

Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward Quotes

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A great idea is usually original to more than one discoverer. Great ideas come when the world needs them. Great ideas surround the world's ignorance and press for admission.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

Out of my discomforts, which were small enough, grew one thing for which I have all my life been grateful, the formation of fixed habits of work.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

It seems to me that life is always undoing for us something that we have just laboriously done.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

Surely it is one of the simplest laws of taste in dress, that it shall not attract undue attention from the wearer to the worn.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

The great law of denial belongs to the powerful forces of life, whether the case be one of coolish baked beans, or an unrequited affection.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

A perfect marriage is like a pure heart ... those who have it are fit to see God.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

A literary woman's best critic is her husband.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

Death is not the worst sorrow.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

It is not in our drawing-rooms that we should look to judge of the intrinsic worth of any style of dress. The street-car is a truer crucible of

its inherent value.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

Who originated that most exquisite of inquisitions, the condolence system?

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

A good short story is a work of art which daunts us in proportion to its brevity.... No inspiration is too noble for it; no amount of hard work is too severe for it.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

It is not the straining for great things that is most effective; it is the doing the little things, the common duties, a little better and better.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

What an immense power over life is the power of possessing distinct aims.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

Happiness must be cultivated. It is like character. It is not a thing to be safely let alone for a moment, or it will run to weeds.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

What an immense power over the life is the power of possessing distinct aims. The voice, the dress, the look, the very motion of a person, define and alter when he or she begins to live for a reason.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

... to work, to work hard, to see work steadily, and see it whole, was the way to be reputable. I think I always respected a good blacksmith more than a lady of leisure.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

Imagination is built upon knowledge.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

Superior music is purity itself; it clears the air.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

Truth, like climate, is common property.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

It is in the comprehension of the physically disabled, or disordered ... that we are behind our age.... sympathy as a fine art is backward in the growth of progress.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

It is impossible to forget the sense of dignity which marks the hour when one becomes a wage-earner... I felt that I had suddenly acquired value to myself, to my family, and to the world.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

The woman's personal identity is a vast undiscovered country -- with which Society has yet to acquaint itself, and by which it is yet to be revolutionized.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

Life is moral responsibility.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

The rainiest nights, like the rainiest lives, are by no means the saddest.

~Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward

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