

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, March 28, 1909, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue Washington, D. C. March 28, 1909. My dear Alec,

Well, and how did you like being the guest of his excellency Paul Gray at Government House. I am afraid you found it rather hard work. If I had realized you were going there, and alone, I think I would have sent Charleston. However I am sure they were pleased with you anyway, and it is an awfully nice and interesting experience to have had.

We are getting along all right. I have nearly got over my catarrh now, it hung on obstinately and then one night I had indigestion and was uncomfortable, but it is all over now, and Daisy is doing very well and the baby also. Daisy looks very white and I am glad I have no responsibility about her, but both Doctor and nurse seem satisfied, and she has a good appetite and the only trouble about Barbara is that she is as Daisy expresses it, "almost painfully good" sleeping all the time and scarcely ever crying. She gained half an ounce the first week, which is unusual, most babies losing the first week.

Mamma has been in New York with Gypsey who has been in bed with a bad grip attack, but she returns tomorrow. Grace and Charlie have gone to Florida, Charlie is very anxious to have Gardiner get into the New A. A. C., and would have sent him back if you were not returning so soon. I think it important to secure Charlie's active interest and that of course you get with Gardiner. I think, in fact I am sure, Gardiner's change of health is due to Mr. Curtiss' influence, he had a 2 long talk with him coming down and swears by him. I am sending you Mr. Page's cheque for your article and it came some time ago, but there was no use sending it just as you were leaving.

Library of Congress

I miss you continually and shall be so glad to see you, but am thankful you did not return with me. Every one has had colds, this has been an awful month.

Your loving, Mabel.