

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

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. (Jany 1891?) Dear Alec:

Please don't take Elsie to Washington with you. I am willing to take more risks with my children for your mother than for any one else because they are her only grandchildren, but think how long it has taken Elsie to get as well as she is, a whole year and four months, and how dreadful it would be for her to have a relapse now. Your mother would not thank you for making her the cause of such a disaster. You think Elsie perfectly well again, and she certainly is well, but she is not *established* in her good health. Only the day we came on she had a bilious attack with vomiting and there were distinct chorea twitchings down her spine lasting an hour. I do not think it possible to be too careful. If it were anything else I would not say a word against your taking her, but think of having to pay for it with another year's separation from our child.

Please, please go to that surgeon's. I shall not be happy until you do, and find out exactly what the matter is and why he wants you to do this or that.

Lovingly, Mabel.