

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, November 21, 1904, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Twin Oaks, Washington, D. C. Monday, Nov. 21st 1904. My dear Alec:

I hope this will get to you on Thanksgiving. I love you dear, and never realized the need of you more than I do now. You have been my strength and support, my sure standby through all these years. The best of me I owe to you, to your high and noble standard of thought, love and life.

Have you ever read Henry Drummond's "The Greatest Thing in the World." I thought I had years ago, but on reading it over see I did not. It is your sermon, your creed.

I wish you could be here to know how lovely Washington is in Autumn. One beautiful strong, bright day has followed another, just what we had in Baddeck in October.

I think you must feel very deeply the importance of the Zemstvo meeting in Russia. Surely it marks the beginning of a new period in Russian History. Is it analogous to the summoning of the States General in France by Louis XVI ? the tiny hole which unless stopped at once must crack the dam and let out the tremendous forces behind?

I am so impatient to hear how your experiment turned out. I have nothing more to say especially. I wish you could write Daisy and give her something to do for you. It is very hard for her being here just now, not quite well or strong and bitterly regretting the life in New York and missing her friend. I cannot regret the break, 2 but I do feel awfully sorry for the child and wish I could give her some new interest in what is after all her home town and among her own family and friends. She would be so pleased to have you write her.

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Much love to you all, Lovingly, Mabel. Hadn't you better send me the other receipt to sign? I have written every day, but my dates are hazy and not reliable. It's Monday though.