

ASK ME ANOTHER
Answers.

1. The General Convention which meets every three years.
2. The bishops and four priests and four laymen from each diocese, and a priest and a layman from each missionary district.
3. Dean MacDonald and Dr. Langdon.
4. Decided policies, and adopts the Program and its budget.
5. A schedule of work to be done during the coming three years.
6. Yes. It is in a book called the "General Church Program" which may be had of your rector or Archdeacon Hawken.
7. Convocation, which meets every year.
8. The clergy and lay delegates from each parish and mission.
9. Decided policies, and adopts a diocesan program and a budget for it.
10. In proportion to its spendings on local support.
11. The Vestry, and especially the treasurer.
12. To see that the money entrusted to him for this purpose goes forward promptly.

SAN JOAQUIN'S FIRST LEGACY

A letter from Mr. H. M. Gauntlett, administrator of the will of the late Reverend Francis Owen Jones, makes it possible to announce that the entire estate amounting to fifteen thousand dollars has been left to the diocese. The fund is to remain intact and to bear the name of the Francis O. and Beatrice A. Missionary Fund. The interest, after deducting certain annuities to surviving members of his family is to be used to support an itinerant missionary.

ST. MATTHIAS', OAKDALE

Dr. Bonner, the vicar of St. Matthias', writing to the editor of the anniversary of the parish which was announced in the last Bulletin, speaks as follows:

"The dinner Saturday night was a delightful affair. Every chair at the tables was occupied. There was a pleasing program during which excellent addresses were made by the Rev. Messrs. Montgomery, Brewster and Gillmor. Felicitations were read from the Archdeacon, from the Rev. Mr. Couper, who was rector of Modesto at the time St. Matthias' was built, and from The Rev. George Hoisholt, son of the parish and its gift to the ministry of the Church. Deaconess Dorsey, and Mrs. Hoffmann spoke briefly. The mission presented the vicar with a week-end hat box, and Mrs. Bonner with a lounging robe, both anticipatory of the summer's journey. The guild managed all the affairs of the evening.

The special preacher at the anniversary service was Dean Herbert H. Powell, Ph. D., D. D., of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, who preached to a large congregation an inspiring and able sermon on the Christian ministry. So appropriate for the coming ember days. Dr. Powell had preached the sermon at the occasion of Dr. Bonner's ordination four years ago.

MADERA'S PLAN

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whom we know and trust so well. It came with tremendous emphasis, and a direct personal challenge to everyone in the district.

Church's Business Is to Make Contacts.
So the open forum schedule has been thought out and arranged as an attempt to meet the challenge. "Organized Christianity is in a bad way!" "Our leaders and our people are not living the religion of Jesus." How did Jesus live His religion?

WILLIAM PAYNE.

THE SYNOD

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quin delegation included Rev. Hugh E. Montgomery, the Ven. Archdeacon Wm. Hawken, the Rev. Wm. E. Patrick, Mr. Haydn Arrow-smith and Dr. S. W. R. Langdon. Mrs. A. J. Ikin of Bakersfield was the sole representative at the Provincial Auxiliary meeting.

MRS. R. J. DOWNING

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of Church relationship. She felt her spirit would be hampered, that she would perhaps be denying the reality of the wonderful experiences of Divine communion which had been, her's if she sought the intermediary of the Sacramental means of grace. She worked in Parish organizations and entered with reverence and devotion into the Church's worship. Yet the Church as an authoritative institution and the sacramental system as a means of spiritual development did not appeal to her. But as time went on and more and more her intense spirit sought opportunity to express itself she experienced what was for her a rediscovery of the Church—not merely an authority or a means but a living fellowship in the freedom and service of the Spirit of Truth. Then in the joy of her larger service she found the life and strength which comes from Christ through the fellowship which is His Body, the Church.

Though not designed deliberately, it was perhaps a fitting climax to her years of struggle to find freedom for her spiritual expression in the Church that her confirmation should have taken place not in her own Parish with its suggestion of parochial limitation, but, through happily presented by her rector, Mr. Martyr,—at a Diocesan Convocation as though she would claim at once her fellowship with the whole Body of Christ.

