

George Stillman Hillard Quotes

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Ambition, Persons, Dark, Wise, Misfortunes, Animal, Progress, Military,
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Sunsets in themselves are generally superior to sunrises; but with the sunset we appreciate images drawn from departed peace and faded glory.

~George Stillman Hillard

Artists will sometimes speak of Rome with disparagement or indifference while it is before them; but no artist ever lived in Rome and then left it, without sighing to return.

~George Stillman Hillard

There are no eyes so sharp as the eyes of hatred.

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Strategy is the most important department of the art of war, and strategical skill is the highest and rarest function of military genius.

~George Stillman Hillard

Ambition is not a weakness unless it be disproportioned to the capacity. To have more ambition than ability is to be at once weak and unhappy.

~George Stillman Hillard

A sluggish, dawdling, and dilatory man may have spasms of activity, but he never acts continuously and consecutively with energetic quickness.

~George Stillman Hillard

Great men are among the best gifts which God bestows upon a people.

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Man is an animal that cannot long be left in safety without occupation; the growth of his fallow nature is apt to run into weeds.

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Many persons feel art, some understand it; but few both feel and understand it.

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The force of selfishness is as inevitable and as calculable as the force of gravitation.

~George Stillman Hillard

The malignity that never forgets or forgives is found only in base and ignoble natures, whose aims are selfish, and whose means are indirect, cowardly, and treacherous.

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Misfortunes have their dignity and their redeeming power.

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A vacant mind invites dangerous inmates, as a deserted mansion tempts wandering outcasts to enter and take up their abode in its desolate apartments.

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Occupation is the armor of the soul.

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There are pictures by Titian so steeped in golden splendors, that they look as if they would light up a dark room like a solar lamp.

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Nothing is more binding than the friendship of companions-in-arms.

~George Stillman Hillard

A statesman makes the occasion, but the occasion makes the politician.

~George Stillman Hillard

For my boyhood's friend hath fallen, the pillar of my trust, The true, the wise, the beautiful, is sleeping in the dust.

~George Stillman Hillard

If liberty with law is fire on the hearth, liberty without law is fire on the floor.

~George Stillman Hillard

The ruin of most men dates from some idle moment.

~George Stillman Hillard

The shadow of human life is traced upon a golden ground of immortal hope.

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