

Charles Sumner Quotes

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From the beginning of our history the country has been afflicted with compromise. It is by compromise that human rights have been abandoned.

~Charles Sumner

By the Law of Slavery, man, created in the image of God, is divested of the human character, and declared to be a mere chattel.

~Charles Sumner

The slave power dares anything, and it can be conquered only by the united masses of the people. From Congress to the people, I appeal.

~Charles Sumner

If a man has done evil in his life, he must not be complimented in marble.

~Charles Sumner

Nothing from man's hands, nor law, nor constitution, can be final. Truth alone is final.

~Charles Sumner

The true greatness of nations is in those qualities which constitute the greatness of the individual.

~Charles Sumner

War crushes with bloody heel all justice, all happiness, all that is Godlike in man. In our age there can be no peace that is not honorable; there can be no war that is not dishonorable.

~Charles Sumner

Give me the centralism of liberty; give me the imperialism of equal rights.

~Charles Sumner

The age of Chivalry is gone. An age of Humanity has come.

~Charles Sumner

No true and permanent fame can be founded, except in labors which promote the happiness of mankind.

~Charles Sumner

A nation cannot afford to do a mean thing.

~Charles Sumner

Let the bugles sound the Truce of God to the whole world forever.

~Charles Sumner

The true grandeur of humanity is in moral elevation, sustained, enlightened and decorated by the intellect of man

~Charles Sumner

Whether the Union stands or falls, I believe the profession of arms will henceforth be more desirable and more respected than it has been hitherto.

~Charles Sumner

I have never known a man who was sensual in his youth, who was high-minded when old.

~Charles Sumner

Can there be in our age any peace that is not honorable, any war that is not dishonorable?

~Charles Sumner

There are two sorts of pity: one is a balm and the other a poison; the first is realized by our friends, the last by our enemies.

~Charles Sumner

The thought of going abroad makes my heart leap.

~Charles Sumner

The phrase public office is a public trust, has of late become common property.

~Charles Sumner

Moral excellence is the bright consummate flower of all progress.

~Charles Sumner

War is a positive, precise and specific evil, of gigantic proportions ...making within the sphere of its influence all true grandeur impossible.

~Charles Sumner

I am without religious feeling.

~Charles Sumner

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