

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, March 31, 1892, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Parker House, Boston. March 31st, 1892. You poor little Mabel:

You letters of March 18th and 19th, have just arrived giving an account of Elsie's illness. I don't wonder you don't want Mr. McCurdy "to go way off to America and leave you utterly without anyone on whom you can rely in case of trouble."

I wish I could be with you — or have you all with me — but wishing — alas — is of no use — and I must wait — and wait — and hope for the best.

What has become of Mr. McCurdy? I had a cablegram from him from London to which I replied — and since then no news. When you receive this note — send me cablegram to say he is all right unless you know I have heard from him or of him by mail. I do hope he is somewhere, where you can get at him if you need him at the same time I hope this emergency you dread will not arise.

Don't allow my former letters to alarm you about my health. I am all right now and in good condition to go upon the witness stand on Monday morning.

Received this morning a copy of the Appropriation Bill passed by the Committee of the House of Representatives. The Gallaudet appropriation is O. K. I sent you copy of Mr. Crouter's letter to Gallaudet published in Silent World.

Mr. Greenberger is getting up a petition to congress on the subject of Oral Instruction. Hardly think it wise — but will not express an opinion to him until I have seen the wording

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of the document. Second Edition of Helen Keller Souvenir all in type today. Mrs. Pratt is a wonderfully energetic woman. It will be published 2 tomorrow.

Dined with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howe this evening. Brilliant gathering of pretty women — and fine men. Met two of the sisters of Miss Alice Whitney of Salem. Find that Miss Alice Whitney is still unmarried — Poor Mrs. Sandera — but for Mabel — perhaps — it might have been? Who knows?

Your loving husband, Alec.