Letter from H. L. Wayland to
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To the Board of the Michigan Baptist State Convention,

I beg leave to report, that during the past collegiate term, I have continued to discharge the duties [devolved?] on me by your appointment. As there are not at present any young men engaged in studies distinctly theological, my time has been given to the members of the College & Preparatory Classes. I have however given [?] attention to those brethren who are preparing for the ministry. Of the class there are at present eight, of whom one is in the Sophomore year [sic], & three in the Freshman year. The remainder are in the Preparatory course. The greater [portion?] of these brethren give good, in some instances [perchance?] [?] of [respectfulness?]. It is an interesting fact that several of them come from the army, in which they have been upholding liberties of the Republic. There are also others who are [revolving?] in their minds the question of their duty in [reference?] to the ministry, but are not yet fully decided.

The President & myself have held a weekly exercise with these brethren for the body of the New Testament. The exercise seemed all that could be attempted for them in view of the demands made on their time by their regular studies. The class then held has analysed [sic] and examined nearly ten chapters, from the [epistles?] to the Romans.

I have also encouraged these brethren in holding meetings, & laboring in destitute regions, as Providence should open the way. I trust that yet more will be [accomplished?] of their character, as the opening season shall attend favorable weather.

I beg leave to add that it will attend me great pleasure to receive from the Board any suggestion [tendering?] the work, which in [prose?] [?] under its direction.

H. L. Wayland