

Springfield Mass
Dec 31, 1861

Rev John Pierpont

Dear Sir:- Mr. A. Crof-
fut Esq., who writes to me from
Derby, Ct., has engaged me to
lecture in Washington on the
7th of February, 1862, and wishes
me to communicate to you, as
the President of the lecture asso-
ciation, any subject I give
it as the National Sin of Shirk-
ing and its Cure!

Hoping to meet you in Washington
at the appointed date, and
wishing you a Happy New Year,
I am

Yours, very respectfully,
J. A. Holland

1850

[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]