

Aquebogue Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1883  
Rev H Lyman.

The letter inclosed will explain how I came to write to you.

Our Church is without any Minister, we are trying to find one to come and preach as a candidate

Our Church is a country Church on Long Island about  $\frac{7}{8}$  miles from New York City

Our Church membership is some over 100 average congregation at morning service 130 or more.

We have a parsonage and Barn for the use of the minister

We have paid Mr Wilkinson our former Minister 600 dollars and gave him a donation of 60 to 100 dollars. which is the best we can expect to do for any one.

If from what I have written, you think there is any possibility of settling with us. we should be glad to have you visit us at an early date. and should you decide to try us I think it would be well to stay with us two sabbaths, will you please reply as soon as possible and oblige.

Yours E A Wells.