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Rather than in silence shrink
From the truth they needs must ^{think}.
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J. P. Russell Lowell

Chester.

March 1883

Thy Hopes



TOM BROWN'S
SCHOOL DAYS

THOMAS
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CAMBRIDGE 1857



JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL, MS lines from "Stanzas on
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AMS, 1 page. Double sheet, 95 x 78 cm.

Blue-gray wove paper. No watermark.

Provenance: As for the Thomas Hughes ALS. Tipped in to *Tom Brown's School Days*.

First published as lines 27–32 of the subject poem in *Miscellaneous Poems* (1877). The verses here published have 1 substantive and 1 accidental variation from the text in *Complete Poetical Works*, Cambridge edition.

Notes: 1. The second signature is that of Thomas Hughes, whom Lowell visited in Chester at this time, during his appointment as Ambassador to Great Britain.

2. The "Stanzas on Freedom" were sung at the Anti-Slavery Picnic in Dedham, 1 August 1843.