

Harriet Beecher Stowe

Quotes

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Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

The bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid and deeds left undone.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

It's a matter of taking the side of the weak against the strong, something the best people have always done.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

The truth is the kindest thing we can give folks in the end.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Whipping and abuse are like laudanum: you have to double the dose as the sensibilities decline.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

No ornament of a house can compare with books; they are constant company in a room, even when you are not reading them.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

So much has been said and sung of beautiful young girls, why doesn't somebody wake up to the beauty of old women.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

I feel now that the time is come when even a woman or a child who can speak a word for freedom and humanity is bound to speak... I hope every woman who can write will not be silent.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Talk of the abuses of slavery! Humbug! The thing itself is the essence of all abuse!

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

The past, the present and the future are really one: they are today.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Half the misery in the world comes of want of courage to speak and to hear the truth plainly and in a spirit of love.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

The pain of discipline is short, but the glory of the fruition is eternal.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

All places where women are excluded tend downward to barbarism; but the moment she is introduced, there come in with her courtesy, cleanliness, sobriety, and order.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Common sense is seeing things as they are; and doing things as they ought to be.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

...it is impossible to make anything beautiful or desirable in the best regulated administration of slavery.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

The Negro is an exotic of the most gorgeous and superb countries of the world, and he has deep in his heart a passion for all that is splendid, rich and fanciful.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Let us resolve: First, to attain the grace of silence; second, to deem all fault finding that does no good a sin; third, to practice the grade and virtue of praise.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Money is a great help everywhere; - can't have too much, if you get it

honestly.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

At last I have come into a dreamland.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Treat 'em like dogs, and you'll have dogs' works and dogs' actions.
Treat 'em like men, and you'll have men's works.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

No one is so thoroughly superstitious as the godless man.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

The person who decides what shall be the food and drink of a family, and the modes of its preparation, is the one who decides, to a greater or less extent, what shall be the health of that family.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Gems, in fact, are a species of mineral flowers; they are the blossoms of the dark, hard mine; and what they want in perfume, they make up in durability.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

The longest way must have its close - the gloomiest night will wear on to a morning.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Witness, eternal God! Oh, witness that, from this hour, I will do what one man can to drive out this curse of slavery from my land!

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

I am one of the sort that lives by throwing stones at other people's glass houses, but I never mean to put up one for them to stone.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Sweet souls around us watch us still, press nearer to our side; Into our thoughts, into our prayers, with gentle helpings glide.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

What makes saintliness in my view, as distinguished from ordinary goodness, is a certain quality of magnanimity and greatness of soul that brings life within the circle of the heroic.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Let us never doubt everything that ought to happen is going to happen.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

O, with what freshness, what solemnity and beauty, is each new day born; as if to say to insensate man, "Behold! thou hast one more chance! Strive for immortal glory!

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Scenes of blood and cruelty are shocking to our ear and heart. What man has nerve to do, man has not nerve to hear.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

If you were not already my dearly loved husband I should certainly fall in love with you.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Fanaticism is governed by imagination rather than judgment.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

The literature of a people must so ring from the sense of its nationality; and nationality is impossible without self-respect, and self-respect is impossible without liberty.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Home is a place not only of strong affections, but of entire unreserve; it

is life's undress rehearsal, its backroom, its dressing room.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

People will accept your ideas much more readily if you tell them that Benjamin Franklin said it first. Perhaps it is impossible for a person who does no good to do no harm.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

To do common things perfectly is far better worth our endeavor than to do uncommon things respectably.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

We should remember in our dealings with animals that they are a sacred trust to us from our Heavenly Father. They are dumb and cannot speak for themselves.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

The beautiful must ever rest in the arms of the sublime. The gentle needs the strong to sustain it, as much as the rock-flowers need rocks to grow on, or the ivy the rugged wall which it embraces.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Eyes that have never wept cannot comprehend sorrow.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Friendships are discovered rather than made.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

I make no manner of doubt that you threw a very diamond of truth at me, though you see it hit me so directly in the face that it wasn't exactly appreciated, at first.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

There is more done with pens than with swords.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

True love ennobles and dignifies the material labors of life; and homely services rendered for love's sake have in them a poetry that is immortal.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

...the heart has no tears to give,--it drops only blood, bleeding itself away in silence.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

he who has nothing to lose can afford all risks.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Praise is sunshine; it warms, it inspires, it promotes growth; blame and rebuke are rain and hail; they beat down and bedraggle, even though they may at times be necessary.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Mothers are the most instinctive philosophers.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Human nature is above all things lazy.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

the heaviest anguish often precedes a return tide of joy and courage.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

By what strange law of mind is it that an idea long overlooked, and trodden under foot as a useless stone, suddenly sparkles out in new light, as a discovered diamond?

