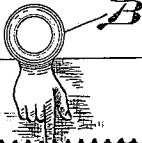


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MASS. BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ASS'N.

This certifies that _____
by the pledge of one nickel per month for one year, has been enrolled
as SENIOR MEMBER of the HELPER'S LEAGUE of the
MASSACHUSETTS BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION. *H*

Teacher.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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God Save the Children and Youth of Massachusetts

ONE NICKEL Helps pay the rent of a MISSION SCHOOL.	THIS SLIP GOES WITH MY NICKEL THE FIRST SUNDAY IN JULY. 20
THIS SLIP GOES WITH MY NICKEL THE FIRST SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY. 20	THIS SLIP GOES WITH MY NICKEL THE FIRST SUNDAY IN AUGUST. 20
THIS SLIP GOES WITH MY NICKEL THE FIRST SUNDAY IN MARCH. 20	THIS SLIP GOES WITH MY NICKEL THE FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER. 20
THIS SLIP GOES WITH MY NICKEL THE FIRST SUNDAY IN APRIL. 20	THIS SLIP GOES WITH MY NICKEL THE FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER. 20
THIS SLIP GOES WITH MY NICKEL THE FIRST SUNDAY IN MAY. 20	THIS SLIP GOES WITH MY NICKEL THE FIRST SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER. 20
THIS SLIP GOES WITH MY NICKEL THE FIRST SUNDAY IN JUNE. 20	THIS SLIP GOES WITH MY NICKEL THE FIRST SUNDAY IN DECEMBER. 20

GOD Loves to see a Cheerful Giver.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN MOORE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newton, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Offertory-Calendar, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

10 My invention has for its object to provide an offertory-calendar comprising a card having certain detachable parts upon which the calendar is printed or otherwise marked and which are intended to serve as a reminder of
15 some act to be done at the time noted on the detachable piece and comprising a backing which is uncovered as each slip or piece is detached and which serves as a record of the fact that said act has been done.

20 My invention is fully set forth in the following description, and the novel features thereof are pointed out and clearly defined in the claim at the end of this specification.

In the drawing I have shown a front view
25 of a calendar embodying my invention.

It has been found desirable in Sunday-schools and the like, where contributions of money are to be made from individual scholars or members, to provide some plan or means
30 which will serve as a reminder of the amount which each is to contribute and of the time at which each contribution is to be made. It is further desirable that the device used for this purpose should serve as a record of the
35 contributions which have already been made during a specified time.

A device of the kind referred to having the advantages stated is furnished by the employment of my invention.

40 Referring to the drawing, A is a card at the top of which is preferably a suspending-eye B, which may be of any well-known form, or the card may be suspended by means of a hole cut in the top thereof. The face of the
45 card may be ornamented as desired, and any appropriate words may be printed thereon or otherwise affixed thereto.

The card A is preferably divided about
50 equally, one portion thereof, preferably the upper portion, being devoted to a certificate expressed in any appropriate words, indicating that the party whose name is found therein

stands pledged to the payment of a certain sum at definite times throughout a year or other period of time. This certificate may 55 contain also other statements, as that the party named therein is a member of some society or the like, or the certificate may be varied so as to embrace matter additional to the above or wholly different matter. The 60 other portion of the card contains a calendar for a given period of time. In the card illustrated in the drawing the calendar is for one year and notes only the months of the year. The name of each month is noted upon a portion 65 of the card which is separated by perforations or by a combination of perforations and cuts from the adjoining portions of the card. The slips or portions 3 of the card for each month are arranged preferably as shown, 70 six on one side and six at the opposite side of the card. In the drawing the slips are wholly separated from each other and from the adjoining portion of the card by cuts, which are indicated by full lines, and each 75 slip is attached to the cards at the perforated lines 2. This construction enables any or all of the slips to be turned up without being detached from the card to disclose the inscriptions on the backing-sheet, which inscriptions 80 are of a character to induce the subscriptions called for by the slips. Each of the slips 3 may be appropriately marked to indicate that when it is detached it is to be handed to the treasurer or other party receiving the contributions 85 with the amount of the contribution. In this way the treasurer or party receiving the contribution has a record, if he wishes to preserve it, of the period of time to which the contribution applies and of the contributions 90 which have been previously handed in from any individual giver.

On the back of the card A, behind that portion thereof which is occupied by the slips 3, is pasted or otherwise secured a backing of 95 paper or other suitable material, which is preferably colored differently from the face of the card A and the faces of the slips 3. Upon this backing and directly behind each slip may be printed any suitable inscription. 100 In the drawing the shaded space 4 represents the backing of another color, the slip 3 which belongs in front of the said portion of the backing being removed. The slip 3 which

has been removed, as will be clear, is the slip for January. By this means the party contributing may by a glance at the card tell how many contributions he has made for the 5 year and when his next contribution is due, while at the same time the card and its backing furnish an opportunity to keep before the contributor a suggestion of the benefits to himself or to others to be derived from contributing, and thus the contributor may be 10 induced to continue his contributions and to make them promptly.

It will be obvious that the slips may be varied in number to correspond with the offerings which are to be made during a given 15 period of time. In the calendar illustrated twelve slips are shown, one for each month of the year, but instead one might be provided for each week, making fifty-two for the 20 year, or the slips might be reduced in number and one provided for each quarter-year only. It will also be obvious that each slip, as also the card to which the slip is attached, may be marked with a common mark—as, for 25 example, a number—so that at any time after the slips are detached the card from which each slip is taken may be readily determined

by reference to said number. In the drawing the common designating-number employed is 20. It will also be obvious that the certificate portion of the card may be omitted without departing from my invention. 30

What I claim is—

An offertory-calendar comprising a card a portion of which is cut and perforated to form 35 one or more vertical series of slips, each of said slips being partially connected with the card along one side and entirely separated from each other and from the card along its 40 other three sides and adapted to exhibit printed statements, and a sheet secured to the back of the card and extending across the space occupied by the slips and bearing suitable inscriptions, the said construction providing for the removal of any one or more of 45 the slips and disclosing the inscriptions on the backing-sheet without disturbing the adjacent slips.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

STEPHEN MOORE.

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