

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Alexander Melville Bell, June 5, 1870, with transcript

Copy of a letter written by Alexander Graham Bell to his father. 13 South Charlotte Street, Edinburgh, Sunday, June 5th, 1870. My dearest Papa:

You know that I cannot speak my thoughts as I can write them and I feel it due to you that I should answer in writing your proposition that I should go out with you all to Canada.

The dream that you know I have cherished for so long has perished with poor Melly. It is gone and for ever . If you exult at this please have the heart not to let me know it. I do not wish to have it referred to again.

Do not think me ungrateful because I have been unhappy at home for the last two years. I have now no other wish then to be near you, Mama, and Carrie, and I put myself unreservedly into your hands to do with me whatever you think for the best.

I am, dear Papa Your affectionate and only son, Aleck. Professor A. M. Bell, 18 Harrington Square, London, N. W.