

On Specials.

Most Circles find it easier to raise extra money if they are specially interested in some definite object. I do not think any Circle should be shut in to any one interest. That would tend to narrow the outlook of that Circle. I think our fees, thank-offering, and all regular giving should go to support our work in general, so that each Circle may have a part in every department of our work. But where your Circle has given its full share in this way, and wishes to go further, I would recommend that you choose some special object out of the list of regular estimates, and make it your own. If you think it would be easier, you can write me, stating the amount of money you would like to raise as a special, and I will be very glad to assign to you some attractive special object, for which you may have the joy of providing.

Miss Rogers' Legacy.

Six thousand dollars has been received from the estate of the late Martha Rogers. Five thousand went out to India, to buy a home in the hills for our Missionaries to live in during the hot season. The man who is selling the property is paying the exchange on this money.

On Exchange.

Mr. Stillwell, in the Canadian Baptist, has explained so lucidly the whole matter of exchange, that most of the Band children can understand it. Read it.

Mistake Somewhere.

The December "Visitor" reports the retiring Home Mission President as saying that the only Mission Board not in debt is the China Inland Mission. Our Women's Foreign Board has never been in debt, at least not to my knowledge. Many times a great deal of sacrifice has had to be made by our women, to avoid a debt. This year, with its enlarged estimates, is going to call for all our faith and courage, if our obligations are to be met. A ten percent increase in all giving, over last year, will do it.

A Correction—In my annual report Campbellford Band should be credited with six dollars, instead of one dollar.

M. B. Piersol.

PROGRAMME CONSTRUCTION

Talk Given at Convention by Miss Dale and Published by Request.

It is sometimes said that business is like a wheelbarrow, it will not go unless it is pushed. I fear you will think that the Secretary of Literature is pushing her wheelbarrow, by the name of my talk, but indeed such is not the case. I am trying to help you push your wheelbarrow, for programme making is business, real business for the King. No programme will just go without any motor power: They do not just happen, but like the wheelbarrow, they need pushing. I think the handles in this case are *prayer* and *perspiration*, these meaning preparation, real hard work, it may be, as well as prayer.

In the first place every programme must have a real, well defined aim. It must increase our *Prayers*, our *Love* and our *Gifts*. This should be the result aimed at in every programme.

To attain this aim they must be,—

INTERESTING,
INFORMING,
INSPIRING.

We will consider this in the order of points.

1. They Must Be Interesting.

They should attract and hold attention. Those not definitely interested in our work are apt to say "Oh missionary meetings are so dull and uninteresting". Is it not too bad that people have such a mistaken idea? There is no reason whatever why a missionary meeting should be dull. We have missionary campaigns and we get new members. They attend the meetings,—but if they find the meeting is not interesting, you know what they will do. It will not do these days to hurriedly snatch up the Link, or the Quarterly letter, interesting though they are, a few minutes before Circle time, and breathlessly and thoughtlessly read something out of it, and think, "There, thank goodness, that is over for another month!" and turn to our teacups. We would not thus treat our clubs or our Women's Institutes. No indeed. Those programs must have weeks or months of preparation and any amount of work, and we think it won-