

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, April 24, 1891, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1336 Nineteenth Street, Washington, D. C. Friday, April 24, 1891. My darling Alec:

What a nice jolly letter you wrote me at nine o'clock Monday morning. You must have been in very good spirits even though it was nine o'clock in the morning. Of course you must have put Mrs. McInnis out very greatly, and I know you must have regretted very much giving her so much trouble. But there is another way of looking at this question also. It would put me out horribly to have the Queen of England come and make me a visit, but the honor and glory! — that would be compensation enough and to spare for any amount of trouble and that would last me all the rest of my life and the fatigue consequent on my exertions only a day or two. I have no doubt that Mrs. McInnis thought more of the honor and glory than the trouble, and beside she would be proud to show you how nicely she could manage.

My day has chiefly been spent in going to the dentist and getting over it, dressmaking and watching Mamma put away her things. She is so nice and dainty in all her ways. I wish she had been me and that you had married her! Papa hobbles about on an umbrella and stick. I feel a good deal troubled about your knee and your lack of exercise, you can't be getting enough. I am so glad you are so happy with your baby lambs, only please don't give up the merinos yet.

Lovingly, Mabel.