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George Bancroft (October 3, 1800 – January 17, 1891) was an American historian and statesman. A native of Worcester, Massachusetts, he was prominent in promoting secondary education both in his home state and at the national level. During his tenure as U.S. Secretary of the Navy, he established the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1845. Among his best-known writings is the massive series History of the United States.

Dishonesty is so grasping it would deceive God himself, were it possible.

- Bancroft, George

Avarice is the vice of declining years.

- Bancroft, George

By common consent gray hairs are a crown of glory; the only object of respect that can never excite envy.

- Bancroft, George

The public is wiser than the wisest critic.

- Bancroft, George

In nine times out of ten, the slanderous tongue belongs to a disappointed person.

- Bancroft, George

Beauty is but the sensible image of the Infinite. Like truth and justice it lives within us; like virtue and the moral law it is a companion of the soul.

- Bancroft, George

Beauty itself is but the sensible image of the infinite.

- Bancroft, George

Conscience is the mirror of our souls, which represents the errors of our lives in their full shape.

- Bancroft, George



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