

Letter from Eliza Symonds Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 14, 1877, with transcript

Tutelo Heights, Brantford, Ont., Can., May 14th, 77. (No envelope) My dear Alec,

Your letter of May 11th, has just been received, and it has made us feel very uneasy. I write now to urge your coming home at once. Do not wait till you are really ill. If you are not obtaining pecuniary benefit, let the lecturing stand over for awhile. You will do more and better after a rest and freedom from that irritating complaint. I wonder if it is anything like what Mary suffered from? She was treated ineffectually by a medical man for some time and after all was completely cured by a prescription of your Aunt's. Either Chester or her nephew George was once affected in a similar way. Come home. I am very thankful and grateful to Mrs. Hubbard, for taking you under her charge, and fret terribly that I cannot get near you. You will most likely be in New York so I direct this there. A letter from me will be in Exeter Place today, it was posted on Saturday. All at home is much as it was then. Splendid weather but getting rather warm, it was hot at midday. Cherry trees in blossom, and others coming forward rapidly. No more news from your Aunt. Charley passed through Brantford today on his way to Danville, to which place he is transferred. I believe he has got a rise. Mr. Henderson is with 2 us today. I had thought of writing to Mabel this evening, but your letter has upset my intention, and put me out of spirits. Give my warm love to her. I suppose she is in New York, though from your last I supposed the family had returned to Boston, and consequently Cambridge.

(Tuesday) Papa thinks it will be safer to address this to the University, as from what you say, he thinks you have left Exeter Place. Mr. Henderson takes this in and he is just off. Earnestly hoping to get a line or telegram, to say you are coming, and with love from all,

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Your anxious and affectionate Mother, E. G. Bell.