

Bells



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My very dear Uncle

I should have written to you last week, but every night seemed to be taken up with something or other. I have charge of the Weekly offering system of the church which takes up much of my time, and last week I had to make up the arrears for the past quarter and notify each one who was behind

Now another year has passed since I borrowed the \$100 from you, and I feel like holding on to it a little longer, if you can spare it. if not, please let me know and I will send it at once. My reasons are as follows.

I have been getting in a little hardware and paying for it every 30 days so have been unable to lay by any money. after a while I will have a fair stock.

I find I can do business with the Wholesale Firm of H. S. Howland & Co<sup>o</sup> Toronto their goods are

cheaper than Wood & Leggat  
Hamilton, and I gave them  
an order about 10 days ago  
which amounted to \$114  
to be paid in six months.

Since I have got those  
goods I find there are others  
I require, hardware runs  
up a bill very quick,  
and I want to get a stock  
so that it will be worth  
the public's while to buy  
from me. If I can  
manage to get into this line

I won't require to work  
so hard with my hands.

I find my eyesight  
is not so good as it used  
to be. I know buying  
for cash is always best  
but not having the money  
I can't do it. By paying

cash for this order, I would  
save \$ 5<sup>00</sup> It will be  
up hill work, but I will  
make the effort, asking  
God to bless the undertaking  
Diligent in business, fervant  
in spirit, serving the Lord  
this is my delight and I  
have faith to believe that  
God will bliss my humble  
endeavour.

I trust Aunt & yourself  
have been greatly refreshed  
and strengthened by your  
visit to the Old Country

I will now conclude

With fondest love to all

and remain

Your Affec<sup>ate</sup> Nephew

George Mercer Bell