

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, March 29, 1893, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue. Washington, D. C. March 29, 1893. My darling Alec:

The enclosed note explains itself. I did not want Elsie to go any further with Dr. Hamlin, not that I doubted your consent, but because I did not want Elsie to feel that she could decide such an important matter without the approval and consent of both her parents. She said tonight however, that she wanted very much to have the whole matter over and done with now, if she had to wait another month she might get unsettled and upset again. I thought this seemed reasonable and that perhaps the sooner Elsie's mind is at rest the better it will be for her. She must go before the elders this Thursday, or have to wait a month, so please telegraph.

I think Dr. Hamlin is just the very best minister Elsie could have in this crisis. He is not the man I should want myself, but he is so easy going, so liberal, and so fond of the good things of the world that he will only sooth her and quiet her and not excite her to any religious fanaticism. He tells her all she has to do is to live a goody good life, believe in Christ and do her duty even as He did his. And so she is satisfied, and goes on to talk about the last new dress or her school work. Only I really think she ought to be settled as soon as possible.

I have been "going it" since you left, and having a very good time, but you needn't feel absolved therefore from any necessity to come home. I miss you all the same, and would give all the fun up to have you around headache and all!

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Goodnight, Yours ever, Mabel. Tuesday. Daisy is flourishing, no sign of invalidism about her.