

## Letter from Alexander Melville Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, February 16, 1881, with transcript

Melville House, Tutelo Heights, Brantford, Ont., February 16th, 81. (No envelope) My dear Al.,

Your telegram anent tube and so forth, duly received today. The Presidential Inauguration Day is, I believe, March 4th(?). We propose leaving home on the 2nd, and being with you on the anniversary of your Inauguration day! Meantime you can be collecting addresses of likely places, for if we are to make the change we should not delay. We cannot expect to be your neighbors very long and so we should like to commence as soon as possible. I hope you have got rid of the symptoms which sent you to the doctor. You are one of those who, for the world's sake, should grow old bones, and I trust that you will not overlook the necessary precautions. We thought of Marion's party yesterday and duly dedicated a bumper of love at dinner. Your Uncle is to read in Brantford on Friday and he will be with us on Saturday, and Sunday.

We miss his house of call and our daily telephone communications. I question whether they will stay in Toronto beyond a year. If we go to the States they will not be long in following. Weather here is very fluctuating. A thaw last week cleared off nearly all the snow and spoiled the sleighing. We have frost again however.

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I hope Chester is well. Love to Mabel, the children, and all, from all,

Your affectionate father, Alex. Melville Bell.