TWO LESSONS.

From Presbyterian Banner.

Lois Temple read this letter aloud to her mother and brother. Then she dropped it, crying:

"Coming here Monday! Why, mother, what will we do?"

Mrs. Temple's delicate face flushed "Do all we can to make her welcome, dear. I shall be very glad to see Clara's child."

The color in Lois' rounded cheek deepened. "I think it very rude in Ethel to descend upon us in this manner," she declared.

"Lois!" The mother's voice expressed pained surprise.

"Oh, mother, how can we entertain her? Ethel's father is rich, and she has been surrounded with luxury all her life. Look!" and she waved her hand around the little room, with its home-made carpet and plain furniture. Mrs. Temple turned aside her face. Life had been hard for them since the death of the husband and father, three years before. Her own ill health and Lloyd's crippled condition laid heavy burdens upon 15-year-old Lois. The girl was brave and sunny, yet the mother knew how she longed for school and the simple pleasures enjoyed by many of her young friends.

"I know, dear, it will be hard for you," she began, gently, "but will you not try to forget all about difference in position and welcome Ethel as the child of my dear, dead sister?"

Lois hesitated. To do and to bear for her mother and brother was joy. But this cousin who would be stylish, and doubtless secretly amused at their simple way of living—oh, that was different.

"I'll do the best I can," she replied, rather coldly. Then, the next moment, she said, gayly, "Now, Loyd, laddie, if you will kindle a fire in the kitchen stove I'll fry some apple fritters for supper. Dear me! What will we offer that girl to eat?"

It was 4 o'clock, Monday afternoon, when the eastern-bound train stopped at Vernon. Ethel Grant gathered up her umbrella, her book and box of bonbons, and leisurely descended the steps. She was a slender little maiden, and, although only a few months younger than Lois, her fair face and child-like blue eyes made her appear far less self-reliant. Lois hurried forward. There was a moments' hesitation; then Ethel spoke:

"Are you my cousin Laura?"

"Lois," the girl corrected, hastily, while her face burned. To think that her cousin had forgotten even her name!

They shook hands. Lois said, abruptly:

"I think we had better be going at once. It looks like rain."

"I had my valise checked. Here is the check, if you will give it to your man."

It was only by a strong effort of will that Lois kept her voice steady. "I drove over for you myself. I will get the valise."

"Oh, that was so kind in you—," Ethel commenced; but Lois had hurried off.

A few moments later she led her cousin to where an old gray horse stood. He was hitched to a single farm wagon, from which the red paint had nearly all disappeared,

Lois turned to her guest. "Do you think you can ride in such a conveyance as this?" she asked, with a sneer in her voice.

"Oh, yes," Ethel hastened to say, but her face flushed. Surely this was a strange welcome.

They left the village and struck into a narrow road leading into the higher country that sloped up to Temple farm. The sky was gray and threatning, the trees were almost leafless, and the fields were bare and brown.

Ethel shivered a little. Just then a raindrop dashed against her cheek.

"You had better put this around you," Lois said, extending a coarse gray shawl.

"But you need it yourself."

Lois glanced from her shabby black jacket to Ethel's trim one. "The rain can't hurt me. It isn't very nice, but it will keep you dry."

Ethel accepted the shawl, fearing to offend if she refused. She raised her umbrella.

"I'm afraid I can't shield you very well," she exclaimed. "Oh, here is a larger one," and the next moment she had substituted the faded cotton umbrella which had been lying in the bottom of the wagon for her silk one.

"Never mind me," said Lois, proudly. "Keep yourself as dry as possible. The rain won't hurt me."

Ethel laughed merrily. "Im not such a Philistine as to heed your command. The rain will not hurt me, but I will do my best to keep it off us both."

Lois was surprised. She had expected that her cousin would be frightened by the steady downpour of rain. They nestled close under the shabby umbrella, and Lois found the resentment slipping from her heart.

Before they reached the farmhouse the rain had ceased. Lois watched Ethel closely as they drew near. The little weather-beaten, one-story house would certainly bring a curl of scorn to the lips of the city-bred girl.

Instead she leaned forward and fixed her eyes upon the slender, stooping figure which hurried down the path, leaning on a crutch and dragging one foot.

"Is Loyd lame?" she wispered.

"Yes."

The one word was cold and defiant. If Ethel dared wound her brother, Louis felt sure she could never forgive her.

The guest sprang lightly from the wagon, and advanced, holding out both dainty-gloved hands.

"You are my Cousin Loyd. Now, if there's one thing more than another I've always wanted it's a brother. Cousins come next. So Lois," flashing a roguish glance over her shoulder, "I give you fair warning that I shall love Loyd almost as well as you do."

To Lois' surprise the embarrassment faded from Loyd's face, and he smiled genially upon Ethel.

When Ethel stood face to face with her aunt, the girl grew pale, and tears stood in her eyes.

"You are like mamma, Aunt Helen," she said, "and I—I want her so."

Lois stole away and left them together. As she prepared supper her thoughts were busy.

"It must be awful to be without a mother," she said to herself. "Still she has her father," and remembering her own dearly-loved father, Lois sighed. 'She is not as bad as I thought. I dread her sitting down to supper, though. It will be so different from what she has been used to."

The supper table was spread in the tiny kitchen. The cloth was coarse and the dishes heavy earthenware. Yet all was neat, and there was fresh bread and butter, fried chicken, cabbage salad, canned strawberries and simple cake. Ethel ate heartily, chatting with Loyd in the meantime.

