

during the morning and afternoon sessions. Every evening there will be a mass meeting in the Albert Hall. The subjects to be discussed are as follows: (1) The Church and Human Society. (2) The Church and Human Thought. (3) The Church's Ministry. (4) The Church's Missions in non-Christian Lands. (5) The Church's Missions in Christendom; and (6) The Anglican Communion. To quote from the preliminary handbook: "Each of these six great subjects is to be discussed for six days in the mornings and afternoons. They are, in fact, great sections, sitting simultaneously in six centres, after the model of the sectional meetings of the British Association." Tuesday, June 23rd, will be a devotional day, its subject being, "The Church's Call to Service." On Saturday afternoon there will be a great children's gathering; on Sunday a mass meeting for men only, and on Tuesday for women only. On Wednesday, June 24th, St. John the Baptist's Day, there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at St. Paul's Cathedral at 8 a.m., and a thanksgiving service also at St. Paul's at 11 a.m., with the presentation of the great thank-offering. From what I stated last week it appears that the Church calls upon all her children to unite and offer up to God a great and noble thank-offering. The highest and best thank-offering that we can give is "ourselves, our souls and bodies to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto God"; that we should, one and all, consecrate ourselves to Him in holy, loving and faithful service; that we should reverently say, in the words of our Blessed Redeemer: "Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God" (Heb. 10:7, 9). All who are thus consecrated to Him will find "His yoke easy and His burden light." "Who, then, is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" (1 Chron. 29:5). The Church bids us all show our thankfulness at the approaching Pan-Anglican Congress in one of two ways: either (1) by offering ourselves for missionary service, or (2) by giving liberally of our substance to the cause of missions. Now, in order that her call may be obeyed it must be heard. We have not made the best of our opportunities. If a noble enterprise like ours had been taken in hand by the Methodists or Presbyterians more than four years ago, it would have been spread abroad and made known throughout Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the limit of civilization in the north to the boundary of our Dominion in the south. They know how to utilize the Press. Let us learn a lesson from them. Let us preach about the thank-offering. Let us talk about it. Let every loyal Churchman and Churchwoman who reads this paper feel at liberty to preach about the Pan-Anglican Congress and the great thank-offering, in the home, on the street, among friends, not only "on special occasions," but whenever and wherever a favourable opportunity offers. Again, why not write to the Church papers on the subject; and why not seek to increase the circulation of those papers, so that the faithful may read about it? The secular papers can also be used with great success. Let every faithful member of the Church, in city and in country, take care that letters and articles dealing with the subject appear in the papers from time to time, and an interest and enthusiasm will be aroused that will ensure the success of the thank-offering. I believe that the members of the Church will respond heartily and enthusiastically to the appeal if the case is put plainly and clearly before them. For my own part, I brought the matter before my congregation more than three months ago, and since then I have frequently spoken about it, and explained it more fully to the best of my ability, with most satisfactory results. They have already given more to the thank-offering than the quota asked of them by the diocese, and many of them take as deep an interest in the success of the Congress as I do myself. I have no doubt that they will do still better than they have already done. I believe that this will be the experience of every clergyman where the people are made acquainted with the Church's call. But if we would have a blessing on our efforts we must do all in a spirit of prayer. "O Lord of the harvest, we beseech Thee mercifully to stir by Thy Holy Spirit the hearts of many, both men and women, to offer themselves at this time as labourers in Thy harvest; make them ready to spend and be spent in Thy service, and so willingly to lose their lives in this world, that they may gather fruit unto life eternal; to the honour of Thy Name, who livest and reignest with the Father and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen."

"The Holy Church is calling us. Who will obey the call,

And consecrate to God themselves, their hearts, their lives, their all?

She calls for saints to work for Him, in strange and distant lands,

In frozen regions, it may be, or on the burning sands;

She calls for soldiers of the Cross to go wherever sent,

Like faithful Abram, who "went out, not knowing whither he went."

The call resounds in Canada, through east, west, south and north;

Let men and women hear the cry, and all who can go forth.

All cannot go to foreign fields to fight against Christ's foe;

Let those who cannot, give their gold, that those who can may go.

Thus will a great thankoffering be made to God above,

And saints will show their fellowmen the heavenly gift of love."

"Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove, with all Thy quickening powers;

Kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours." Amen.

The Churchwoman.

COLUMBIA.

