

Letter from Alexander Melville Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, March 27, 1877, with transcript

Tutelo Heights, Brantford, Ont., Canada, March 27th, 77. (No envelope) My dear Al.,

Accept all home congratulations on the great honour of your election as a Fellow of the American Academy. I should have thought your naturalization would be a sine qua non for such a distinction. You have fairly won the honour by rendering yourself one of the foremost men in the United States. Adorn your position with modesty and never allude to any unsuccessful nominee! "Comparisons are odious". I send you a letter recently to hand from Mr. Ellis. I hope you will make time to write to him. I am afraid I cannot give any exact formulae to Mr. Isowa, but I shall jot down some hints that may be of service to him. I intend to rig up my portable camera very soon and if Mr. I can take a summer trip in this direction, I might give him some practical illustrations. I return the letter from the Smithsonian Institution. Mamma did not write you yesterday being uncertain if you would be in Boston. She will probably give you a line tomorrow. We are just now without a servant and of course that lessens leisure. I don't think a lecture in Paris would pay at all. Three illustrated papers arrived yesterday. Your Uncle left for a reading tour in the East yesterday. He will be absent for two weeks. All well. Love for self and Mabel.

Your affectionate father, A. M. Bell.