

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, March 5, 1909, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Washington, D. C. Mar. 5, 1909. Dear Alec:

It is certainly one thing to write in your own room and desk with all your things conveniently arranged and another to sit down anywhere with nothing handy. So I didn't write yesterday.

Many thanks for your letters, it is such a comfort hearing from you. David says to print your DeLand reply as it is. It seems to me that you have forgotten how much work you had done yourself by your own secretaries, by Bessie Safford and Mr. Mitchell. Still the reply serves a double purpose in that it is a tacit disclaimer of any participation in Mr. DeLand's work.

The 4th was a most terrible day, as bad as the worst Baddeck could furnish. The snow was wet, the air chilly when the wind was not blowing and it generally was blowing from all directions. I staid at home with Daisy and let David have my ticket. Bert and Elsie were in great force having seats in the Presidential box on the Avenue and in the ball, and going to lunch at the White House. I haven't seen Elsie yet. Mamma was at the parade, she had a window in the Am. Security and so was able to see things in comfort. Talbot Aldrich dined with Daisy in full uniform, he is Major on the staff of the Gov. of Mass. For comfort give me Beinn Bhreagh in winter. I'm cold here, today the sun is shining and there is no wind. The trains were stalled, some of the people never got here at all. We were two hours late on Monday. Will write a decent 2 letter soon .

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Meantime much love, Your Mabel. Friday, March 5. Gipseys ball gown was infinitesimal, and so tight she could hardly move.