



Mr Austin A. Hill  
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Springfield, Vt. Dec 23- 25.

Mr Austin A. Hice.

Dear Friend,

I received your letter and card, and I thank you very much, and I will wish you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, I am not doing anything for Xmas, I haven't got the spirit to do anything. The W. R. C. have a Xmas tree and a play the 30<sup>th</sup> Dec, and I take a part in the play. I suppose Mr Conger will be down here at that time, and I wish you and all the rest of the boys could come. I hope you will keep well

all this winter, and I am  
in hopes to see you in  
June in Rutland.

I will bring this to a close  
and I am in hopes  
you and all the rest  
will get a lot of good  
things for Xmas from  
Old Santa Claus.

With a Merry Christmas  
and all the good things  
of the day, I am as ever  
your friend.

Mrs Alice P. Woodward.