

Thomas Wentworth Higginson Quotes

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The first wild-flower of the year is like land after sea.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

To be really cosmopolitan a man must be at home even in his own country.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

It is no discredit to Walt Whitman that he wrote Leaves of Grass, only that he did not burn it afterwards.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

How many lessons of faith and beauty we should lose, if there were no winter in our year!

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

Great men are rarely isolated mountain-peaks; they are the summits of ranges.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

Noble discontent is the path to heaven.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

What are Raphael's Madonnas but the shadow of a mother's love, fixed in permanent outline forever?

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

How much that the world calls selfishness is only generosity with narrow walls,--a too exclusive solicitude to maintain a wife in luxury, or make one's children rich.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

There is certainly no defence or water -proof garment against adverse fortune which is, on the whole, so effectual as an habitual sense of humor.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

Do not waste a minute - not a second - in trying to demonstrate to others the merits of your performance. If your work does not vindicate itself, you cannot vindicate it.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

In an audience of rough people a generous sentiment always brings down the house. In the tumult of war both sides applaud a heroic deed.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

Many persons sigh for death when it seems far off, but the inclination vanishes when the boat upsets, or the locomotive runs off the track, or the measles set it.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

Genius is lonely without the surrounding presence of a people to inspire it.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

The most fertile soil does not necessarily produce the most abundant harvest. It is the use we make of our faculties which renders them valuable.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

Originality is simply a pair of fresh eyes.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

What instruction the baby brings to the mother!

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

Fields are won by those who believe in the winning.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

After all, when a thought takes one's breath away, a lesson on grammar seems an impertinence.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

That genius is feeble which cannot hold its own before the masterpieces of the world.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

An easy thing, O Power Divine, To thank thee for these gifts of Thine,
For summer's sunshine, winter's snow, For hearts that kindle thoughts
that glow.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

The bee himself did not evade the schoolboy more than she evaded me, and even at this day I still stand somewhat bewildered, like the boy.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

Character shows itself apart from genius as a special thing. The first point of measurement of any man is that of quality.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

Life is as inexorable as the sea.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

In ancient Boeotia brides were carried home in vehicles whose wheels were burned at the door, in token, that they would never again be needed.

~Thomas Wentworth Higginson

Travelers find virtue in a seeming minority in all other countries, and forget that they have left it in a minority at home.

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