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Calendar

Preaching, Sunday, 11 a. m., 7:30 p. m.

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.

Business Meeting, Wednesday night after first Sunday of each month.

Woman's Missionary Society, Monday after third Sunday of each month, 4 p. m.

Ladies' Aid Society, Monday after first Sunday of each month, 4 p. m.

Sunbeams, first Sunday of each month, 4 p. m.

"The Vance County Union" is now two months old. The first issue of the paper was received with considerable favor. A number of persons have commended the enterprise in a way that is very encouraging to the editors. The first response from our cor-

respondents in the country churches was highly gratifying. Mr. Alderman received some excellent letters, several of which appear in this issue. We want a monthly letter from each church in the Union. Our correspondents will not forget this. An occasional letter from the pastors would be greatly appreciated. We are much pleased at the way in which the business department of the paper is being conducted. We have the right men for business managers. A number of our members have already handed in their subscriptions. The rest will do so as soon as convenient.

Our Thanksgiving collection for the Orphanage amounted to about \$50. This was good considering the size of the congregation. Let those who were not present at the service contribute enough to make the sum \$75. Hand your contribution to Bro. John M. Hughes. Hereafter the amounts given through the envelopes will be sufficient for all the benevolent objects. The Orphanage money was due when the new year was begun.

The money pledged last year for State Missions has not yet been paid, and in consequence the salaries of two of the missionaries in the Tar River have been reduced, \$50 each.

We must raise at least \$100 that these amounts may be restored. One hundred dollars will practically redeem our pledge, since the ladies have already paid about \$40 toward this fund. It is unfortunate that this collection was overlooked. It will not be difficult, however, for us to raise the amount, and then all of our obligations will have been met, and no more special collections need be taken.

Returns from our Duplex Envelopes continue to be gratifying. Many have sent in their envelopes regularly from the first Sunday in October. Some have not yet acquired the habit, but they will do so soon we are sure. It is much easier for you to bring your envelope to church every Sunday than it is for some to go to you even once a month to collect. Such collecting is a hardship that we have no right to impose on any one. We have no collectors now, so it is important that you do not forget. Please notice that there is an envelope dated for each Sunday in the year. Some have gone a year ahead of the cal-

endar, and have brought in envelopes dated September, 1911. This is borrowing trouble—for the secretary.

How much shall we pay during the present year to the various benevolent objects? The pastor and deacons were appointed a committee to recommend an amount and an apportionment of the same. They recommended \$500, to be apportioned among the boards in the same ratio that the state funds are distributed. Five hundred dollars to all the boards is less than the church has been giving. Last year about \$800 were contributed to all mission objects. In making this change, the committee does not feel that we would be taking a backward step. Under the new system more money will be raised than formerly. It is simply a change in emphasis, that is recommended. There is a very general feeling among our members that the church has been giving more to missions abroad than is just to our cause at home, and hence to the cause at large—that "we have been lengthening our cords without strengthening our stakes." King Solomon was right when he said, "There is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." We are right also when we add,— "There is that GIVETH more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." It is probable that the early disciples in Jerusalem who gave all their possessions to the poor were afterward numbered among those who had to be supported by contributions from the gentile Christians.

The Baraca Class in our church at North Henderson is doing excellent work under the leadership of Bro. N. D. Wells. The class gave an oyster supper on the first Tuesday night in December. About twenty-five members of the class were present, and a few specially invited guests. Several of the brethren made interesting addresses. The class promises to be a great factor for good in the church and community.

Bro. T. M. Pittman is doing a fine work in the school at South Henderson. He has about fifty men enrolled in his class.