

FAITH'S ROUTE TO FRANCE.

The International Sunday School Lesson For July 21st is "Praying To God." Luke 11:1-3 Ps. 145:18-19.

By William T. Ellis.

Swifter than the ships that sail across the sea and the Channel; surer than the messages that flash under seas and fly through the air, is the path of the prayers that faith is hourly sending by way of the throne of God.

There is not a minute of the day or night when loving hearts in Canada and the United States and in Great Britain and Australasia and other lands are not bridging the great spaces with yearning, loving petitions for the soldiers in France.

Somehow we cannot think of the subject of prayer at all without first dwelling upon the new world condition which has thrust it into the public thought as a present force and necessity.

The nation, even the thoughtless among us, are holding our armies in their highest and holiest aspirations directed toward the Supreme Ruler of the universe.

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together. With what a varied company of people on their knees in churches I have fellowshiped in the past year—Russians, high and low; Armenians, Assyrians, British, French and Americans.

Close and holier, even, are our national unity is this seldom-expressed sentiment of our common fellowship within the providence of God.

Though sundered far, by faith we meet Around one common Mercy Seat."

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The Winning Sword. That same volume, "God and the Soldier," has many true words that are pertinent to this Sunday school lesson.

"Prayer is the very sword of the saints," said Francis Thompson. The age of the Church's victories has ever seen its swift flash from out the scabbard.

The Christ-Child, silent, seems only to grow pale. The Kaiser prays again. He promises to place the ruins of the world: "Thy Cross and the Kaiser with trembling voice, asks: 'Have I not done and suffered enough for Thee?'

The Great Reason for Prayer. "There is in the world something greater than law, and that is personality. We ourselves know how the human personality can mould and shape unchangeable law and make it do his will.

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The Khaki College at the Canadian camp at Witley was visited by the King recently, accompanied by Major-Gen. Garnet Hughes. The scope of the teaching is shown by the list of classes in progress during His Majesty's visit:—Manual training, electricity, psychology, Latin, advanced commercial French, Italian, book-keeping, shorthand, typewriting, penmanship.—Canadian War Records Official Photograph. Copyright.

out a law-giver. "The only expression of the source of all things is a Personality shaping the universe to His will.

Belleville Man Assaulted. Belleville, July 17.—John Barry, while on route home, was murderously assaulted by three men, one of whom dealt him a severe blow on the head with a baseball club.

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