

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Eliza Symonds Bell, October 10, 1879

Letter written by Alexander Graham Bell to his Mother. Cambridge, Mass., October 10th, 1879. My dear Mama:

Don't think we are not coming — or that when we come we are only going to stay a day or two. We are tearing up our roots here and it is difficult to get started. When we leave we are not coming back again to Cambridge for a year — if indeed we ever return here. I have been to Washington looking out for a house — and have just returned and expected to find Mabel ready to set out for Canada — but we have delayed so long that Mabel cannot now go without winter things — and her necessary purchases are delaying us still longer. As for myself I can manage to start right off for Canada — but it is advisable for me to wait a day or two to finish up business matters.

Shares are now selling at \$500 per share — and I have offered one lot of fifty shares at that figure to one person — and another lot of fifty to another person at \$525. I should like to conclude these sales before I go as I cannot follow the stock market while in Canada. I don't intend selling any more than that as we would then have \$150,000 in cash — and 500 shares still in reserve. It is thought by those who should know best that our shares will go up to \$1000 if not higher. The business of the Company at present warrants the shares selling at about \$400 and the prospective increase of the business leads me to believe that a good dividend would ultimately be paid even if the shares were \$1000 or higher.

Models of the invention I have been working at all summer was completed to-day — and will be presented to the Company tomorrow or on Monday. I think you may rely upon our staying till the 1st of December. We take our Washington house from the 1st of December. It is very hard to break away from Cambridge as Mrs. Hubbard would be left alone here with her father who is very aged and feeble and requires a man in the house to give him

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occasional assistance that a lady cannot so well do. Mr. Hubbard will be home soon however.

Your ever loving son, Alec.