

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, April 13, 1882, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Metropolitan Hotel 8, Rue Cambon Paris April 13th., 1882. My dear Alec:

A letter came for you from Mr. Borthnick last night in which he said that — We wanted you to fulfil your promise of lecturing now — I suppose that means that, we cannot return on the 29th. I am much disappointed as the Servia is such a nice ship and I did want to go with Papa and Grace. Still I am willing to stay if you think best, and it does seem to me that it would be graceful for you to give a dinner to all these people who have been so attentive to you. Only Uncle Sam says you must Telegraph your decision immediately as he must pay a hundred dollars deposit which you forfeit if you don't take the rooms. Telegraph immediately.

Mr. Johnson has heard that Mr. Simpson is sinking fast. I told him to telegraph Mrs. Simpson that he would come on if he could be of use, which he has done. I do feel so for that poor mother all alone among strangers and only want him to go as soon as he hears from her. Papa will be here Sunday morning so we shall not be alone long.

I hope you have had your hair cut nicely, do please do so immediately if you haven't done so already. I tried to get your prescription this afternoon but I did not know the number so could not get it. It has been pouring all the afternoon so that I could not go out again.

We are all well except that the childrens colds in their heads continue but that does not disturb them.

I miss you very much and wish you were back again, the whole apartment seems forlorn without your large presence to fill it.

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Dear boy Bell goodnight go to bed early and think that your wifes shade stands over you with warning finger and bids you take care of yourself for others' sake if not for your own,

Lovingly, Yours.