As we think of what her life was here we see in it the fore-gleam of what her life must be now. Surely, without the limitations which earthly imperfections imposes, her free spirit presses on toward the culmination of her quest for Truth in the fullness of her fellowship with God.

"O blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
Yet all are one in Thee for all are Thine.
Alleluia."

RESOLUTION

The following resolution commemorating Mrs. Downing was enacted by the vestry of the Church of the Saviour, Hanford.

Whereas: It has pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself the soul of our friend and co-worker, Mrs. R. J. Downing, and:

Whereas: In her relationships of wife, mother, citizen, friend, Churchwoman, she was exemplary and an inspiration to all who knew her, and:

Whereas: In her passing the Parish and Vestry of the Church of the Saviour have lost a most devoted friend and benefactor. She has taken an active and constant interest in the welfare of the Church's work, whether in the Parish, Diocese, Nation or World, and not only by regular attendance upon meeting, conferences, organizations, and committees, but by a most generous expenditure of time and money for the advancement of the Church's Program and the extension of the Kingdom of God. She truly represented the highest type of loyal and progressive spirit among Churchmen.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we, the members of the Vestry of the Church of the Saviour, extend our sympathy and that of the whole Parish to her family, and express our gratitude for the devoted service she has rendered to the Church and the cause of Christ's Kingdom. "May she rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon her."

Furthermore, Be It Resolved: that the clerk of the Vestry, be instructed to inscribe this Resolution upon our records, and send a copy thereof, to the bereaved husband.

JOS. M. BOWMAN,

Clerk.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

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ing engagements have also been made. The affairs of the diocese will be well cared for in my absence by the officers in charge of the several departments, but the people and the duties of the church in our own jurisdiction will be on my heart and in my prayers, and I shall hope to return refreshed and eager for the fall work.

Faithfully your Bishop,

LOUIS C. SANFORD.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If the Birthday Offerings of the Church Schools have not already been sent to Mrs. Cree please send them promptly. Her address is, Mrs. Chester Cree, 903 J Street, Reedley, Calif.

Schools

ASILOMAR.—The Ninth Summer Conference of the Episcopal Church, State of California, will be held at Asilomar, Monterey County, July 20 to 30. The faculty will include the Rev. L. B. Thomas, Dean; the Rev. C. P. Deems, D. D., the Rev. Richard Trelease, the Rt. Rev. Walter D. Mitchell, D. D.; Bishop of Arizona, Miss Mabel Lee Cooper and the Rev. J. W. Suter, Jr., of the National Department of Religious Education, and Miss Emily C. Tillotson, National Educational Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary.

A well-balanced program of study courses is offered, with every opportunity for recreation, fellowship, and inspiration.

The Rt. Rev. Walter Mitchell, D. D., Bishop of Arizona, will conduct a week-end conference Friday, July 22, to Monday, July 25, which lay workers, especially canvassers, are urged to attend.

Further information may be secured from the Executive Secretary, the Rev. C. P. Deems, D. D., Bush and Gough Streets, San Francisco.

LOS ANGELES SUMMER SCHOOL.—This school, at which Bishop Sanford has been a frequent teacher, will be held at Harvard School, Western Ave., and Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, between the 27th of June and the 2nd of July. The reports which the Bishop and the Rev. Mr. Patrick bring from this school indicate that glorious times are enjoyed there. For information address the Rev. David R. Covell, 1217 Milan Avenue, South Pasadena, Calif.

DIOCESAN TREASURER'S COLUMN

Mr. Lewis B. Franklin, Vice-President and Treasurer of the National Council, writing with reference to Church Program receipts says:

"No records broken this year up to June 1st, but nothing to be ashamed of."

The figures he supplies show:

Total to June 1, last year \$1,102,814.30
Total to June 1, this year \$1,038,500.34

A decrease of \$ 64,313.96
Mr. Franklin points out that last year 44 dioceses and districts paid the full proportion of their budget quotas to date, and this year there are 42 in the honor column.

