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Dear Friend-

I will try and say a few words this evening as I have a little spare time

We had a very pleasant Christmas Day out here. The weather was very fine and everything seems to be going on alright through the day.

The people were just crowd in the church. The church holds six hundred person and yet some of them did not find a room to set down.

You may think that we have plenty of snow out

this way so far north,
but we don't have any at all.

I am working in the
blacksmith shop with my
brother William and we
are busy nearly every day
for shoring.

It seems pretty hard
for me to write a letter
this time. So this is about
all I can write. I will
send my best wishes to
all Hampton family.

Yours truly,
Chauncey Baird