

John Lothrop Motley

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The history of the Franks becomes, therefore, the history of the Netherlands.

~John Lothrop Motley

A third force, developing itself more slowly, becomes even more potent than the rest: the power of gold.

~John Lothrop Motley

Monuments! what are they? the very pyramids have forgotten their builders, or to whom they were dedicated. Deeds, not stones, are the true monuments of the great.

~John Lothrop Motley

In Gaul were two orders, the nobility and the priesthood, while the people, says Caesar, were all slaves.

~John Lothrop Motley

The crusades made great improvement in the condition of the serfs.

~John Lothrop Motley

A soil, exhausted by the long culture of Pagan empires, was to lie fallow for a still longer period.

~John Lothrop Motley

Thus the whole country was broken into many shreds and patches of sovereignty.

~John Lothrop Motley

To the Calvinists, more than to any other class of men, the political liberties of Holland, England, and America are due.

~John Lothrop Motley

Enthusiasm could not supply the place of experience.

~John Lothrop Motley

Give us the luxuries of life, and we will dispense with its necessities.

~John Lothrop Motley

A good lawyer is a bad Christian.

~John Lothrop Motley

When did one man ever civilize a people?

~John Lothrop Motley

A new civilization was not to be improvised by a single mind.

~John Lothrop Motley

The ferocious inroads of the Normans scared many weak and timid persons into servitude.

~John Lothrop Motley

A terrible animal, indeed, is an unbridled woman.

~John Lothrop Motley

The splendid empire of Charles the Fifth was erected upon the grave of liberty.

~John Lothrop Motley

Wealth brings strength, strength confidence.

~John Lothrop Motley

In the tenth century the old Batavian and later Roman forms have faded away.

~John Lothrop Motley

History shows how feeble are barriers of paper.

~John Lothrop Motley

Local self-government is the life-blood of liberty.

~John Lothrop Motley

A talent for repartee is one that increases with practice.

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For a century longer, Rome still retains its outward form, but the swarming nations are now in full career.

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