I find that in the Eighth Province there are six dioceses and districts which have distinguished themselves by appearing in the honor column. With a margin of \$490.24 to the good, the District of San Joaquin is one of them.

Of course, we are feeling very happy about it. How did it happen? The answer lies in the fact that we are remitting to New York seven-elevenths of our Program receipts, instead of one-half as last year, leaving only four-elevenths for diocesan needs, so let us not deceive ourselves and say, "Take thine ease." We are meeting our quota to the General Church in the same spirit in which they are meeting their promise to us. And we are doing this on the strength of the pledge word of our people.

We know, full well, the risk we are running, but we are willing to trust you. If you fail us, it will be impossible to pay missionary stipends in full.

"Pay-as-you-go" is being rigidly adhered to and unless we take care of our Church obligations during the summer months, I hate to think of the awkward situation we will have to face a little later in the year.

Among the parting instructions given me by the Bishop, on leaving for the East, were:

1. Pay Missionaries the entire amount of Pledges received from their cures.
2. Pay Missionaries the entire amount of the National appropriation as shown in budget.
3. But pay Missionaries only the proportionate amount received of the district appropriation as shown in budget.

Let us then be up and doing, and preparing now to say to the Bishop on this return from the East three months hence: "Welcome home to your diocesan family, all our pledges and Church Program quotas are paid in full to date."

WILLIAM PAYNE,
Diocesan Treasurer.

Church Service League,

St Paul's Church,

Bakersfield, Calif.

Diocesan



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THE BISHOP'S LETTER

The whole diocese mourns the great loss suffered in the death of Mrs. R. J. Downing. While her executive gifts and gracious personality made her an ideal presiding officer, it was her devotion to Christ which gave her that strong spiritual influence felt not only in home and parish but by all with whom she came in contact. We have enjoyed a rare privilege in our association with her and her memory will long be an inspiration to us. It has been suggested that the Church Service League's gift this year to the National Church be contributed as a memorial to her. No more fitting expression of gratitude for her life can be offered than the speedy completion of this fund. She was deeply interested in the furtherance of the work at Balbalasan and nothing would have afforded her more satisfaction than the assurance that the goal which the Church Service League set for itself last January had been reached.

I hope more of our people than ever before will take advantage of the Summer Conference to be held at Asilomar from the twentieth to the thirtieth of July. The program is being distributed through the clergy. The scope of the courses offered and the high character of the instructors are evidence of the value of the Conference to Church School leaders and all others who are engaged in parish activities of any sort.

Among the courses is one on the Church's Program conducted by Bishop Mitchell of Arizona. It is intended primarily, but not exclusively, for the members of the Provincial Field Staff. The Rev. Mr. Mason of Hanford and Mr. Payne of Fresno will be sent from San Joaquin this year to take this training. They will return even better qualified to take part in our campaign this Fall and possibly their services will be asked for in other dioceses than our own.

We have not yet been able to have any conference of our own for lay people. It has been the less necessary because of the accessibility of Asilomar, and I wish each one of our parishes and missions could send at least a single representative to take advantage of its opportunities. Those who went would not only acquire that which would make them vastly more useful in the Church but would incidentally count the ten days spent at Asilomar among the happiest and most profitable of their experience.

THE DIOCESAN HOUSE

The Cathedral Architect has made the first tentative sketches for the Diocesan House. The plans are not yet sufficiently advanced for publication. And before anything else is done the suggestions must be studied by those who are to use the rooms in order to discover their right proportions and positions in the building. This study was begun a week ago and will continue until a pretty general agreement has been reached as to our needs. Opportunity will be given not only to members of the Cathedral Parish who will find the house indispensable for educational and social purposes, but to churchmen throughout the diocese whose interests will be served by the new structure. This paragraph is intended as a report of progress.

THE BISHOP'S VACATION

For the first time I am planning to spend the summer so far from the sea city as to be unable to run back for occasion engagements or imperative calls. Leaving Fresno on the afternoon of June 12th, I shall motor to the Atlantic coast with two members of my family, spend the month of July in Bristol, Rhode Island, and the month of August in Charlotte, Vermont, and return home about the middle of September. During July I expect to supply services in several places, and in August to take Sunday duty in Grace Church, New York. Other tentative speaking engagements will be announced later.