The visit lasted a week. Mrs. Temple grew very fond of her niece, while Loyd's delight in Ethel's society was so frankly expressed that Lois sometimes felt something strangely akin to pain. Would not all this talk of books and the great busy world make him dissatisfied with his narrow life?

There was a reserve between the girls. Ethel tried in vain to banish this. Why could she not get nearer to Lois?

It was Lois who drove the visitor to the train. The day was a perfect one; it was as if autúmn, loath to give place to winter, created for herself a regal farewell. The distant hilltops were crowned with golden mist, and the sunlight touched the drifts of russet leaves along the highway with radiance.

They were only out of the gate when Ethel wiped her eyes and began:

"Lois, I've learned a lesson this week, and you've been my text-book. I am afraid, though that at first I was a little envious of you."

"Envious of me!" and the brown eyes of Lois opened to their widest possible extent. "Why, what can I have that you are without?"

"Love," was Ethel's reply. "I have been so lonely since mamma died, and you have shown me that it is my own fault. I thought papa was too engrossed in business to care for my company so I selfishly went my way. I never tried to make him happy. You have given up your hopes of an education to work for your mother and Loyd."

"But you are always kind and lovable," Lois began, when her lips were closed by her cousin's hand.

"Don't, Lois. Why it's easy enough to be sweet when you have everything you ask for. It's doing for the people that make their hearts hungry for you, and I'm going to do."

"Oh, Ethel," Lois cried, penitently, "forgive me for thinking you—well, I'll have to say proud."

Their hands met in a firm clasp. Then Ethel said slowly:

"You and yours have given to me; now it's my turn. Loyd shall go to Chicago to be treated for his lameness. I am sure he can be helped. He shall have books and—"

"Ethel, Ethel," and a look beautiful to see overspread the dark face of Lois. 'O, cousin, if he could!"

"I understand. It shall be done. As for you, you dear, brave girl, there are brighter days in store for you."

Lois' eyes were brimming over. She bent her head and kissed Ethel's cheek. 'I, too, have had a lesson," she said, brokenly. "To do isn't a'l. To be is something."

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Washington							
Baltimore	4.30	8.11	10.17	4.01	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.35
Arlington		8.35	10.40	[illegible]	6.16	[illegible]	2.59
Mt. Hope		8.39	10.43	4.27	6.40	[illegible]	3.02
Pikesville		8.46	10.50	4.34	6.47	10.05	[illegible]
Owings Mills		9.00	11.02	4.47	7.03	10.16	3.21
Glyndon	5.10	9.11	11.13	4.59	7.17	10.28	3.34
Emory Grove		9.12	11.15		7.18	10.29	3.35
Finksburg		9.21	11.25	5.12	7.29	10.41	3.47
Carrollton		9.37	11.38	5.25	7.46	10.55	4.00
Westminster	5.38	9.53	11.53	5.42	[illegible]	11.12	4.17
Avondale		10.00	12.00	5.49	8.12	11.20	4.27
New Windsor	5.50	10.10	12.10	6.02	8.22	11.33	4.39
Linwood		10.15	12.16	6.07	8.29	11.40	4.45
Union Bridge	5.57	10.20	12.20	6.13	8.33	11.45	4.50
Middleburg		10.26	P. M.	6.19	P M	AM.	P M.
Bruceville	6.03	10.29		6.23			
D. P. Creek		10.33		6.27			
Rocky Ridge		10.40		6.36			
Thurmont	6.21	10.53		6.47			
Edgemont	7.03	11.42		7.32			
Waynesboro	†7.31	12.02		7.52			
Chambersb'g	†8.10	12.36		8.28			
Shippensburg	†			8.55			
Hagerstown Williamsport	7.30	12.15		8.05			
	AM	P M.		P M.			

TRAINS EAST.

LEAVE	22. PM *	4. AM. †	8. AM. †	12. PM. †	18. PM. †	52 AM ‡	54 PM. ‡
Williamsport Hagerstown	4.10		7.02		2.07		
Shippensburg			6.00				
Chamb'rsburg			6.33		1.45		
Waynesboro			7.07		2.18		
Edgemont	4.35		7.36		2.41		
Thurmont	5.21		8.16		3.21		
Rocky Ridge			8.26		3.31		
D. P. Creek			8.33		3.39		
Bruceville	5.38		8.37		3.44	6.45	
Middleburg			8.39		3.46	6.47	
Union Bridge	5.45	6.37	8.45	12.55	3.54	6.55	3.58
Linwood		6.41	8.49	12.59	3.59	[illegible]	4.02
New Windsor	5.53	6.46	8.54	1.04	[illegible]	7.08	4.08
Avondale		[illegible]		[illegible]	4.17	7.23	[illegible]
Westminster	6.07	7.02	9.11	[illegible]	4.27	7.32	[illegible]
Carrollton		7.16	9.25	[illegible]	4.42	[illegible]	[illegible]
Finksburg		7.25	9.35	1.44	4.54	8.05	4.55
Emory Grove		7.32		1.53	5.03	8.15	5.04
Glyndon	6.37	7.40	9.43	1.54	5.14	[illegible]	[illegible]
Owings Mills	6.46	7.52	9.52	2.04	[illegible]	8.33	[illegible]
Pikesville		8.02	10.00	2.13	5.28	8.44	[illegible]
Mt. Hope		8.11	10.05	[illegible]	5.36	8.51	5.35
Arlington		8.14		[illegible]	5.39	8.54	5.38
Baltimore	7.18	8.57	10.27	[illegible]	6.03	9.20	6.03
Washington							
Philadelphia New York							
	P M.	AM.	A M	P M.	P M	A M	

*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday. ‡Sunday.

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ACCOMMODATION NO. 2.

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