

THE  
VIRGINIAN ORATOR :  
BEING A VARIETY OF  
ORIGINAL AND SELECTED  
POEMS, ORATIONS AND DRAMATIC  
SCENES ;  
TO IMPROVE THE AMERICAN YOUTH  
IN THE  
ORNAMENTAL AND USEFUL  
ART OF ELOQUENCE & GESTURE.

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By THOMAS E. BIRCH.

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By elocution and poetic art,  
I've aim'd to gain the youthful patriot's heart ;  
My aim has been assiduously to strive,  
To keep the patriotic flame alive ;  
Here youthful breasts pure principles may draw,  
The themes " Religion, Liberty and Law."

" Shall every other useful and ornamental art  
speed swiftly towards perfection, while ora-  
tory, that most sublime of all arts ; that art,  
which could render one man more dreadful  
to a tyrant, than hostile fleets and armies, is  
almost forgotten ? It must not, cannot be."  
PERKINS.

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