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MRS. ROBERT J. DOWNING

An Appreciation

(By Dean MacDonald.)

It has been my great privilege to have had over twenty-one years of unbroken fellowship with Mrs. Downing. The fact of our separation by parochial bounds after over six years of happy association in the Church of the Saviour, Hanford, does not in any sense imply a break in fellowship. It might and undoubtedly would in many cases, but Mrs. Downing's life was lived on a plane which transcended ecclesiastical and geographical limitations. To have been privileged to enter with her into the "Secret Garden of the Soul" was to have a conscious and abiding fellowship with her which distance could not weaken, time efface or death itself do away.

Friendship with her was no ordinary experience. Her whole personality was so shot through with spiritual energy that to have common cause with her was to enter into a spiritual experience of rare beauty and helpfulness.

All her life Mrs. Downing was a seeker after Truth. But Truth for her found its full expression in the Person of Jesus Christ. She knew Him intimately as the Lord and Master of her life. Thus while she was essentially a mystic she was also essentially practical in her religious expression.

Prayer was with her not merely a religious gesture but a creative energy. She believed absolutely that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever," and prayer with her meant calling forth the healing, strengthening, comforting, guiding power of Christ just as it had been called forth when He walked upon the earth. Her life of prayer was not ostentatiously either revealed to or concealed from those who knew her. It was as personal as her breathing or her heart-beats, as necessary to complete the life of her soul as these physical functions were to her body, and as little hidden from her friends. Her mail contained daily requests for intercession from many who had come to know the reality and power of her prayer life. Yet socially she was a much sought companion, an ever welcome guest. The reason is that her religion was lived—not talked.

For a long time Mrs. Downing could not bring herself to accept the external aspects (Continued on page 4, col. 2)

A MESSAGE FROM THE SYNOD

To the Congregations
of the Province of the Pacific:

This message of greeting and of report on our common work is sent you by the Ninth Annual Synod of the Province of the Pacific meeting in Seattle, Washington, May 18th to 22nd, 1927.

We have come together from the Dioceses and Missionary Districts that comprise this Province of our Church, covering nearly one-fourth of the area of the United States and numbering over sixty thousand communicants. The fraternal and forward-looking spirit that has animated us at this Synod and made our meeting together such an inspiration, is characteristic, we believe, of our Church in this growing section of our Country. From Alaska to Arizona, from the Great Divide of the Rockies to the Pacific, and looking out across the Pacific to the awakened Orient, we feel ourselves placed of God in the midst of magnificent and challenging opportunities.

Our greatest joy has been to welcome the beloved Presiding Bishop of our Church, The Rt. Rev. John Gardner Murray, who came across the continent to be with us. His sermon sanctifying our service and our giving for Christ's cause, and his words of encouragement as he told of his own love and labors as our leader, deepened our affection for him and our sense of the strong family bond of our Communion—filled us with new enthusiasm and a new sense of responsibility for the whole work of the whole Church.

We have considered many tasks that confront the Kingdom of Our Lord in these days, but particularly as these problems are related to this Province. In our deliberations and decisions, Bishops, Presbyters and Laymen have sat together in one body, and the spirit of fellowship and the sense of the common task have greatly deepened.

We believe we are more and more to plan and work together. To this end, for example, our Field Department will go forward to prepare men who will in turn help our congregations to see the general program of the Church in terms of strategic effort for the spread of Christ's Kingdom wherein none should be negligent. We are alert to questions of Social Service, as for example, in the matter of the integrity of family life; in the particular call that is ours in this Province with regard to the Foreign Born; work with Seamen, and Rural Work; we have considered Evangelism (following the Bishops' Crusade); the pressing needs of Religious Education; the great value of our various Summer Conferences; the encouraging progress of Christian Healing; the young life to be won to Christ in our many student centers as well as in all our parishes and missions; the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, which a considerable portion of our budget assists and strengthens.

We would urge upon the whole Province the use of our Departments and Commissions for the aid that they are able and eager to give.

