under distinctive titles. The entries have the merit of being all in one sequence, irrespective of the kind of item (review, correspondence, etc.). The typographical lay-out is very generous, resulting in a pamphlet of 56 pages.

INDEXING
BAPTIST PERIODICALS

The Southern Baptist Church in America has issued a Manual of procedures for indexing Southern Baptist periodicals. After some years of discussion and the operation of a pilot project, it was decided to extend the methods used to the other denominational periodicals.

The purpose of the Index of Southern Baptist periodicals is to provide a composite index of articles on a given subject or by a given author, appearing in Southern Baptist periodicals. After the annual volumes of the Index are published, the cards used in its compilation will be incorporated in the master file of a Baptist periodical index which will be maintained in the Dargan-Carver Library for the use of editors, research students and other writers.

The Manual gives full instructions for the indexing procedures, a list of the thirty-five periodicals indexed and their abbreviations, and a list of about 450 suggested subject headings.

A separate scheme for the guidance of indexers of state Baptist papers has been compiled.

L.M.H.

ABSTRACTS OF
MILITARY BIBLIOGRAPHY

The first issue of an abstracts journal with the above title has been received. It is published six times a year in Buenos Aires by the Instituto de Publicaciones Navales, all the abstracts being written in Spanish with a full translation in English. The analysis of each article and the editing of the summaries are carried out by competent members of the armed forces and specialized civilian personnel.

It can be obtained from the Naval Publications Institute, Navy Club, Florida 801, Buenos Aires, Argentina, at U.S. $20 p.a.

CORRESPONDENCE?

With its envelope addressed to:

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SOCIETY OF INDEXERS.

the following handwritten missive has been received by the Society:

‘Dear Sir or Madam will you send me a list booklet on quite obscure learnit index as I am a sort of writer and it is to know verbs, with value a reply on to this 5 lined reply is a point to me soon. Your truly Mr. John H . . . 13 . . . St. Ballymena Co Antrim N. Ireland U.K.’

The only perfectly intelligible part seems to be that the sender is ‘a sort of writer’!

Incidentally, the Post Office fell in with the spirit of the thing by making no surcharge, although the stuck-up envelope bore only a threepenny Northern Ireland stamp instead of fourpence.

G.N.K.