

# Frances Harper Quotes

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We are all bound up together in one great bundle of humanity, and society cannot trample on the weakest and feeblest of its members without receiving the curse in its own soul.

~Frances Harper

My hands were weak, but I reached them out  
To feebler ones than mine, and over the shadow of my life  
Stole the light of a peace divine.

~Frances Harper

Slavery is dead, but the spirit which animated it still lives.

~Frances Harper

The respect that is only bought by gold is not worth much.

~Frances Harper

I find, by close observation, that the mothers are the levers which move in education. The men talk about it . . . but the women work most for it.

~Frances Harper

If we have had no past, it is well for us to look hopefully to the future - for the shadows bear the promise of a brighter coming day.

~Frances Harper

I belong to this race, and when it is down I belong to a down race; when it is up I belong to a risen race.

~Frances Harper

The true aim of female education should be, not a development of one or two, but all the faculties of the human soul, because no perfect womanhood is developed by imperfect culture.

~Frances Harper

Apparent failure may hold in its rough shell the germs of a success that will blossom in time, and bear fruit throughout eternity.

~Frances Harper

Oh, could slavery exist long if it did not sit on a commercial throne?

~Frances Harper

I do not think the mere extension of the ballot a panacea for all the ills of our national life. What we need to-day is not simply more voters, but better voters.

~Frances Harper

Every mother should endeavor to be a true artist.

~Frances Harper

A room to myself is a luxury that I do not always enjoy.

~Frances Harper

True politeness is to social life what oil is to machinery, a thing to oil the ruts and grooves of existence. False politeness can shine without warming and glitter without vivifying.

~Frances Harper

Intense love is often akin to intense suffering.

~Frances Harper

No man can feel the iron which enters another man's soul.

~Frances Harper

One needs both leisure and money to make a successful book.

~Frances Harper

I like the character of Moses. He is the first disunionist we read of in the Jewish Scriptures.

~Frances Harper

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