

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, June 23, 1906, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C. June 23, 1906. My dear Alec:

I am so thankful that you are safe in Beinn Bhreagh. I don't mind the heat we have here in the least, but you would and how I would feel it for you!

I am so glad to be here if I were only sure you were all right for I do want to be with Mamma. I am afraid the big family she has been carrying have been almost too much for her. She admits being very tired, but I think she is glad to have me with her. I am especially glad to be here just now for Mr. Swan has written her for Papa's papers and I can help her more than any one else. I find that Papa did keep his papers carefully and there is a pile of stenographers note books which must represent nearly all his correspondence from 1883. Unfortunately these only date from 1883 and it is his correspondence from 1877 to 1880 that is now required. It happens that 1883 was the year when he first lived in the Conn. Ave. house and between 1880 and that date he was abroad owning no house, so his things were all stored and it is among the possibilities that his papers have been lost, he did lose (?) some things and there was a fire in the house where they were kept.

I thought I had all Papa's papers, but these I never saw before so I am in hopes that I may yet find more. Mr. Swan told Mamma that the Company had letters referring to letters and telegrams from Papa of which the Company had no copies, these are what he wants to get hold of in the preparation of a history of the telephone he is writing in connection with the suit with the U.S.

I am going out to spend the night with Daisy so goodbye. I hope you like Mr. Baldwin.

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Lovingly ever, Mabel.