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Hannah More (February 2, 1745 - September 7, 1833) was an English religious writer and philanthropist.

Depart from discretion when it interferes with duty.

- More, Hannah

The wretch who digs the mine for bread, or ploughs, that others may be fed, feels less fatigued than that decreed to him who cannot think or read.

- More, Hannah

If faith produce no works, I see That faith is not a living tree. Thus faith and works together grow, No separate life they never can know. They're soul and body, hand and heart, What God hath joined, let no man part.

- More, Hannah

Genius without religion is only a lamp on the outer gate of a palace; it may serve to cast a gleam of light on those that are without, while the inhabitant sits in darkness.

- More, Hannah

Idleness among children, as among men, is the root of all evil, and leads to no other evil

more certain than ill temper.

- More, Hannah

It is not so important to know everything as to know the exact value of everything, to appreciate what we learn, and to arrange what we know.

- More, Hannah

Love never reasons, but profusely gives; it gives like a thoughtless prodigal its all, and then trembles least it has done to little.

- More, Hannah

Luxury! more perilous to youth than storms or quicksand, poverty or chains.

- More, Hannah

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.

- More, Hannah

Going to the opera, like getting drunk, is a sin that carries its own punishment with it.

- More, Hannah

My plan of instruction is extremely simple and limited. They learn, on week-days, such coarse works as may fit them for servants. I allow of no writing for the poor. My object is not to make fanatics, but to train up the lower classes in habits of industry and piety.

- More, Hannah

How goodness heightens beauty!

- More, Hannah

The constant habit of perusing devout books is so indispensable, that it has been termed the oil of the lamp of prayer. Too much reading, however, and too little meditation, may produce the effect of a lamp inverted; which is extinguished by the very excess of that ailment, whose property is to feed it.

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