men and women each select a player. When a player is unlucky in shaking, another player takes his or her place, and so on, until the counters are all won. The losing side appoints a speaker to congratulate the winners. The winning of the game by the women is considered more auspicious of a good harvest than success by the men. Thanks are again given to the Great Spirit (Hawen'yu')¹ at the end of the game. The speaker on the losing side says: "Now you have succeeded and we produce these seeds to your hand." A female, one of the Qotwi'zas, on behalf of her side then says: "My sons, we have to perform our duty in thanking our Great Three Sisters (A' se Na'degodä'nö'dää'). We have now to ayagwatö-wi'sa' (sing for our Great Three Sisters), and you must help us sing." All stand up, the men lining up on one side of the centre, the women on the other. The leader of the women uses the rattle and sings, all joining in. She then says: "I have finished thanking our Mother," then hands the rattle to the next in line, who says, as before: "I have to sing to thank our Mother," and so on with the others. When the women have finished, their leader hands the rattle to the head man and says: "Now, my sons, it's your duty as well to sing, thanking our Great Sisters." The leading man then sings and finishes by returning the rattle

¹ Prayer to Great Spirit, Morgan, *League of the Iroquois*, vol. I., p. 210.