

Addendum

TO REVEREND ANDREW BIGELOW

Concord Oct. 6th -38

Sir,

I learn from my brother and sister, who were recently employed as teachers in your vicinity, that you are at present in quest of some one to fill the vacancy in your high school, occasioned by Mr. Bellows' withdrawal. As my present school, which consists of a small number of well advanced pupils, is not sufficiently lucrative, I am advised to make application for the situation now vacant. I was graduated at Cambridge in '37, and have since had my share of experience in school-keeping.

I can refer you to the President and Faculty of Harvard College—to Rev. Dr. Ripley, or Rev. R. W. Emerson—of this town, or to the parents of my present pupils, among whom I would mention—Hon. Samuel Hoar—Hon. John Keyes—& Hon. Nathan Brooks. Written recommendations by these gentlemen will be procured if desired.

If you will trouble yourself to answer this letter immediately, you will much oblige your humble Servant,

Henry D. Thoreau

The letter is addressed to Rev. Andrew Bigelow, Taunton, Massachusetts. MS., Carl W. H. Cowdrey, Fitchburg, Massachusetts; previously unpublished.