

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 12, 1902, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue. (May 12, 1902) My darling Alec:

I am awfully sorry to disappoint you about Bert and he feels dreadfully about this, but he really is in no condition to go to a hot climate full of festering corruption.

I cannot myself see what good he could hope to accomplish with the ground already swarming with reporters like the plague of locusts. On the other hand trained experts pursuing the pursuits (?) to which they have been trained would have the ability to make such reports as may revolutionize our whole method of education.

We have lived through whole cycles of excitement since I last wrote, but I must wait for those most concerned to write you. Meantime I had just about one hours sound sleep and am now attacked by a sleepy fit.

I sent you the Herald and Bert promises more. He is regaling me with accounts of people lying dead with their bodies boiled open and their insides lying around outside like chicken kidneys lying around chicken fricassee.

Susie went home this afternoon very happy, although she has renounced splendid visions of future grandeur as wife of some lower American President. I asked Miss Mace to stay here tonight as otherwise I should have been quite alone.

Daisy returns tomorrow and we both go to Twin Oaks.

Good night, I am so glad to have got you. Be carefu , I , walk and don't over eat.

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Lovingly, Mabel. P.S. I thought you would like to see letter of my I telegraphed Mr. Dunn that it was impossible to do anything towards sending him. (1902)

Jan. 24, 1902. My dear Father: —

Referring to our conversation last night relating to the impracticability of doing much to further see advancement of Visible Speech in the absence of facilities for printing I want to repeat here what I said last night, that I will be glad to pay for the making of full sets of punches, matrices, and a good supply of type, if you can undertake the supervision of the manufacture of the punches, &c.

I should like to be in possession of full sets of type that would be satisfactory to you , but cannot undertake the labor of directing the punch makers what to do. If you feel that you have strength and inclination to do this — why — go ahead and have anything made you want — and I will foot the bills.

Your loving son, Alexander Graham Bell Prof. Alexander Melville Bell, 1525 — 35th Street, W. Washington, D. C.