

pressed by our prayers and by our gifts to an ever increasing extent. And we earnestly trust that our people in our Quebec Parishes, when they hear that the Reverend H. Gomery is coming to pay them a visit, will all gladly cooperate with their Clergymen in making the S. P. C. K. Services and meetings from the very beginning in every sense a great success.

Pan-Anglican Conference.

NOTE.—The Reports of Committees have only the authority of the Committees presenting them. But the Resolutions appended have the authority of the whole Conference.

REPORT ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION.

The Committee, in presenting its Report with the accompanying Resolutions, recalls to the Conference that in the first session at which the subjects referred to it were discussed the order of consideration was (1) the position and functions of the Lambeth Conference; (2) a central consultative body; (3) a tribunal of reference; (4) the relation of Primates and Metropolitans to the See of Canterbury. It has, therefore, adopted this order in its Report and Resolutions.

Each decade as it passes brings out more clearly the importance of our duty to maintain and develop the unity and coherence of the Anglican Communion. We learn to realise more and more explicitly the value of the unique combination of respect for authority and consciousness of freedom in the truth, which distinguishes the great body in which God has called us to minister. We begin to perceive in what degree it may impress the rest of Christendom, and in union, in God's good time, with the rest of Christendom, may impress the world in accordance with our Lord's desire (S. John xvii. 21, 23). We also grow more conscious, as time goes on, what are the lessons which the different portions of

our Communion may learn from one another. Yet at the same time we perceive that there are tendencies within and without which require to be directed or guarded against with the greatest watchfulness and foresight, if this characteristic type of unity is to be maintained and thus to appeal to the intellect, the imagination and the heart of mankind.

The Lambeth Conferences of the last thirty years have been the most obvious expressions of this unity, and their service to the creation of the desired impression can hardly be overestimated. We can point to resolutions passed by these Conferences which have largely guided the practice of the Provinces of our Communion; and their indirect influence in proving the possibility of such meetings for counsel, and in perfecting their methods, in bringing home to ourselves the nature and bearings of our work, in checking undue tendencies to divergence, and in exhibiting to others our brotherly fellowship, is equally manifest. We therefore submit the accompanying resolutions which in our judgment sufficiently describe the functions and position of the Lambeth Conferences, and their relation towards the Churches and Provinces whose Bishops take part in them.

Keeping in mind the ancient principle "Quod omnes similiter tangit ab omnibus approbetur," we have endeavoured to consider in what ways, under present circumstances, the unity and responsibility of the whole body may receive practical recognition, beyond that which it gains from the resolutions and opinions expressed from time to time by the Lambeth Conferences. We have, therefore, next turned our attention to the questions referred to us regarding a central consultative body and a tribunal of reference. The Committee hopes that it has in a measure overcome the difficulty of reconciling what may be theo-