Concurrent with the meeting of the Synod itself, there have been held largely attended sessions of the Woman's Auxiliary, the Daughters of the King, the Girls' Friendly Society, and the Young People's Fellowship, with representatives present from many parts of the Province. They have conferred about many things and they will return, home, as will we all, strengthened in devotion to Christ and feeling the ties that unite us in Him and our common task.

We trust that you may feel with us these ties and catch with us the vision of what we may do together in this empire that we know as the Province of the Pacific and would claim in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and for His Church.

THE NINTH ANNUAL SYNOD,

Louis Childs Sanford,

Bishop of San Joaquin.

President.

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MRS. DOWNING

In the tragic death of Mrs. Downing we
have all experienced a loss. She was a glor-
ious example to us all, and an inspiration to
all whose love for the Master enabled them
to catch the fire of her spirit.

Dean MacDonald has written so well of her
that there is very little that I can add. But
I want to say a word pointing out the scope
of her loyalties. There were her family and
friends, her work in her community both so-
cial and religious. She was devoted to the
work of the service league in her parish, and
active in advancing mission study there. No
call of sickness either within or without the
parish found her unready to help. Through-
out all the changes of rectors in Hanford her
loyalty to the rector for the time being never
failed. Since the coming of the Program,
and the annual canvass for the Church's Mis-
sion she has been foremost in the parish in
efforts to swing the parish into co-operation
with the rest of us. When the deanery, and
later the diocesan service leagues called her
to leadership she responded, yet never abated
her loyalty or the measure of her service
to her parish. In every sphere of loyalty it
was our Lord and His kingdom she was
serving.

All who were present at the diocesan con-
vention of the service league will remember
the enthusiasm with which she turned to the
work for the Balbalasan fund. Every one
knows the interest with which she followed
it, and how, in every word which she has
given to the diocese, she has not let it be
forgotten.

It seems a fitting suggestion which Mrs.
Packwood of Hanford has made, and which
Mrs. Ikin has approved, that the service
league should make the completion of this
fund a memorial to her memory.

At present only fifty-one dollars of the
fund is in the hands of its treasurer, Mrs.
Tibbitts.

The Archdeacon says that St. Andrew's
Mission, Taft, has secured the title to the
property on which it has been making pay-
ments for the past two or three years, and
that in the fall the mission will erect on it a
hall which may be used both for social pur-
poses and for worship.

The Bulletin extends its congratulations.

The Rev. Mr. Mason, rector of Hanford,
whose energy and leadership did so much to
extend the crusade beyond the walls of the
Cathedral, has been made a member of the
Field Department. At the request of the de-
partment he has undertaken the conduct of
a new column in the Bulletin, "Ask Me An-
other." I hope that the column will run
throughout the coming year.

THE CLOSET

"Enter into thy closet."—Christ Jesus.

Let us give thanks for the life and inspira-
tion of Mrs. Downing.

Let us pray for the school at Balbalasan.

Let us pray that the Service League of our

Diocese may hasten toward the fulfilling

of our quota for the school.

Let us pray for the unity of the Church.

The great world conference on Faith and
Order for which preparations have been go-
ing on for fifteen years is to meet in Lus-
ane, Switzerland, August 3 to 31 of this year.
It will discuss the problems of Church unity,
looking toward a fulfillment of our Lord's
prayer that all may be done.

O Lord Jesus Christ, look with pity, we be-
seech Thee, upon Thy Church weakened and
hindered by difference and divisions; bless
the effort to bring together in conference all
who confess the faith of Thy Holy Name,
Who livest and reignest with the Father and
the Holy Ghost, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD

(By the Rev. Wm. E. Patrick).

The ninth annual synod of the Province
of the Pacific brought together a represen-
tative gathering of Church workers from Al-
aska. All felt that new light was shed on
the place and responsibility of our Church
in advancing the Kingdom of God.