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

A woman's health is her capital.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

The obstinacy of cleverness and reason is nothing to the obstinacy of folly and inanity.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Most mothers are instinctive philosophers.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

I did not write it (Uncle Tom's Cabin). God wrote it. I merely did his dictation.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Any mind that is capable of real sorrow is capable of good.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Greek is the morning land of languages, and has the freshness of early dew in it which will never exhale.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

I never thought my book would turn so many people against slavery.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Women's Day Women are the real architects of society.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

In all ranks of life the human heart yearns for the beautiful; and the beautiful things that God makes are his gift to all alike.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

So subtle is the atmosphere of opinion that it will make itself felt without words.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Why don't somebody wake up to the beauty of old women?

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

To be really great in little things, to be truly noble and heroic in the insipid details of everyday life, is a virtue so rare as to be worthy of canonization.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

It is one mark of a superior mind to understand and be influenced by the superiority of others.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Self respect is impossible without liberty.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Many a humble soul will be amazed to find that the seed it sowed in weakness, in the dust of daily life, has blossomed into immortal flowers under the eye of the Lord.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Cause I's wicked, - I is. I's mighty wicked, anyhow, I can't help it.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

I would not attack the faith of a heathen without being sure I had a better one to put in its place.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

If we let our friend become cold and selfish and exacting without a remonstrance, we are no true lover, no true friend.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

A man builds a house in England with the expectation of living in it and leaving it to his children; we shed our houses in America as easily as a snail does his shell.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Sublime is the dominion of the mind over the body, that, for a time, can make flesh and nerve impregnable, and string the sinews like steel, so that the weak become so mighty!

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Children will grow up substantially what they are by nature--and only that.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

the delicacy that respects a friend's silence is one of the charms of life.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

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Strange, what brings these past things so vividly back to us, sometimes!

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Where painting is weakest, namely, in the expression of the highest moral and spiritual ideas, there music is sublimely strong.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

A little reflection will enable any person to detect in himself that setness in trifles which is the result of the unwatched instinct of self-will and to establish over himself a jealous guardianship.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Perhaps it is impossible for a person who does no good to do no harm.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

In the gates of eternity the black hand and the white hand hold each

other with equal clasp.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

My vocation to preach on paper.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

There are griefs which grow with years.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

It is generally understood that men don't aspire after the absolute right, but only to do about as well as the rest of the world.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

O, ye who visit the distressed, do ye know that everything your money can buy, given with a cold, averted face, is not worth one honest tear shed in real sympathy?

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

intemperance in eating is one of the most fruitful of all causes of disease and death.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

One part of the science of living is to learn just what our own responsibility is, and to let other people's alone.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

there is no independence and pertinacity of opinion like that of these seemingly soft, quiet creatures, whom it is so easy to silence, and so difficult to convince.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Midnight,--strange mystic hour,--when the veil between the frail present and the eternal future grows thin.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

the temperaments of children are often as oddly unsuited to parents as if capricious fairies had been filling cradles with changelings.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

For, so inconsistent is human nature, especially in the ideal, that not to undertake a thing at all seems better than to undertake and come short.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Religion! Is what you hear at church religion? Is that which can bend and turn, and descend and ascend, to fit every crooked phase of selfish, worldly society, religion?

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Cathedrals do not seem to me to have been built. They seem, rather, stupendous growths of nature, like crystals, or cliffs of basalt.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

"What's your hurry?" "Because now is the only time there ever is to do a thing in," said Miss Ophelia.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

In the old times, women did not get their lives written, though I don't doubt many of them were much better worth writing than the men's.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

If I am to write, I must have a room to myself, which shall be my room.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Of course, in a novel, people's hearts break, and they die and that is the end of it; and in a story this is very convenient. But in real life we do not die when all that makes life bright dies to us.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

the Lord gives good many things twice over; but he don't give ye a mother but once.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

General rules will bear hard on particular cases.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Let my soul calm itself, O Christ, in Thee. This is true.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

A ship is a beauty and a mystery wherever we see it.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

Get your evidences of grace by pressing forward to the mark, and not by groping with a lantern after the boundary lines.

~Harriet Beecher Stowe

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