

57 Ray St South
Hamilton Nov 21st 1885

My dear Uncle

It is now about twelve months since I wrote to you, and many changes have taken place during that period. The departure of my esteemed Father and oldest sister Jessie, which has caused me deep sorrow at their departure from this life. but Oh the thrill of joy that comes to me through Jesus Christ, for they were both in Him & He in them. The joyous welcome and happy meeting with Jesus in His home for ever, far more than compensates for the loss I have sustained in their departure to be with Him they loved and served

for \$300⁰⁰ on time, I
purpose giving \$50⁰⁰ down
and paying the balance
monthly at \$10⁰⁰ not
touching what I have
laid past to your credit.

But if you are not
in want of it just now
and can spare it without
the slightest embarrasment
I would like to keep it a
while longer, as a kind
of safeguard, if not able
to meet my monthly pay-
ments, altho I will strive
to do so. I will send
the interest by the 6th that
you mentioned \$3⁰⁰.

This last twelve months
I have added over \$200⁰⁰
of hardware to my stock
which I keep selling a little
of all the time, and that
is all paid for. I pay

here upon earth.

I am forced to exclaim with the Psalmist, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, they rest from their labours and their works do follow them. The memory of the just is blessed, and that is one thing death cannot rob us of. The memory of my dear Mother, Father and Sister, is very sweet to me.

I have often thought of writing to you and so often have put it off, I can hardly understand how it is, I have a sort of timidity in writing to you and yet I know that and you loves me, and I can come to you with such confidence when I am in want of pecuniary aid and which I have availed myself of several times. Now I have got a little

over a hundred dollars
laid away in the Bank
which I intended sending
you by the 6th of this month
\$105⁰⁰ but I got a letter
last week from my youngest
sister Amilia, saying
she intends to come to
Canada and pay me and
other friends a visit, I
had to answer several
questions she asked me
which I have done, she
purposes leaving home
at the end of November, I
said come along, and as
I want her to be and feel
at home with me, I
intend to buy an upright
piano, a ~~what~~ to be supplied
which I have long felt in
the home I am in, I can
get a very nice upright
grand Piano $7\frac{1}{3}$ octaves from
G. L. Thomas, makers, Hamilton

for what I order every
30 days so I am carefull
not to involve myself more
than I can meet.

This will give you an
idea of how I am getting
along. This is the time
of year that my expences
are heavier than usual
paying for coals and getting
winter clothing &c

If you can reply to this
before the 6th inst so that
I may know what to remit
you will greatly oblige.

With fondest love to all
I remain ever

Your affec^{ate} Nephew

George Mercer Bell

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