Naturally the outstanding fact of interest
was the presence of our Presiding Bishop,
the Rt. Rev. John Gardner Murray, D. D.
Bishop Murray was the preacher at the
opening service at Trinity Church on the morn-
ing of May 18th; was with Mrs. Murray, the
guest of honor at a public reception at the
Hotel Olympic the same evening, and spoke
again, this time informally, to the synod on
Thursday. Bishop Murray is keenly alive to
the great task of bringing home to us all
the challenge of the Church's Program. His
presence was a benediction and inspiration.

Sharing the public attention with the Pre-
siding Bishop, was the gigantic, but equally
human figure of the Most Rev. A. U. DePen-
cier, D. D., Archbishop of New Westminster,
and Metropolitan of British Columbia. Many
inches over six feet, his great frame houses
a kindly heart and keen intellect. No one
could fail to be moved by his plea at the
mass meeting for the continuance of friend-
ly relations between Canada and America.

The mass meeting on Friday night brought
out a huge attendance with impressive pro-
fessional of the united choirs of Seattle. So
long was the procession that "Publish Glad
Tidings" was sung four or five times, so that
we should all know that stirring hymn by
heart. Bishop Huston of Olympia opened
the service with the Provincial President,
Bishop Sanford introducing the speakers.
Bishop Parsons, the only other speaker be-
sides the distinguished Canadian prelate,
gave a moving appeal to the support of the
missionary activity of the general church.

Many of the delegates thought that the
joint session of the Synod and all organiza-
tions on Thursday afternoon the 19th was
the most stimulating of all the gatherings.
Miss Mabel Lee Cooper, of the National De-
partment of Religious Education, said that
even in the church we were helping in the

physical and mental education, but were real-
ly not making much headway in spiritual
education. "We have no trained teachers,
we have teachers in training" was one of her
striking statements.

Dean Beal of Los Angeles, speaking on a
"Workable Program of Personal Evangel-
ism," said the two things needful were (1)
better preaching and (2) a more genuine co-
operation on the part of the laity in the win-
ning of souls. Dean Beal urged every one
to read Leon C. Palmer's book "The Minis-
try of Laymen."

The Rev. Richard Trelease of Berkeley,
the third speaker at the joint session, speak-
ing on "Evangelism" made the point that the
average person was spreading himself over
too much ground, that more would be accom-
plished if the clergyman concentrated on the
intensive education and training of the key
men, women, boys and girls of his parish.

BUSINESS

In the business sessions of the synod any
move toward strengthening the powers of
the synod provoked considerable discussion.
At times more heat than light was turned on.
Here the kindly but firm hand of the presid-
ing officer, Bishop Sanford, kept the synodic-
al ship on an even keel. We in the San Joa-
quin cannot help being proud of the recogni-
tion of the church at large of our own be-
loved Bishop.

After much discussion it was finally voted
by the synod to request the National Coun-
cil to allow the diocesan bishops to meet
with the missionary bishops in the prepara-
tion of "askings" of the National Council.
At the present time the missionary bishops
meet together to prepare and present their
budgets. Under the proposed arrangement,
those diocesan bishops who have missionary
work for which they need outside aid, would
perhaps establish more firmly in the mind of
the general church the merits of their ap-
peals for assistance.

A resolution passed a year ago asking the
privilege of naming a candidate for a vacant
missionary district on the part of the Pro-
vincial Synod was again passed. In the mind
of the eighth province this seemed better
than the suggestion of the naming of two
men for such a vacancy on the part of the
Synod.

The Department of Religious Education re-
ported on the gratifying attendance at the
various summer schools in the province.
Miss Cooper led a conference in religious
education daily, emphasizing the training in
worship. Mrs. C. H. Kroll of Oakland at this
conference touched upon the educational
service program, illustrated by a service ex-
hibit in the Trinity Church breakfast room.
It was brought out in the synod session that
many leaders felt that too much emphasis
was given on the mere raising of money in
the Lenten boxes and not enough emphasis
on service. Dean Lane moved a resolution
that the principle of stewardship should be
more greatly stressed in the educational
work. By resolution of the synod it was de-
cided that a conference on Religious Educa-
tion should be held on the day previous to
the opening of the regular session of the
synod.

