

## Letter from Eliza Symonds Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, October 10, 1875, with transcript

Copy of letter from Mrs. Alexander Melville Bell to her son, Alexander Graham Bell  
October 10th, 75 P. O. Box 518 Brantford, Ont., Canada Home, October 10th, 75 (Prof. A.  
Graham Bell, 292 Essex Street, Salem, Mass. U.S.) My dear Aleck,

We were right glad to receive your letter of the 4th, and to find you had safely reached Salem, in spite of your narrow escape from being "arrested"! Papa who knows Mr. Shuttleworth better than I do, thinks the description of his appearance really would tally with yours. We sent a Brantford paper to you, with an account of his having absconded. I suppose you remember how he served you some, on one occasion. We are thankful to find your chest and cough are not troublesome, and are glad you have adopted the warm plaster. In damp weather keep your mouth shut when out of doors, and breathe through your nose. All the colds here are better but I have no news since last week.

Dr. Hurd is in Town and Papa expects him here tomorrow evening. Uncle David returned home again on Saturday, fifty dollars out of pocket by his fortnight's work, he is off again tomorrow for another week, hoping to make up his loss. We had a letter from Mrs. Moncrief on Friday. She had heard great reports of your Telegraphic engagements and begged for more particulars. She also told us she had been informed that Papa had taken a house in Town for the winter!! Queer is it not, how reports get about? You would be surprised to see what an improvement Papa has made in the kitchen garden. A man, or men, will come in a day or two to make a cistern for rain water at one end, and new vines of a kind different from what we have, are to be planted along the walks. The usual Agricultural exhibition was held here on Wednesday last. Papa went, and as he left the house I remarked we were surely going to have a storm, and a storm did come! deluges of rain accompanied by lightning and thunder. The people all 2 crowded into the building

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which was so cramped they could scarcely move, and Papa said it was impossible to see what was exhibited. Carrie and the male members of the family were there. On descending from a raised platform where Carrie stood she fell, and afterwards had to go home through the storm. Papa walked home with Mr. Van both soaked through to the skin. We felt very anxious about Carrie for she fell in an awkward position, but George who was here last evening, said she was all right now, but bruised, having fortunately touched the ground more on her side than upon her stomach. We expect her down one day this week. What does Mabel say to your infantine countenance? Did Mrs. Saunders think you looked better than when you left? If you hire a house, take care it is a quiet one. We hope you will steadily keep to your resolve as to early hours, though ten o'clock is quite late enough for you to be at work. I would recommend you to knock off the last hour. Did Mrs. Saunders receive my letter? (Evening) A man on horseback has just arrived with an invitation for Papa from Principal Hunter, to meet his Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and suite, at lunch tomorrow at one o'clock. Of course he will go, though there are two or three irons in the fire for tomorrow.

With fond love from all, and with earnest prayers for your success and well-being, I am my dear boy,  
Your ever affectionate Mother, E. G. Bell