

Catherine Helen Spence Quotes

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As we grew to love South Australia, we felt that we were in an expanding society, still feeling the bond to the motherland, but eager to develop a perfect society in the land of our adoption.

~Catherine Helen Spence

Even before the discovery of copper South Australia had turned the corner.

~Catherine Helen Spence

I look back to a happy childhood.

~Catherine Helen Spence

Drinking habits were very prevalent among men, and were not in any way disgraceful, unless excessive.

~Catherine Helen Spence

Nothing is insignificant in the history of a young community, and - above all - nothing seems impossible.

~Catherine Helen Spence

There is nothing so costly to the state as a ruined life

~Catherine Helen Spence

A glass of whisky in Scotland in the thirties cost less than a cup of tea.

~Catherine Helen Spence

South Australia was the first community to give the secret ballot for political elections.

~Catherine Helen Spence

I had only two offers of marriage in my life, and I refused both.

~Catherine Helen Spence

Probably my mother's life was prolonged beyond that of a long-lived

family by her coming to Australia in middle life; and if I ever had any tendency to consumption, the climate must have helped me.

~Catherine Helen Spence

After the break up of the municipality and the loss of his income my father lost health and spirits.

~Catherine Helen Spence

The first issue of The Register was printed in London, and gave a glowing account of the province that was to be - its climate, its resources, the sound principles on which it was founded.

~Catherine Helen Spence

Our South Australian farmers left their holdings in the hands of their wives and children too young to take with them, but almost all of them returned to grow grain and produce to send to Victoria.

~Catherine Helen Spence

My brothers went to the parish school, one of the best in the county.

~Catherine Helen Spence

I had seen Adelaide the dearest and the cheapest place to live in.

~Catherine Helen Spence

I think I was well brought up, for my father and mother were of one mind regarding the care of the family.

~Catherine Helen Spence

The Town Clerkship, however, was the means of giving me a lesson in electoral methods.

~Catherine Helen Spence

My return to London introduced me to a wider range of society.

~Catherine Helen Spence

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