

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, November 20, 1896, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Beinn Bhreagh Laboratory Annex. November 20th, 1896. Dear Mabel:

Bessie Macrae is here just now and is using my pen on some curves while we are waiting for Mr. Ellis to return from lunch. Finishing up all old work to take to Washington with me. Bessie will reduce old observations to curves — that have never been studied graphically. Just starting her here — and she will then take the work home with her.

Incorporators of Library had meeting Saturday afternoon. 7 present. Dr. McKeen (Chairman) Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Hunt, Mr. McCaskill, Miss McCurdy, Mrs Kennan and AGB. I submitted proposal, on your behalf, tu re Gertrude Hall — which was accepted. Frank McKeen has worked hard to get Reading-Room in order for inspection. After meeting of Trustees finished we adjourned to Gertrude Hall. Surprised at number of magazines we take regularly — over 20! — besides newspapers.

The library books will undoubtedly be placed there too.

Dr. Hart reports that Mr. McInnis' ailment is not what I feared. Nothing serious he hopes — In plain English it is Gout!

Sorry you have made Elsie's debut on a Wednesday. Thursday would have made it easy for me to be present — but any slip up on the line — such as a snow blockade would prevent my arrival in time — excepting at the sacrifice of several days here. Propose to leave Grand Narrows Monday morning arriving — Wednesday morning.

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Should we have severe snows — or threatening weather — may leave Saturday morning so as to be able to start from St. John, N. B. — Monday morning (or Sunday night if there is a train.) Mail time.

Much love, Alec. Mrs. A. G. Bell, 1331 Conn. Ave., Washington, D. C.