

church, in all the good that is being carried on in the world. So I should be fitting myself to fill some of these places when others are taken away.

That if we are willing to fill these places, God will give us the same spirit to fit us for the work; that they had who have gone before us.

That the best thing to seek for when good men are taken away, is not their property but the spirit that worked through them.

I HAVE LEARNED FROM LESSON VII

That we should carry our griefs and troubles to God.

That a bad man in a good office may go through the forms of that office but cannot do any real good. Gehazi could carry the prophet's staff and use it, but the child did not awake.

That we should be persistent in prayer. The mother prayed, somewhat as did Jacob at Peniel, and would take no refusal, and her prayer was answered.

That we must get into "touch" with those whom we would cheer and help. An ounce of sympathy is worth a ton of lecture.

I HAVE LEARNED FROM LESSON XIII.

That no place in life is free from ills. Naaman had a high place, but a loathsome disease. Many a one has wealth and honor and no health to enjoy them.

That no matter how small or humble our place in life we may be, we can be helpful to some one. The little captive maid had the kindly heart and the helpful spirit and was enabled to do great good.

That the way, the only way, to get the blessings which God promises, is to obey, in simple faith, the commands which he gives, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" is just as simple and as sure as the healing in the Jordan was to Naaman when he washed.

I HAVE LEARNED FROM LESSON IX.

That God's eye is on man's plans, and if not in accord with his will, they will be brought to nought, be they ever so carefully made. The King of Syria guarded against men knowing his plans but he forgot that God saw.

That those whom God keeps and protects are safe. That if God be for us, those that be with us are more than those that be against us.

That when those who have been our enemies fall into our power, we should do them good, as did the King of Israel at Elisha's command. "If thine enemy hunger feed him, if he thirst give him drink."

I HAVE LEARNED FROM LESSON X.

That when God works with man there is certainty of success. The man of God put his hand upon the King's hand as a guarantee of success.

That a good man's usefulness does not cease at death. God wrought a miracle at Elisha's grave and so he often makes helpful the words and deeds of good men after they have gone. The more I seek to do for God and man while I live, the more will I be the means of doing after I have rested from life's work.

I HAVE LEARNED FROM LESSON XI.

That the greatest foe to self is self; that self-indulgence is hurtful to our best interests as well as dishonoring to God.

That self-indulgence and sinful indulgence are very near neighbors.

That sinful indulgence is sure to undermine and ruin the strongest life or the strongest country.

That sinful indulgence in the good things of life, rather than using them to God's glory, is a grievous misuse of God's good gifts, and will bring ruin, sooner or later, upon him who thus misuses them.

I HAVE LEARNED FROM LESSON XII

That when people begin to desert the house of God, as in Lesson I, it is very liable to lead to the ruin of Lesson XII.

That God does not readily give men up or cast them off. He bore long with Israel and pleaded with them by his servants the prophets.

That the companionship of the ungodly and idolatrous is a dangerous thing. It is liable to lead men and women away from God.

That, it is running into temptation for young people to choose their homes among idolaters of any kind.

That if men let go of God's hand they are sure to drift farther and farther from good and safety.

That though God waits long upon the sinner, doom must come at last upon sin, and if the sinner is still holding to the sin he must share its doom.