

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, March 13, 1909, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue. Washington, D. C. (Mar. 13, 1909) Dear Alec:

It was such a bad day today that I thought I wouldn't go to the bank to see about your cheque. I don't believe we can transfer that much, and of course I have bills here. I will go Monday morning.

The dinner last night was a great success, and cost a lot. That is the trouble with Charles nowadays. We can be quite sure that he will do things in style, but we have to pay for it. But he is so good in so many ways, so wonderfully capable that we'd better not economize on him. Mamma was very much pleased. We had some of her friends come in afterward and lighted the candles then.

It continues horrid weather and I am glad you are out of it. No letter from you today yet, but one from Mr. Curtiss. What do you think of the new combine and its relation to us?

Bert says that the War Department are mad with the Wrights, that by the terms of their contract they should be here in April, and so far they have not had a word from them, while the papers are full of their plans of campaign in London, Germany and Rome. He thinks Lieut. Lahm was trying to pump him regarding the A.E.A., and that if the Wrights don't show up speedily they would like to have dealings with us.

Can't think of anything more to say. Daisy has a cold and was miserable so I came in to stay today and to see if I could get on with my Review work, it's pretty hard when you have no abiding place and have to carry your things around losing half in 2 the process.

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Much love to you all, Your Mabel. March 13, 1909.