Mr. Haydn Arrowsmith of our diocese who
is treasurer of the Province introduced a
budget which included as its largest items
support of the Divinity School of the Pacific,
and certain traveling expenses connected
with the Campaign for the Church's Pro-
gram. This budget was much discussed and
finally passed.

A Committee was appointed to examine in-
to the matter of a retiring fund for deacon-
esses, for whom at present there is no such
provision.

The Synod accepted the invitation of Bis-
hop Moulton to meet in Salt Lake City. Dean
Lane of Phoenix on behalf of the Bishop of
Arizona invited the synod to Phoenix in 1929.

A pageant written by the Rev. Charles
Stanley Mook touching on the events of
Holy Week was admirably put on by the
choir and members of Trinity Church on
Thursday evening. The beautiful altar and
chancel of Trinity Church showed to good
advantage by ingenious lighting effects.

In addition to Bishop Sanford who presid-
ed at the sessions of the Synod, the San Joa-

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MADERA ACCEPTS THE BISHOP'S CHALLENGE!

Sunday Evening Open-Forum Services
Arranged for the Fall.

Trinity Church, Madera, has taken time
by the forelock and already arranged a
series of open forum Sunday evening serv-
ices for the coming fall season.

Commencing with the third Sunday in Oc-
tober and continuing until a week before
Christmas, specialists in their respective
lines will answer from the chancel steps this
pertinent question, "What is the business in
which you are engaged doing for the perma-
nent good of society?"

A modified Order of Evening Prayer will
be used, and speakers allotted adequate time
to present their case. Questions from the
floor will be invited, and an opportunity giv-
en for a brief exchange of views.

The Court, Schools, Public Library and Press

At the opening service of the series, Judge
Stanley Murray of the Superior Court, Ma-
dera, will tell what the COURTS are doing
for the permanent good of society.

William John Cooper, State Superintend-
ent, a very busy man as everybody knows,
says that he will certainly find time to come
to Madera and lead in our open forum serv-
ice at the time appointed, and will say what
the SCHOOLS are doing in that regard.

On the evening devoted to the Public Li-
brary the Madera County librarian, Miss
Blanche Galaway will be the leader. And
when in its turn the Press is challenged, our
popular friend George A. Osborn, Publisher,
and member of the diocesan executive coun-
cil will meet that challenge.

Picture Show, Architecture and Music

A ready and capable advocate in the per-
son of W. L. Williamson, manager of the Na-
tional Theater, Madera, has been secured for
the evening when Motion Pictures will be
arranged.

The evening given to Architecture has
been dated for Fresno talent. Arthur O.
Johnson, of the firm of Kump and Johnson,
architect, and superintendent of the cathed-
ral Church School will lead the forum. And
Miss Ada Camp, Music Director of the Fres-
no County Schools very kindly consented to
take the helm when Music is to make its con-
tribution to the program. By their inspira-
tional talks, we know that both Mr. Johnson
and Miss Camp will give us not only food
for thought, but a deeper appreciation and a
fuller interpretation of the profession which
each of them has chosen as his special
sphere of service in life.

Adult Education, Penal Institutions and the Church

We have on our schedule Adult Education,
the subject to be handled by Miss S. A.
Hugh, Madera County Home Demonstration
agent, and an active member of our Trinity
family; and Penal Institutions for which W.
C. Rhodes, Sheriff of Madera County will be
responsible.

The sheriff has given a life study to the
subject and we anticipate an unusually in-
teresting and instructive presentation.

As a fitting climax to our program we
have invited the Bishop to close the series.
Bishop Sanford will be ready and willing to
come to Madera, he says and tell what the
Church has to answer to the question propo-
und. We shall expect some "strong meat"
on the occasion of the Bishop's visit.
Perhaps he does not suspect it, but it is he
who is primarily responsible for this innova-
tion at Trinity, Madera.

The Bishop's Challenge

It is really an attempt to answer the Bis-
hop's challenge in the opening statement of
his Annual Address at Convocation last Jan-
uary. Do you recall it?

