

## II

Heroes cannot be spun from unheroic stuff.  
 Esther was queenly because she honored the  
 King of kings.

We must all choose between clods and crowns.  
 Sin always unscupers the soul.

The first step in righteousness is the initial  
 step to power.

A man may get close enough to kiss the lips  
 of life and yet go down to death.

## III

Esther had correct views of earthly things  
 because she had clear views of heavenly things.

We never see the greatest earthly things till  
 we look heavenward.

It is soul-vision that sees God.

Faith had force because she had faith.

Faith is the soul's prophecy of fact.

No soul can fly till the wings of faith are  
 fledged.

Belief in the certain is the soul of cer-  
 tainty.

## IV

Esther knew that apart from God there are  
 no rewards.

God's blessings are always too vast to measure  
 and too numerous to count.

Wherever God calls is the best place to go.

Peril pulls at the skirts of power.

The badness of man can never destroy the  
 goodness of God.

Royalty of soul passes through the fires of  
 death unscathed.

## V

The proud world wags its head, but the  
 princely soul seizes its scepter.

Nothing that saves the soul can be counted as  
 a sacrifice.

There is always a fact under the feet of faith.  
 It were better to start anew each day than  
 to stop forever.

Every place of honest service is a sanctuary.  
 Nothing is right till it "makes for righteous-  
 ness."

When a man builds anything good he builds  
 something for God.

An honest effort to please God always pleases  
 him.

## VI

Heroism will drain the cup of duty, though  
 at bottom it be thick with dregs of death.

God brings us to our best by demanding of  
 us nothing less.

The highest errand is to help the lowly.

The garment hem of mercy is always close to  
 the finger-tips of misery.

God is good enough to love the worst.

The best of service may be done for the worst  
 of people.

The saint is like the sun; he gives light  
 wherever he goes.

## VII

The trapper may be caught in his own trap.  
 No man can rob another without cheating  
 himself.

A man may be wise in his own eyes, yet in  
 the face of facts a fool.

## VIII

The will of the people *may* be right, the will  
 of God *must* be.

It is a great government which is of the  
 people, by the people, and for the people; but it  
 is a greater government which is of the people's  
 God, by the people's God, and for the people's  
 God.

It is only when the people's rule is right that  
 the people have right to rule.

That which ministers good is always God's  
 minister.

What we pay to God always pays us most.

## IX

The highest heroism is of the heart.

The happiest ending is found in the truest  
 beginning.

Our first business is not to be happy, but  
 helpful.

The art of living is the greatest art.

It is not the triumph of party, but the tri-  
 umph of principle, that true patriotism seeks.

Patriotism does not seek crowns, scepters,  
 thrones, but character, service, truth.

True patriotism seeks the reign of God in  
 human government.

It will follow its leader only when its leader  
 follows the Lord.

True patriotism holds that rebellion against  
 wickedness is loyalty to righteousness.

The only really good government is God's  
 government.

## The Lesson Heart Talk

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There is much in this old Oriental story  
 strange to our thought in this modern Western  
 world. Some details possibly are true to present  
 facts in Eastern households; but we would  
 scarcely go there for instruction in high think-  
 ing and living. But in the midst of Ahasuerus's  
 voluptuous, drunken, disgraceful court Esther

shines like a star in the rift of a black cloud.  
 She illustrates what a woman may do when  
 her gifts are devoted to noble, unselfish purpose.  
 One thing which is fundamental in all true  
 character is said of her: She was teachable and  
 obedient. A little orphan girl, she came to live  
 with her uncle, Mordecai. She was a sweet,