

LESSONS IN LIFE.

LESSON I.

MOODS AND FRAMES OF MIND.

"That blessed mood
In which the burden of the mystery,
In which the heavy and the weary weight
Of all this unintelligible world
Is lightened."

—WORDSWORTH.

"Oh, blessed temper, whose unclouded ray
Can make to-morrow cheerful as to-day."

—POPE.

"My heart and mind and self, never in tune ;
Sad for the most part, then in such a flow
Of spirits, I seem now hero, now buffoon."

—LEIGH HUNT.

IT rained yesterday ; and, though it is midsummer,
it is unpleasantly cool to-day. The sky is clear,
with almost a steel-blue tint, and the meadows are very
deeply green. The shadows among the woods are
black and massive, and the whole face of nature looks