"Organized Christianity," he said, "is in a
bad way * * * People do not take its activi-
ties seriously. Many think society would be
better off without it. * * * The Episcopal
Church is saying officially the fault is ours.
Our leaders and our people are not living the
religion of Jesus."

That was a withering indictment to bring
against organized Christianity. It sent cold
shivers through my vertebrae. Timely,
frank and fearless, coming from the Bishop
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BANNER DAY
The Bishop and the Bakersfield Delegation

At the annual Diocesan Church School
Service the Bishop's Banner was awarded
by the bishop to the School of St. Paul's
Church, Bakersfield. (The Rev. Wm. E. Pat-
rick, Rector, and Miss Margaret Gardett,
Superintendent).

ing Park. A basket luncheon was eaten in
common, and in the afternoon were games,
races, and stunts, for which the Cathedral
had provided generous prizes.

A table of gifts to the Church's Mission is
appended to this article:

| | Advent | Lent | Total |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| School | '26 | '27 | |
| Fresno, St. James' | \$ 66.81 | \$ 95.13 | \$ 154.41 |
| Fresno, Holy Spirit | 8.00 | 13.25 | 21.25 |
| Bakersfield | 159.28 | 179.50 | 333.15 |
| Bishop | | 13.35 | 13.35 |
| Coalinga | | 17.38 | 17.38 |
| Hanford | 20.16 | 24.05 | 44.21 |
| Lindsay | 4.62 | 16.66 | 21.28 |
| Livingston | | | |
| Lodi | 31.77 | 50.10 | 81.87 |
| Lone Pine | 10.09 | 18.52 | 29.51 |
| Madera | | 4.01 | 4.01 |
| Merced | 8.58 | | 8.58 |
| Modesto | 2.25 | 20.70 | 23.04 |
| Oakdale | 2.00 | 8.75 | 10.75 |
| Porterville | 30.49 | 27.73 | 55.55 |
| Reedley | | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Selma | | | |
| Sonora | 11.15 | 13.76 | 24.91 |
| 1st in proportionate attendance | 25 | 37.35 | 37.35 |
| Fresno, Cathedral Teacher Study | | .51 | 5.85 |
| Class | 15 | 3.13 | 3.13 |
| Complete Records | 25 | | |
| 2nd in proportionate giving | 15 | 55 | 3.65 |
| Bakersfield, Teacher Study Class | 15 | | 21.70 |
| Complete Records | 25 | | 7.05 |
| 2nd in proportionate attendance | 15 | | 6.66 |
| 1st in proportionate giving | 25 | 80 | |
| Totals | \$360.26 | \$624.66 | \$ 984.92 |
| Preceding year | \$496.93 | \$773.03 | \$1,269.96 |

After the service the Cathedral School was
host to the delegations in a picnic in Roed-

ASK ME ANOTHER

Under this heading the Diocesan Bulletin
is planning to conduct a column of all sorts
of Church information. The game is to read
the questions and answer as many as you
can, then to check your answers by the an-
swers of the editor of the department. The
answers will always found on the last page.

Questions

1. What is the supreme governing body of the Episcopal Church?
2. How is it composed?
3. Who represented us at the last General Convention?
4. What does the Convention do?
5. What is the Program?
6. Can anybody find out the details of the Program?
7. What is the governing body of our diocese?
8. How is it composed?
9. What does it do?
10. How is the share of each parish and mission in the Program determined?

11. Who is entrusted with the money for the Program?
12. What is the duty of the parish treasurer to the Program?

(Answers on the last page.)

ATTENTION
CHURCH SERVICE LEAGUE

The Bishop has appointed Mrs. A. J. Ikin,
of Bakersfield, president of the Church Ser-
vice League.

Mrs. Packwood of Hanford has written to
the Bishop and to Mrs. Ikin suggesting that
the Service League of the diocese could find
no more fitting memorial to Mrs. Downing
than by making sure that the funds neces-
sary for the Balbalasan work is raised as
soon as possible, and further suggesting that
the work be started while the memory of her
faithful service and joyous life is still fresh
in our memory.

Mrs. Ikin cordially indorses this plan and
calls upon all members of the League to do
their utmost to hasten the completion of this
fund.