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[Faint, illegible handwritten text, possibly a list or notes.]

Oct 1st 1841

Cousin James,

I have just received your letter of the 27th and am glad to hear that you are well. I have been thinking of writing you for some time but have been so busy that I could not find time. I have been thinking of writing you for some time but have been so busy that I could not find time. I have been thinking of writing you for some time but have been so busy that I could not find time.

By the arguments I have seen are given, the

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people of the United States are soon to be blessed
with a literature of a more exalted character
than formerly. A nation's troubles, said,
impart greater energy and strength to its
literature. It has well so we all ought to be. We
do not write while our troubles last. I fear I
shall not have time to make myself famous.
The sentiment is quite here, and more men
are eager to fight the battles of the country than
the Government will accept. About 150 ladies at
Springfield volunteered their services, to the wrong
ed Illinois troops (if there should be any) They would
go to Cairo where the State forces are fast assembling,
and an attack by the secessionists is some
expected. The State Legislature has not as yet ac-
cepted these patriotic ladies. If the ladies would
generally manifest such a spirit, or, what would
be as well, say to the men, "go to your country's
aid, when her honor is in need comes, this country
would not be in any danger from insurrection.
I have no thought that it is in danger now.
I had hoped that this nation had become a
united, prosperous and happy that, civil

war might never ruin our peace, but it seems
otherwise. We are now having the first of
parties of this kind are not yet established, not
being enlightened. If they were, they would not pro-
secute a war with the avowed object of perpetrating
a wrong. If in the Southern States, the people
were as zealous in the cultivation of the higher
and intellectual faculties of their being, they would not
men be seeking to drag others down. Intelligence
at the north far surpasses the same at the South.
So also does respect for the rights of others.

You are engaged in improving those facul-
ties, which were designed to elevate their position.
Nothing can better engage your attention.
I doubt not you enjoy it much. It affords
present satisfaction, and gives happiness in
the future. A few short years devoted to study
opens a wide field for investigation and thought,
and intensifies the delight after years. Do you
"P. M." the Nellie Chapin of N? Are there other
N. students at your Sem. than Miss Cole?
I received a letter from Albion, immediately
after his return to Rochester. He appears tremu-

