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Henry Brooks Adams (February 16, 1838 March 27, 1918) was an American historian, journalist and novelist.

They know enough who know how to learn.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

Nothing in education is so astonishing as the amount of ignorance it accumulates in the form of inert facts.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

One friend in a lifetime is much, two are many, three are hardly possible. Friendship needs a certain parallelism of life, a community of thought, a rivalry of aim.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

As for America, it is the ideal fruit of all your youthful hopes and reforms. Everybody is fairly decent, respectable, domestic, bourgeois, middle-class, and tiresome. There is absolutely nothing to revile except that it's a bore.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

The proper study of mankind is woman.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

No man likes to have his intelligence or good faith questioned, especially if he has doubts about it himself.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

Absolute liberty is absence of restraint; responsibility is restraint; therefore, the ideally free individual is responsible to himself.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

The woman who is known only through a man is known wrong.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

Morality is a private and costly luxury.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

Chaos often breeds life, when order breeds habit.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

Unintelligible answers to insoluble problems.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

Practical politics consists in ignoring facts.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

Politics, whatever its professions, has always been the systematic organization of hatreds.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

It is impossible to underrate human intelligence -- beginning with one's own.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

A friend in power is a friend lost.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

Power is poison. Its effect on Presidents had always been tragic.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

American society is a sort of flat, fresh-water pond which absorbs silently, without reaction, anything which is thrown into it.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

Accident counts for as much in companionship as in marriage.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

Everyone carries his own inch rule of taste, and amuse himself by applying it, triumphantly, wherever he travels.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

No man means all he says, and yet very few say all they mean, for words are slippery and thought is viscous.

- Adams, Henry Brooks



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