

Horace Mann Quotes

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Inspirational, Character, World, Teaching, Evil, Law, Mind, Book, Love, Soul,
Thinking*

Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered for they are gone forever.

~Horace Mann

Unfaithfulness in the keeping of an appointment is an act of clear dishonesty. You may as well borrow a person's money as his time.

~Horace Mann

Let us not be content to wait and see what will happen, but give us the determination to make the right things happen.

~Horace Mann

To pity distress is but human; to relieve it is Godlike.

~Horace Mann

Seek not greatness, but seek truth and you will find both.

~Horace Mann

I look upon Phrenology as the guide to philosophy and the handmaid of Christianity. Whoever disseminates true Phrenology is a public benefactor.

~Horace Mann

A house without books is like a room without windows.

~Horace Mann

Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity.

~Horace Mann

A teacher who is attempting to teach without inspiring the pupil with a desire to learn is hammering on cold iron.

~Horace Mann

Do not think of knocking out another person's brains because he differs in opinion from you. It would be as rational to knock yourself on the head because you differ from yourself ten years ago.

~Horace Mann

Education is our only political safety. Outside of this ark all is deluge.

~Horace Mann

Education then, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer of the conditions of men, the balance-wheel of the social machinery.

~Horace Mann

If an idiot were to tell you the same story every day for a year, you would end by believing it.

~Horace Mann

A human being is not attaining his full heights until he is educated.

~Horace Mann

Republics, one after another . . . have perished from a want of intelligence and virtue in the masses of the people. . . .

~Horace Mann

Manners easily and rapidly mature into morals.

~Horace Mann

Jails and prisons are the complement of schools; so many less as you have of the latter, so many more must you have of the former.

~Horace Mann

Education is a capital to the poor man, and an interest to the rich man.

~Horace Mann

It is more difficult, and it calls for higher energies of soul, to live a martyr than to die one.

~Horace Mann

There may be frugality which is not economy. A community, that withholds the means of education from its children, withholds the bread of life and starves their souls.

~Horace Mann

Let us labor for that larger comprehension of truth, and that more thorough repudiation of error, which shall make the history of mankind a series of ascending developments.

~Horace Mann

Above all, let the poor hang up the amulet of temperance in their homes.

~Horace Mann

Resolve to edge in a little reading every day, if it is but a single sentence. If you gain fifteen minutes a day, it will make itself felt at the end of the year.

~Horace Mann

Schoolhouses are the republican line of fortifications.

~Horace Mann

Every addition to true knowledge is an addition to human power.

~Horace Mann

In what pagan nation was Moloch ever propitiated by such an unbroken and swift-moving procession of victims as are offered to this Moloch of Christendom, intemperance.

~Horace Mann

Teachers teach because they care. Teaching young people is what they do best. It requires long hours, patience, and care.

~Horace Mann

New constellations of truth are daily discovered in the firmament of knowledge, and new stars are daily shining forth in each constellation.

~Horace Mann

Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves.

~Horace Mann

Habit is a cable; we weave a thread of it each day, and at last we cannot break it.

~Horace Mann

Ignorance breeds monsters to fill up the vacancies of the soul that are unoccupied by the verities of knowledge.

~Horace Mann

Education alone can conduct us to that enjoyment which is, at once, best in quality and infinite in quantity.

~Horace Mann

Observation - activity of both eyes and ears.

~Horace Mann

If evil is inevitable, how are the wicked accountable? Nay, why do we call men wicked at all? Evil is inevitable, but is also remediable.

~Horace Mann

You may as well borrow a person's money as his time.

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On entering this world our starting-point is ignorance. None, however,

but idiots remain there.

~Horace Mann

Generosity during life is a very different thing from generosity in the hour of death; one proceeds from genuine liberality and benevolence, the other from pride or fear.

~Horace Mann

Ten men have failed from defect in morals, where one has failed from defect in intellect.

~Horace Mann

Great books are written for Christianity much oftener than great deeds are done for it. City libraries tell us of the reign of Jesus Christ but city streets tell us of the reign of Satan.

~Horace Mann

The earth flourishes, or is overrun with noxious weeds and brambles, as we apply or withhold the cultivating hand. So fares it with the intellectual system of man.

~Horace Mann

Keep one thing in view forever- the truth; and if you do this, though it may seem to lead you away from the opinion of men, it will assuredly conduct you to the throne of God.

~Horace Mann

We do ourselves the most good doing something for others.

~Horace Mann

Every school boy and school girl who has arrived at the age of reflection ought to know something about the history of the art of printing.

~Horace Mann

If any man seeks for greatness, let him forget greatness and ask for truth, and he will find both.

~Horace Mann

As all truth is from God, it necessarily follows that true science and true religion can never be at variance.

~Horace Mann

It is well to think well; it is divine to act well.

~Horace Mann

True glory is a flame lighted at the skies.

~Horace Mann

If temperance prevails, then education can prevail; if temperance fails, then education must fail.

~Horace Mann

It would be more honourable to our distinguished ancestors to praise them in words less, but in deeds to imitate them more.

~Horace Mann

Praise begets emulation,--a goodly seed to sow among youthful students.

