

William Matthews

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The difficulties, hardships and trials of life, the obstacles... are positive blessings. They knit the muscles more firmly, and teach self-reliance.

~William Matthews

The same disappointments in life will chasten and refine one man's spirit, embitter another's.

~William Matthews

Be methodical if you would succeed in business, or in anything. Have a work for every moment, and mind the moment's work.

~William Matthews

The smallest thing, well done, becomes artistic.

~William Matthews

One well-cultivated talent, deepened and enlarged, is worth one hundred shallow faculties.

~William Matthews

Unless a man has trained himself for his chance, the chance will only make him ridiculous.

~William Matthews

As frost, raised to its utmost intensity, produces the sensation of fire, so any good quality, overwrought and pushed to excess, turns into its own contrary.

~William Matthews

The petty cares, the minute anxieties, the infinite littles which go to make up the sum of human experience, like the invisible granules of powder, give the last and highest polish to a character.

~William Matthews

Criminals are opportunists. If you've got a booming market, they're

going to get away with more fraud.

~William Matthews

God has so framed us as to make freedom of choice and action the very basis of all moral improvement, and all our faculties, mental and moral, resent and revolt against the idea of coercion.

~William Matthews

The power of music that poetry lacks is the ability to persuade without argument.

~William Matthews

The easiest way for me to lose interests is to know too much of what I want to say before I begin.

~William Matthews

It is not, of course, the subject that is or isn't dull, but the quality of attention that we do or do not pay to it. Dull subjects are those we have failed.

~William Matthews

Go to the desk. Stay at the desk. Thrive at the desk.

~William Matthews

We all have two childhoods, the unhappy one and the happy one.

~William Matthews

What lasting progress was ever made in social reformation, except when every step was insured by appeals to the understanding and the will?

~William Matthews

Talking, is a digestive process which is absolutely essential to the mental constitution of the man who devours many books.

~William Matthews

The fullest instruction, and the fullest enjoyment are never derived from books, till we have ventilated the ideas thus obtained in free and easy chat with others.

~William Matthews

With the "civilized" person contentment is a myth. From the cradle to the grave they are forever longing and striving after something better, an indefinable something, some new object yet unattained.

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