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Brown teaches us, said H. D. T., another  
school to send our boys to,  
that the best lesson of oratory  
is to speak the truth. . . a very  
lesson rarely learned - To stand by  
the truth. We stand by our party,  
our trade, our reputation, our  
talent, but these each lead away  
from the truth. That is so volatile  
& vital, evaporating instantly from  
all but dedication to it.  
And yet inspiration is that, to  
be so quick as truth; to drop  
the load of memory & of futu-  
rity, memory of care,

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Let the first moment suffice us!  
Then one discovers that the first  
thought is related to all thought,  
& carries power & fate in its womb.  
Mattie Griffith says, if Brown is  
hung, the gallows will be faced  
as the cross.

That is the blessing of wit, the  
delight that sudden eloquence  
gives, - the surprise that the  
moment is so rich

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