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A GIFT FROM QUEEN ANNE.

During the reign of Queen Anne a valuable communion set was presented by her Majesty to the Mohawk Chapel—in other words, to her Majesty's loyal allies, the Mohawks, who at that time resided in the State of New-York. When the Revolutionary War ended adversely to the British, the Mohawks, with many United Empire Loyalists, removed to Canada.

It appears that the plate was buried in their old reservation near Albany, N. Y., and remained for some years, or until the Mohawks became settled in the reservations near Brantford, and on the Bay of Quinte, Ontario. Then a party was sent back, and the plate was resurrected and taken safely to Canada. One-half of the communion set was left with the Mohawks at the Grand River, and the other half with the Mohawks of the Bay Quinte.

For a period of twenty-two years prior to last July the plate was safely kept by Mrs. J. W. Hill, a granddaughter of the celebrated chief, Capt. Brant, whose mother was the original custodian, having kept it from the time of its arrival in Canada to the time of her death. Of course, the custodian was required to take the communion plate to the church on communion days.

Many years ago, Archdeacon Stewart, who took a great interest in the Mohawks, presented them with a full communion set, after which