

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. (1880?)

With a “hop, skip and jump” run and engage a yacht for the summer! Do please please, hurry hurry. I'm perfectly crazy over the idea, and have been dancing and jumping all known and unknown steps, and if it were not for my poor babies would take the next train to Washington to persuade you of it. Think we should be so near to you and yet so cool. We could anchor off Washington at night and in the daytime seek some cool beach along the shore for the babies to play upon. Then by and by we could sail up the coast to Montreal, and up through the St. Lawrence canals to Lake Ontario and then up the Grande River to Brantford, then we could take members of your family down to the lake and sail about and have a grand time. And before this why you could put your receiving instruments on board and carry them off to any desired distance, it's so hard to do that on land. I don't suppose a hired yacht would be very cheap, but then it would not cost more than living in this hotel, and it would save us the travelling expenses and the worry and heat for the babies. Then we could have Charlotte and Richard to serve us and so all our home comforts with constant change, and we can go coasting along stopping wherever we like and returning for you whenever we like, and visiting all my friends one after the other, if you can't get the vessel in Washington try Philadelphia or New York where we must go anyway for a nurse. Then by and by we can go to Cambridge and experiment and entertain there. Oh it would be so lovely do say yes, that's a darling.

Letter just received, you're the “hatefulest d ? ee” on the face of the earth — what did you call her? Adelaide's name is Helen Alice 2 age 25 years, birthplace Staffordshire, England, daughter of Edward, Henry and Helen Monsly, the one of London, the other of Staffordshire, England. Mamma's name is Gertrude Mercer born in New York of Robert

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Henry McC. and Gertrude Lee age 52 years. Papa's Gardiner Greene born in Boston of Samuel Hubbard and Mary Anne Greene age 55. Sister, Gertrude McCurdy, born in Boston, age 30 years. Berta, Roberta Wolcut, born in Cambridge, aged 25 years. Grace Blatchford, born in Cambridge, age 18 years.

Elsie went out horseback riding on a pony, the boy on one side and I the other, then Lina went out too, the horses are very gentle and cheap, mayn'tt I go too.

In greatest haste, Yours ever, Mabel.