

FOREWORD

THESE "Talks" are planned for Leaders of Junior boys and girls in Mission Bands, in mid-week meetings in connection with the Sunday School, or in other Junior groups. They are prepared with the purpose of creating and deepening the interest of the boys and girls of Canada in the boys and girls of those mission lands where our Canadian Foreign Boards are at present working. It is hoped that, through these "Talks," they will not only learn more about the countries dealt with, but also will come to realize that they, too, have a definite part in the work of leading the people of those lands to Christ.

The "Talks" are based upon the Senior Text Book, "Canada's Share in World Tasks"—which is along similar lines, and deals with the same countries in the same order. The Leaders of Junior classes should use the Senior Text Book in preparing the Talks.

It should be emphasized in each Talk that we owe a great deal to the people and countries about which we are studying, that there is much we can learn from them, and many things for which we are more or less dependent upon them, and that our greatest gift in return will be the knowledge of God and His word, given in the spirit of true comradeship. To cultivate this spirit of comradeship should be the aim of the Leader.

To bring each of the countries before the boys and girls, who need to have practical demonstration, we may teach them the games, have them put up for themselves the customs, and make them familiar with the map of the country and its relation to the rest of the world. Every boy is fond of a "collection," so the collecting of specimens dealing with these countries—curios, pictures, stamps, costumes, etc.—should be encouraged.

The different countries being dealt with separately presents an excellent opportunity for pageants. As all boys and girls love to dress up, the pageants should prove very popular and at the same time very instructive.

With the exception of Talk 1, which is mainly introductory, the Talks are so arranged that each may be divided, if desired, into programmes for two meetings, using the alternate hymns and Scripture readings for the second meeting, thus providing a series of thirteen programmes. Some may prefer to use the material of the Talk for one meeting and the pageant for the second meeting.

The flag of each country dealt with should be used when possible. A blackboard and chalk, or a large piece of manilla paper and dark crayon will be useful for announcements, or for displaying the number of new members, the amount of the collection, the population of the country being studied, etc. Pictures of the country being studied should be freely used. Interesting and effective posters may be made to advertise coming meetings.

With the accessories is an outline map of the world. A large Maple Leaf should be placed on Canada. As each country is studied a small Maple Leaf may be put on each of the Canadian Mission Fields in the country, with red cords connecting them with the Maple Leaf on Canada. These maple leaves should be colored. It will add to the effectiveness if a different color is used for each denomination. When the "Talks" are completed the map will show where in the "Many Lands" the "Maple Leaf" is at work making Christ known.

The Leader has a wonderful opportunity for giving to the boys and girls a wider knowledge of the Mission Fields, for linking them with the boys and girls of other lands in the world family, for giving to them a sense of partnership in the Mission work of our Canadian Boards, and for laying foundations of a deep and abiding missionary interest.

"CANADA'S SHARE IN WORLD TASKS" may be secured from any of the Mission Boards. Price, 75 cents in cloth; 50 cents in paper.