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51 Bay St South
Hamilton Aug-13th 1888

My very dear Uncle

I said when I wrote to you last that I would try this year and pay off a part of what you have so kindly loaned me, but to all appearance I will be unable to do so.

Business has been so exceedingly dull this summer, that it is with the greatest difficulty I can meet my payments. The last note I had to meet on the 1st of Aug^t amounting to \$123⁵⁹ I had to send \$30⁵⁹ short, which was for spring

goods such as harvest tools
~~are~~ I have to make up the
balance in two months.

Then I have other three
notes amounting to \$ 175⁰⁰
to be paid this year, which
is giving me considerable
anxiety. My stock is so
meagre to enable me to com-
pete with the other Hardware
stores in the city, but I
would not like to give
up. I ask my Lord and
Master daily to be with me
and prosper the work of
my hands, and shew me
my duty, and give me
grace to overcome all obstacles

If you can still
spare me the use of the
Three hundred dollars for
a longer period, I will feel
greatly relieved. It seems

almost too much to ask
of you. I feel as if I am
imposing upon good nature
for you might need it to
use other ways. Please be
candid with me, and say
what you think about it?

My health keeps very
good and I hope this
will find you all enjoying
the same blessing.

With fondest love to Aunt
my Cousins and Yourself

I remain ever

Your aff^{ate} Nephew

George Mercer Bell

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