Kalamazoo July 15, 1837.

Dear brother Holden,

I am directed officially to notify you that you were on the 11th Inst. unanimously appointed Principal of the Kalamazoo Institute, an Institution established by and under the patronage of the Baptist denomination in the State of Michigan. A salary of $600 per year is proposed. I have time to say at present only a few words about the Institution.

It is located at Kalamazoo, in the heart of a beautiful, fertile, healthy, and already populous part of the state. It is designed to embrace at present three departments, an academic department for gentlemen, an academic department for ladies, and a Theological school, at present under the same roof but ultimately in separate buildings, and where the state of the country requires it a college department. I have no doubt that the influence of the denomination in the state will be able to carry out their designs. The present resources of the Institution are not great. It professes a farm
adjoining this village worth $5,000, and a building designed as a boarding house with a school room in the upper part, at a cost of nearly $3,000. In addition about $5,000 is subscribed by its friends. With a suitable man at the head of it we expect it to become a very important institution, and sure it is that it will, in a great measure, from the character of our denomination in a state equal in size, and for agricultural pursuits, far superior to five of the New England states. Nearly a year since Mr. Harvey was appointed, but his decision to finish his course at N. was received about two weeks since, of course we are now in a "bad fix" and must have a suitable man this fall or suffer a great want of public confidence as they have paid their money and want a school. Brother Adams informs us that you are thinking of going west and thinks you would prefer to remain where you are till next spring. We would not wish to injure Shелburne Falls, but the cause is one and I hope you
will consider how much easier it is for them to get a supply than for us. May the Lord give you wisdom and direct you in your mission.

Please inform us whether without delay, whether you can accept the appointment and whether you can come on before the close of navigation this fall.

Every week's exchange, as we are now situated, is very bad; for the public are expecting us to "go ahead." Should your answer too be unfavourable, we must seek out some other in a thousand miles off. Hoping that I may hear you soon. I subscribe your brother in the faith.

Jeremiah
Dec. 24.