

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, April 4, 1879, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York. April 4th, 1879. Mrs. Bell, 1509 R. I. Ave., Washington, D. C. Dear May:

I sent you a telegram this afternoon that you might know — everything progresses well here. Elisha Gray is on the stand and the Cross-Examination is throwing the other side into confusion. Gray was evidently not well today — and Mr. Smith therefore proposed an adjournment until tomorrow morning (Saturday) — so we closed the day's proceedings at two o'clock. I too have been suffering from a headache brought on by sleeping in a light room — and was therefore as glad of the adjournment as Elisha Gray could have been.

I called at 14th Street — on my way back to the hotel — but no one was in excepting Auntie Berta. Having paid my respects to her — I proceeded to the hotel to bed. And I have just risen to fulfil my promise of writing to you my dear.

Don't criticize the style of my letter or the ph?azeology of it — for I am too far gone to write well.

Willie Hubbard surprised me with a visit this morning. He is spending his vacation with Mr. Stebbins. It is strange I never thought of Willie as my representative in Boston. It came to my mind the moment he appeared here — and now I have made out Mr. Bond's power of Attorney in his name — and he can go to our safe for us.

Mr. Henry Gillig of the American Exchange called upon me this evening a few minutes ago. He is very bitter against Col. Reynolds — and wanted to know whether my relations with him were pleasant. I did not like the spiteful way in which he spoke of Col. Reynolds and so was very reticent.

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I said that our personal relations had always been pleasant — that in business matters — I could not say as much. I had lost money by him — but that I attributed it not to dishonesty but to misfortune. I thought he had been unfortunate — and would have settled everything properly if he could.

Mr. Gillig said that Col. Reynolds has had trouble with his old friend Mr. Caldwell — that he had had Mr. Caldwell arrested — that Col. Reynolds had been censured by the Judge — who dismissed the case at once — and that Col. Reynolds has been severely called to task on account of the proceeding — by all the London papers.

In relation to Col. Reynolds son — Mr. Gillig said that although under twenty years of age — he had suddenly been married and under very peculiar circumstances — that has occasioned some scandal.

It seems that he fell in love with a young American lady who occasionally went with her mother and sister to the American Exchange — and that this was the beginning of an attachment that unfortunately culminated in the wrong way. The result was that the mother discovered the condition of affairs — and had young Reynolds and her daughter married by the Lord Mayor within forty-eight hours. They are now supposed to be in Chicago.

Love to Mary and baby — and to sister and Berta. I don't think it likely I can come home for Sunday. Gray's Examination will not be closed for the day till probably 4 o'clock tomorrow — and it is likely that Messrs. Hubbard, Smith and Storrow may want me Sunday to lay plans for Monday. I shall telegraph.

Your loving, Alec.