

## Letter from Eliza Symonds Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, March 6, 1877, with transcript

Tutelo Heights, Brantford, Ont., Can., March 6th, 1877. (No envelope) My dear Alec,

Imagine yourself kissed and hugged in hearty congratulation on the contents of your letter of the 2nd, received yesterday. We trust your "botherments" are over and that we may soon get notice of your approaching marriage. We congratulate Mabel also for we are sure she has had a large share in inspiriting your strivings. Commission some of your medium "spirits" to show they can do anything, or rather something for the good of mankind (which by the way has never been manifested yet) by clearing the way for the progress of your invention throughout the world. However I am wrong to say that except ironically, for one power alone can do that. I send a cutting from a paper which came a day or two ago. Cannot Mr. Watson assist you in answering letters? You need to have a secretary.

I wish you could remember to tell me if you duly sent that parcel Mrs. Ottaway requested you to do, to Mr. Ward in New York. It is vexing to know nothing about it whenever she asks me. I mentioned it in my last letter to Mabel. Of course you did send it. I am going tomorrow to spend a day or two with your Aunt, if the weather will let me, for after a whole month of nearly summer skies, we have snow again now, with the thermometer last night 2 down to Zero. Love from the girls to Mabel and yourself and fondest from,

Your affectionate Mother, E. G. Bell.