

Mary Augusta Ward Quotes

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Every man is bound to leave a story better than he found it.

~Mary Augusta Ward

Conviction is the conscience of the mind.

~Mary Augusta Ward

But no man has a monopoly of conscience.

~Mary Augusta Ward

Learn the lesson of your own pain--learn to seek God, not in any single event of past history, but in your own soul--in the constant verifications of experience, in the life of Christian love.

~Mary Augusta Ward

My grandmother made her home at Fox How under the shelter of the fells, with her four daughters, the youngest of whom was only eight when their father died.

~Mary Augusta Ward

Truth has never been, can never be, contained in any one creed or system.

~Mary Augusta Ward

For after my marriage I had made various attempts to write fiction. They were clearly failures.

~Mary Augusta Ward

It is the rank and file - the average woman - for whom the world has opened up so astonishingly.

~Mary Augusta Ward

But the mind travels far - and mysteriously - in sleep.

~Mary Augusta Ward

But a girl of seventeen is not always thinking of books, especially in the Oxford summer term.

~Mary Augusta Ward

As far as intellectual training was concerned, my nine years from seven to sixteen were practically wasted.

~Mary Augusta Ward

A life spent largely among books, and in the exercise of a literary profession, has very obvious drawbacks, as a subject-matter, when one comes to write about it.

~Mary Augusta Ward

The answer, of course, in the mouth of a Christian teacher is that in Christianity alone is there both present joy and future hope.

~Mary Augusta Ward

So as the years draw on toward the Biblical limit, the inclination to look back, and to tell some sort of story of what one has seen, grows upon most of us.

~Mary Augusta Ward

One may as well preach a respectable mythology as anything else.

~Mary Augusta Ward

A victim to certain obscure forms of gout, he was in character neither stupid, nor inhuman, but he suffered from the usual drawbacks of his class, - too much money, and too few ideas.

~Mary Augusta Ward

There is nothing more startling in human relations than the strong emotion of weak people.

~Mary Augusta Ward

How little those who are schoolgirls of today can realize what it was to be a schoolgirl in the fifties or the early sixties of the last century!

~Mary Augusta Ward

In this choice, as I look back over more than half a century, I can only follow - and trust - the same sort of instinct that one follows in the art of fiction.

~Mary Augusta Ward

praise is a great tonic, and helps most people to do their best.

~Mary Augusta Ward

The only thing which can keep journalism alive - journalism, which is born of the moment, serves the moment, and, as a rule, dies with the moment - is - again the Stevensonian secret! - charm.

~Mary Augusta Ward

There is a tyrannical element in all fanaticism, an element which makes opposition a torment.

~Mary Augusta Ward

Every great religion is, in truth, a concentration of great ideas, capable, as all ideas are, of infinite expansion and adaptation.

~Mary Augusta Ward

Is there any other slavery and chain like that of temperament?

~Mary Augusta Ward

We enjoy the great prophets of literature most when we have not yet lived enough to realize all they tell us.

~Mary Augusta Ward

All things change, creeds and philosophies and outward systems - but God remains.

~Mary Augusta Ward

We all grow on somebody's grave.

~Mary Augusta Ward

The delight in natural things - colors, forms, scents - when there was nothing to restrain or hamper it, has often been a kind of intoxication, in which thought and consciousness seemed suspended.

~Mary Augusta Ward

To reconceive the Christ! It is the special task of our age.

~Mary Augusta Ward

City of rest! - as it seems to our modern senses, - how is it possible that so busy, so pitiless and covetous a life as history shows us, should have gone to the making and the fashioning of Venice!

~Mary Augusta Ward

Other trades may fail. The agitator is always sure of his market.

~Mary Augusta Ward

Customers must be delicately angled for at a safe distance - show yourself too much, and, like trout, they flashed away.

~Mary Augusta Ward

... the strictness of to-day may have at any moment to be purchased by the laxity of to-morrow.

~Mary Augusta Ward

Nothing ought to be told, I think that does not interest or kindle one's own mind in looking back; it is the only condition on which one can hope to interest or kindle other minds.

~Mary Augusta Ward

Place before your eyes two Precepts, and two only. One is, Preach the Gospel; and the other is--Put down enthusiasm!The Church of England in a nutshell.

~Mary Augusta Ward

my credo is very short. Its first article is art - and its second is art - and its third is art!

~Mary Augusta Ward

I regard the whole university system as a wretched sham. Knowledge! It has no more to do with knowledge than my boots.

~Mary Augusta Ward

A modern girls' school, equipped as scores are now equipped throughout the country, was of course not to be found in 1858, when I first became a school boarder, or in 1867, when I ceased to be one.

~Mary Augusta Ward

Our children, two daughters and a son, were born in 1874, 1876, and 1879.

~Mary Augusta Ward

I cannot hope that what I have to say will be very interesting to many.

~Mary Augusta Ward

It became plain very soon after our marriage that ours was to be a literary partnership.

~Mary Augusta Ward

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