

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, November 8, 1876, with transcript

Boston University, No. 18 Beacon Street, Boston, Nov. 8th, 1876. My darling May,

While I write I suppose you must be flying along at the rate of thirty miles an hour along the south shore of Lake Erie — or else through Canada near my father's home. I suppose however you have not yet arrived at the dignity of a drawing-room car all to yourself — but must wait for Chicago to make its appearance first.

Your mother & I made our lonely way back to Bradford last night — to find the house so empty & forlorn without you and Gertrude — Not even the dead body to keep us company!!

(5:30 P.M.)

I thought to snatch a few moments to write to you here — but no! — visitors have made their appearance — and now I have only time to say good-bye & rush to Prof. Mason's where I am due at six o'clock.

I have re-directed a letter to you that came here a few minutes ago — and I enclose newspaper scrap.

With ever so much love to you dear — and to Gertrude & your father and with best wishes for a safe journey & a pleasant one.

Your own Alec. Please return the cutting for my scrap-book.