

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Alexander Melville Bell, Eliza Symonds Bell, Carrie Bell, June 2, 1870, with transcript

Copy of a letter written by Alexander Graham Bell to his parents and Carrie. 13 South Charlotte Street, Edinburgh, June 2, 1870. Dear Papa, Mama and Carrie:

Arrived here safely this morning. Slept so soundly that I passed York without my knowing it and lost my cup of coffee.

Mr. Anderson will put up notices in this and Mr. Watt's house tomorrow. Mr. Pass is wanting a house in this neighbourhood — and he has asked me about particulars.

Mr. Anderson told me Mr. P. is not a man of money at all. The law of Scotland is that Creditors cannot claim payment from a deceased debtor's estate for six months after his death. Miss Brown paid to-day. I gave Mr. Pass £4 of what I borrowed from him.

I commence a new pupil tomorrow! Very bad lispng case. Gives [???] for [???]. Nevertheless gives [???] perfectly — peculiar palate. Saw Melly's death in papers, and came up in hopes of finding some person here. He knows I shall only be here a fortnight or so but is to take lessons. Name — Mr. Inglis from Australia.

Collie been unwell. Did not see him to-day. Would it not be better to put the books into some one else's hands unless indeed young Mr. Collie could undertake them. I saw the latter to-day. He told me his father had not been very well lately and added that he was very frail now and getting on in years — being in his 70th year! I think I told you I thought him very much broken down. I have sent off Mr. Gillis' letter. Seen Uncle to-day — 2

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Seems very well. Told Wilhemina to look out for a place. I hope Carrie and Mama have now lost the nasty chest-pain.

With fond love to all.

I am, dear Papa and Mama, Your affectionate son, A. Graham Bell.