Obscuring to the whole Southern student; your intercourse with them will be unpleasant. They will look upon you with a suspicious eye; and your situation at the hill will soon become precarious. All this, too, without you or any body else being benefited, by your turning politician.

You may think it strange that one whose daily business is to preach politics, should advise as I do. In my position, every one expects me to be, to some extent, a partisan. In your position, the community looks for you to dabble but little in party politics. "When I get to be a minister or a teacher in a high literary institution, I shall most assuredly feel it my duty to lay aside the character of a politician."

We are all well; your sisters, Martha and Sarah are here going to Edgeworth. The health of the place good.

Give my love to Ellen and babies. Yours, Respectfully,

M. S. Sherwood