

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Alexander Melville Bell, February 12, 1875

Boston, Mass. Friday, Feb. 12 th 1875 Dear Papa

I am delayed here on account of a defect in the Transmitting Apparatus Manufactured for Washington.

They work very well but stop every now and then. Belongs in Drawer No. 17 DR. BELL'S Hubbard 1156 — 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

The cause has been discovered and is to be remedied at once — I hope to get off on Monday morning. Another reason for delay is that I have just invented an attachment to the apparatus that has more than doubles the value of the idea. I want to have Saturday & Sunday to complete the attachment. The arrangement consists of a devices by means of which a vibrating armature can be made to work “Meyer's Autographic Apparatus” — so as to admit of the simultaneous transmission of written messages or of pictures. Indeed the new attachment will render it possible to reproduce a long message almost instantaneously — by a single turn of a cylinder.

Your affect. son A. Graham Bell

Arrangement of Classes for the Spring Session of 1875.

SCHOOL OF VOCAL PHYSIOLOGY, No. 18 Beacon St., Boston, CONDUCTED BY A. GRAHAM BELL. Professor of Vocal Physiology in the Boston University.

Reception Hour, from 12 to 1 o'clock (Saturdays excepted.)

Arrangement of Classes.

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Mr. A. Graham Bell announces the formation of the following Classes for the Spring Session of 1875.

I. Class for Students of Vocal Physiology.

Mondays and Thursdays, from 3 to 4 P. M., commencing March 1st.

Instruction will be given in the Mechanism of Speech; in Elocution, and in the use of the Visible Speech Symbols.

Members of this Class who intend becoming Teachers of the Deaf and Dumb, will have the privilege of attending Classes II and III, and of giving instruction in articulation to Deaf Mutes.

II. Class for Deaf Articulators.

Tuesdays and Fridays from 3 to 4 P. M., commencing March 2d.

Instruction will be given in Orthoepy, in the management of the voice and in Lip Reading.

Members of this Class are expected to be familiar with spoken language and to have some slight knowledge of Lip Reading and the Visible Speech Symbols.

Instruction will be given *viva voce*, and by writing.

Arrangements will be made for the use of hearing tubes by members of the class who have partial hearing.

III. Articulation Class for Deaf Mutes.

Mondays and Thursdays from 4 to 5 P. M., commencing March 1st.

Instruction will be given in the mechanism of articulation.

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It is intended to afford Members of this Class an opportunity of acquiring the power of speech.

A knowledge of the Manual Alphabet in common use in America will be will be necessary as a means of communication.

IV. Class for Parents and Teachers of those with Defective Speech.

Wednesdays from 3 to 4 P. M., commencing March 3d.

Instruction will be given in the mechanism of speech, with special reference to the correction of stammering and other forms of defective speech.

Members will have the privilege of witnessing the instruction given in Class V.

V. Class for Stammerers.

Wednesdays from 4 to 5 P. M., commencing March 3d.

Instruction will be given in the management of the vocal organs.

SPECIAL CLASSES.

Special Classes will be formed from time to time for the benefit of those who have unusual peculiarities of speech.

TERMS.

Class I, Course of 24 lessons, \$25.00

Class II, " " " " 25.00

Class III, " " " " 15.00

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Class IV, Course of 12 lessons, 25.00

Class V, " " " " 25.00

Private Instruction in any Department, Course of 12 lessons, 50.00