

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, August 18, 1883, with transcript

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Dear May:

Poor Johnson still lingers on in defiance of the doctors and all prediction — every moment expected to be his last. I — for one — don't give him up till he has gone — though the doctors believe mortification has set in and his end is sure.

The workmen are out of employment and Mr. Tainter leaves for Cape May early tomorrow morning. Result — I shall be up late making drawings etc. for work to be placed in hand early tomorrow. So no more tonight.

Mr. Moxley will forward to you tomorrow morning a voluminous communication I have received from Mr. Frelinghuysen — Secretary of State — together with copy of my reply — from which you will observe that your humble servant has at last been obliged to eat humble pie !! — and that in the most ignominious manner. Ugh! ugh!

Love, Alec. Mrs. A. G. Bell, Oakland. P. S. Have secured Miss Young's house. Got you in for \$500 towards the support of free kindergartens for the poor of Washington. See Teacher ahead and satisfactory arrangements for admission of pupils to good kindergarten. AGB P. S. No. 2. Platform in attic O. K.