~Horace Mann

Much that we call evil is really good in disguises; and we should not quarrel rashly with adversities not yet understood, nor overlook the mercies often bound up in them.

~Horace Mann

You may be liberal in your praise where praise is due: it costs nothing; it encourages much.

~Horace Mann

The object of punishment is, prevention from evil; it never can be made impulsive to good.

~Horace Mann

In trying to teach children a great deal in a short time, they are treated not as though the race they were to run was for life, but simply a three-mile heat.

~Horace Mann

When you introduce into our schools a spirit of emulation, you have present the keenest spur admissible to the youthful intellect.

~Horace Mann

After a child has arrived at the legal age for attending school,-whether he be the child of noble or of peasant,-the only two absolute grounds of exemption from attendance are sickness and death.

~Horace Mann

As each generation comes into the world devoid of knowledge, its first duty is to obtain possession of the stores already amassed. It must overtake its predecessors before it can pass by them.

~Horace Mann

Scientific truth is marvelous, but moral truth is divine and whoever breathes its air and walks by its light has found the lost paradise.

~Horace Mann

The education already given to the people creates the necessity of giving them more.

~Horace Mann

The most precious wine is produced upon the sides of volcanoes. Now bold and inspiring ideals are only born of a clear head that stands over a glowing heart.

~Horace Mann

He who dethrones the idea of law, bids chaos welcome in its stead.

~Horace Mann

Those who exert the first influence upon the mind have the greatest power.

~Horace Mann

Teaching isn't one-tenth as effective as training.

~Horace Mann

Virtue is an angel, but she is a blind one, and must ask Knowledge to show her the pathway that leads to her goal.

~Horace Mann

We who are engaged in the sacred cause of education are entitled to look upon all parents as having given hostages to our cause.

~Horace Mann

Knowledge is a mimic creation.

~Horace Mann

He who cannot resist temptation is not a man. Whoever yields to temptation debases himself with a debasement from which he can never arise.

~Horace Mann

Even the choicest literature should be taken as the condiment, and not as the sustenance of life. It should be neither the warp nor the woof of existence, but only the flowery edging upon its borders.

~Horace Mann

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Of all "rights" which command attention at the present time among us, woman's rights seem to take precedence.

~Horace Mann

You need not tell all the truth, unless to those who have a right to know it; but let all you tell be truth.

~Horace Mann

The devil tempts men through their ambition, their cupidity, or their appetite, until he comes to the profane swearer, whom he clutches without any reward.

~Horace Mann

The living soul of man, once conscious of its power, cannot be quelled.

~Horace Mann

If you wish to write well, study the life about you,--life in the public streets.

~Horace Mann

Genius may conceive but patient labor must consummate.

~Horace Mann

Patient perseverance in well doing is infinitely harder than a sudden and impulsive self-sacrifice.

~Horace Mann

The highest service we can perform for others is to help them help themselves.

~Horace Mann

We must be purposely kind and generous or we miss the best part of

life's existence.

~Horace Mann

We go by the major vote, and if the majority are insane, the sane must go to the hospital.

~Horace Mann

There is nothing so costly as ignorance.

~Horace Mann

If ever there was a cause, if ever there can be a cause, worthy to be upheld by all of toil or sacrifice that the human heart can endure, it is the cause of Education.

~Horace Mann

When will society, like a mother, take care of all her children?

~Horace Mann

As an apple is not in any proper sense an apple until it is ripe, so a human being is not in any proper sense a human being until he is educated.

~Horace Mann

A teacher should, above all things, first induce a desire in the pupil for the acquisition he wishes to impart.

~Horace Mann

Education must bring the practice as nearly as possible to the theory. As the children now are, so will the sovereigns soon be.

~Horace Mann

Deeds survive the doers.

~Horace Mann

A house without books is like a room without windows. No man has a right to bring up his children without surrounding them with books, if he has the means to buy them.

~Horace Mann

Every event in this world is the effect of some precedent cause, and also the cause of some subsequent effect.

~Horace Mann

To know the machine one must know where each part belongs, and what its office is.

~Horace Mann

Whatever statesman or sage will effect reforms upon a gigantic or godlike scale must begin with the young.

~Horace Mann

A republican form of government, without intelligence in the people, must be, on a vast scale, what a mad-house, without superintendent or keepers, would be on a small one.

~Horace Mann

If you can express yourself so as to be perfectly understood in ten words, never use a dozen.

~Horace Mann

There is not a good work which the hand of man has ever undertaken, which his heart has ever conceived, which does not require a good education for its helper.

~Horace Mann

Injustice alone can shake down the pillars of the skies, and restore the reign of Chaos and Night.

~Horace Mann

Spurn not at seeming error, but dig below its surface for the truth; And beware of seeming truths that grow on the roots of error.

~Horace Mann

Great knowledge is requisite to instruct those who have been well instructed, but still greater knowledge is requisite to instruct those who have been neglected.

~Horace Mann

False conclusions which have been reasoned out are infinitely worse than blind impulse.

~Horace Mann

Thank Heaven, the female heart is untenable by atheism.

~Horace Mann

It is far more difficult, I assure you, to live for the truth than to die for it.

~Horace Mann

Bodies are cleansed by water; the mind is purified by truth.

~Horace Mann

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