

# Philip Gilbert Hamerton

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Interesting, Knowing, Doe, Spiritual, Prejudice, Inspirational, Summer, Anxiety,  
Tree, Intellectual*

We need society, and we need solitude also, as we need summer and winter, day and night, exercise and rest.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

The only hope of preserving what is best, lies in the practice of an immense charity, a wide tolerance, a sincere respect for opinions that are not ours.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

Never be afraid of What is good; the good is always the road to what is true.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

Culture is like wealth; it makes us more ourselves, it enables us to express ourselves

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

In learning to know other things, and other minds, we become more intimately acquainted with ourselves, and are to ourselves better worth knowing.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

The art of reading is to skip judiciously. Whole libraries may be skipped in these days, when we have the results of them in our modern culture without going over the ground again.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

Have you ever observed that we pay much more attention to a wise passage when it is quoted, than when we read it in the original author?

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

As there is no pleasure in military life for a soldier who fears death, so there is no independence in civil existence for the man who has an overpowering dread of solitude.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

The happiest life is that which constantly exercises and educates what is best in us.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

Fashion is nothing more than the temporary custom of rich and idle people who make it their principal business to study the external elegance of life.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

People have prejudices against a nation in which they have no acquaintances.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

Woe unto him that is never alone, and cannot bear to be alone.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

The one mistake which is committed habitually by people who have the gift of half-genius, is waiting for inspiration.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

Conversation is interesting in proportion to the originality of the central ideas which serve as pivots and the fitness of the little facts and observations which are contributed by the talkers.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

Society is, and must be, based upon appearances, and not upon the deepest appearances, and not realities.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

Painting does not come from intelligence so much, as from sight and feeling and invention.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

Unless a man works he cannot find out what he is able to do.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

Avowed work, even when uncongenial, is far less trying to patience than feigned pleasure.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

I wonder how it is that so cheerful-looking a tree as the willow should ever have become associated with ideas of sadness.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

The opinions of men who think are always growing and changing, like living children.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

There are natures that go to the streams of life in great cities as the hart goes to the water brooks.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

You may have a cat in the room with you without anxiety about anything except eatables. The presence of a cat is positively soothing to a student.

~Philip Gilbert Hamerton

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