

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Eliza Symonds Bell, January 23, 1880, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Mrs. Alexander Melville Bell. 904 — 14th Street N. W. Washington, D. C. Jany. 23rd 1880. Dear Mrs. Bell:

I am ashamed to find that my letter has not gone yet. I would send it by Mr. Kerr but think the post quite as sure and probably quicker. I send you my photograph of Maurice that you and Mr. Bell may have some idea of our dear brother and the man to whom my Sister as Mr. Bell says has with such perfect trust and heroism given herself. It is splendid of him and the very darkness of the photograph gives some idea of the darkness of his hair and skin. Isn't it beautiful curly hair? The rose in his buttonhole is most characteristic, he is very rarely to be seen without a flower, and he used to send Sister exquisite hothouse flowers from New York every day while he was away. The only thing wanting are his spectacles. He is very short-sighted and always wears them. Please return as soon as you can. Mamma and all are back and say my Sister bore up wonderfully, and did not seem tired after all the fatigue and excitement, her physician said she was looking splendidly, he never thought to see her so well.