Victoria.—In the cathedral schoolroom, on Thursday, January 16th, Bishop Perrin addressed a meeting of women on the Pan-Anglican Congress, its aims and its mode of operation. His Lordship said at the outset that the spread of the Anglican Church throughout the world was one of the most wonderful facts of the nineteenth century. One hundred years ago there was not an Anglican Bishop outside of the United Kingdom; now there were dioceses not only in all the colonies, but in every part of the world. The Episcopal Church of the United States was the daughter of the Church of England, and was in full communion with the Mother Church. The Bishops of the whole Church were summoned to a Conference every ten years. This Conference was simply a meeting for the discussion of questions interesting to the Church. It had no power to legislate and no resolutions were passed. The last meeting had been held during the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, in 1897 but this year it had been decided to return to the old custom and hold the Conference in 1908. Four years ago Bishop Montgomery, Secretary of the S.P.G., and proposed that at the time of the Pan-Anglican Conference a Congress of clergy, laymen, and women should be held. The plan had been ridiculed at first, but it had gone on, and now in every diocese in the Anglican Communion preparations were being made to take part in the Congress, which is to meet in London on the 15th of June and the following days. Six delegates are to represent each diocese. The meetings are to be held in the Albert Hall, and the most important subjects are to be discussed. In St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 24th of June, a thankoffering from all parts of the world will be presented, the money being devoted to the advancement of the work of the Anglican Church throughout the world. As the Bishop, the Rev. E. G. Miller and the Rev. G. W. Cooper would be in England at the time, they would represent the diocese of Columbia, and the other three delegates will be chosen at a later date. The meetings will be open to men and women alike, and the subjects will be discussed by both. Under the heading of "The Church and Human Thought," all subjects which we were accustomed to look upon as religious would be considered. The Bishop believed that women as well as men were troubled by doubts. Many excellent papers had been prepared on subjects dealing with this part of the work of the Congress, and a study of them could not fail to be beneficial. Under the head of "The Church and Society," the practical side of the Church's work would be dealt with. It was decided that the women of the Anglican Church in Victoria should meet on the 10th of February to consider some of these subjects, which were of special interest to women. Mrs. Luxton, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Millar, and the Misses Turner and Lawson were appointed a committee to persuade ladies to speak on the subjects that would be brought before them in a short address by the Bishop. These subjects included marriage and divorce, gambling, the employment of women, the education of children, and some others.

MONTREAL.

Hemmingford.—The annual business meeting of the Hemmingford and Hallerton Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the residence of Mrs. de Mome-

piers. The old officers were re-elected. Delegates to Diocesan Auxiliary, Mrs. Edw. Kenny and Miss Farr; Committee re Arranging Work, Mrs. John Collings and Miss Lizzie Keddy. Cash receipts, \$40, and a box of goods valued at \$53.60 was sent to an Indian mission in the Diocese of Algoma in November. The meetings have been well attended during the year, and much interest in the cause of missions was manifested among the members.

OTTAWA.

In connection with the Pan-Anglican Congress to be held in London, England, from July the 15th to 23rd, several papers will be prepared and presented by the women members of the Church of England. To further this idea a Women's Committee has been formed in England, consisting of the Diocesan Bishop's wives and other ladies, representing literary, educational and social interests, as well as the missionary and Church societies. Each diocese has been asked to form a diocesan sub-committee. In accordance with the foregoing recommendations of the English committee, a Women's Committee for the Diocese of Ottawa has been formed at the instance of Mrs. Hamilton. Five circles have been formed for the study of the five topics chosen: (1) Social Problems; (2) Race and Missionary Problems; (3) Modern Phases of Religious Thought; (4) Education; (5) The Ministry of Women. Five general meetings for the reading of papers and discussions are to be held on the last Saturdays of January, February, March, April, and May. These meetings will be held at three o'clock at the Carleton School, corner of Elgin and McLaren Streets. Church women of every parish in the diocese are cordially asked to attend the meetings, to join, if possible, one of the circles studying a special subject; and at least by reading to keep in touch with the work of the committee. The ladies in charge of these meetings are: Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. W. A. Read, Mrs. Woolcombe, Mrs. Capp, Miss Smith, and Miss Green, secretary. The papers to be discussed to-day include: The Ecclesiastical and Civil Marriage Law of Canada; the Divorce Law of Canada; Educational Conditions; Religious Teaching in the Public Schools; Education from a Mother's Standpoint; the Discovery of Christian Science, and the Race Problem. A special meeting of St. Anna's Guild of St. Matthew's Church, was held last week in the parish room. There was a large attendance of members present. After the opening office of the Guild, said by the rector, arrangements were made for the annual lunch, which will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, February 26th and 27th. The following conveners of committees were appointed: Luncheon, Mrs. N. B. Sheppard, Mrs. G. W. Dawson, Mrs. Beeson; Candy Table, Mrs. C. S. Clarke and Mrs. R. Keeley; Ice Cream, Miss Haycock. On the Thursday evening a novel children's concert and entertainment will be given under the direction of Mrs. C. D. Graham.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

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Mr. F. W. Thomas has been in Montreal for the past few days. He is advocating the holding of the Dominion Brotherhood Convention in this city next fall. There is no finer city for a convention than Montreal, and the clergy who have been spoken to are greatly in favour of the Convention coming here. No doubt it would give a great impetus to Brotherhood work in Montreal.

Eastern Ontario, Brotherhood of St. Andrew Conference.—On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, January 17th to 19th, was held in Brockville, the most successful of the many Brotherhood Conferences that have taken place in late years in Canada. The plans had been well and carefully laid, a little army of workers in the five Chapters in that town took up the work enthusiastically. Every detail was carefully attended to, the matter had received earnest consideration for nearly a year, and the Conference had been made a subject of prayer by Brotherhood members, and Churchmen generally in Eastern Ontario. Delegates began to arrive on Friday afternoon, they were met by members at the station, wearing badges, taken to St. Paul's school-house, where registration took place, and were then assigned billets and