

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Alexander Melville Bell, January 5, 1880

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to his Father. (Evidently in the handwriting of AGB.'s stenographer, Miss Sumner). Washington, D. C., January 5th, 1880. Dear Father:

Thanks for your New Year's Greetings. I have had so much to do of late that I have not been able to give due attention to my paper for the Journal of Otology of which I suppose you know I am one of the editors. Finding that we have enough matter for the January number without my paper I have decided to throw it over to the next number which will come out in April. We shall thus have time for the polishing process. I read my paper this evening before the Philosophical Society of Washington and I start tonight for New York with Charlie. I shall spend Sunday in New York and be in Boston on Monday. I will introduce Charlie to Mr. Forbes and others connected with the Telephone Company and I think it not at all unlikely that we can get him a position in the Company. Mr. Bradley has resigned his position as Treasurer and is now President of the Continental Telephone Company. Mr. Hubbard says the Company will want a new Treasurer and Auditor and a travelling Treasurer to examine the books and accounts of the local Companies acting as agents. Mr. Hubbard thinks that we can get Charlie into one of these positions.

It is probable a Treasurer may already have been appointed but I know that the travelling Treasurer has not. This is just the position that would be best for Charlie; his salary would probably be somewhere about \$2500 per annum, and all his travelling expenses would be paid. His duties would consist in travelling through the length and breadth of the United States and visiting the various local Telephone Companies for the purpose of examining and auditing their accounts.

If we can get him this position, his duties would bring him into contact with prominent business men in the larger cities of the Union and the acquaintances thus formed would

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certainly be valuable to him when he wishes to settle down or to go into some other position.

Yours truly, Alexander Graham Bell pr. N.J.S. Prof. A. Melville Bell, Brantford, Ontario.