

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, March 22, 1892, with transcript

Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel (Hubbard) Bell. Good plan to Parker House, Boston, Mass., secure services March 22, 1892. of Miss Clarke. Mabel my darling:

Your telegram that Elsie has diphtheria has upset me completely. Please don't stay away any longer than you can help.

Come home all of you just as soon as you can.

My hand is almost well but there is something the matter with me — and I fear the effect of the nervous strain to which I shall be subjected during the next few weeks. I have been going over the old telephone cases with Mr. Roberts — and expect to be put on the stand next week. I commence at 10 o'clock or as soon after as possible and remain with Mr. Roberts till six o'clock with an intermission of one hour for lunch. Have been so busy in the evening with Helen Keller matters. Dinal draft of address at Lake George with Miss True, and meetings of Executive Committee of A.A.P.T.S.D. arranging details for next meeting with a little correspondence on National College affairs thrown in — that I have had no time for exercise, fresh air, or letter writing. I feel more than half broken down and want you here. Oh, my darling little wife — I want you so much — I want to feel your arms round me once more and I want my Elsie and Daisy. I am full of fear that something is wrong on the other side of the Atlantic — and I not with you to help you and support you. No telegrams today and I am so anxious. If Elsie is able to travel safely when you receive this — pack up your things at once and come home. I am in a nervous excitable state and am quite upset. I feel I am not well — there is something wrong — and I am not at all my usual self.

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Do come home if you can. I need you so much. If I could only have you in my arms once more I should never let you go away from me like this any more. I hope for better news of Elsie tomorrow.

Your loving husband, Alec.