

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, April 10, 1909

Beinn Bhreagh, Near Baddeck. Nova Scotia. April 10, 1909. Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, 1331 Conn. Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C. Dear Mabel:

At last we have completed the final Bulletin with its appendices A, B, & C. I hope you will like appendix B a copy of which I send with this letter. It was Douglas' idea to dedicate the volume to you. So I said "Go ahead and write the dedication" with the result you will see in appendix B. Appendix C is a portfolio of large blue prints illustrating details of construction.

Bert telegraphed me to know whether we could receive the National Academy of Sciences on April 21. I telegraphed him to consult you and if you thought best we would do it. I propose to leave here Friday morning, April 16, which will get me into Boston Saturday night. Stay there Sunday at the Parker and on Monday see what I can do to prevail upon the Boston Board of Education to retain Miss Fuller's services as principal of the Horace Man School for the Deaf, Although she has passed the retiring age. My argument will be that the school is an exceptional school and Miss Fuller an exceptional woman and that it would be to the interests of the deaf children of Boston to retain her services as long as she has health and strength and inclination for the work.

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gyroscopic action thus introducing definite distinct elements of safety. The breaking of one propeller too would not cause the machine to swerve to one side as in the case of the Wright Brothers' machine for both would be acting in the same central line.

Douglas and Casey have been considering the advisability of getting a thoroughly reliable commercial automobile engine. But they will be lucky if they can get one weighing less than 400 lbs. In view of the great weight it would probably be impracticable to use two of

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these engines on the same machine. I want them to discuss the feasibility of using two light engines having less power individually.

If one of these engines and one of the propellers should have sufficient power to keep the machine in the air the other represents surplus power which could be utilized to increase the speed; a point greatly in favor of a machine for military purposes. A.G.B.

Your poor little darling

You seem to be getting very little from me under my own handwriting. However the last Bulletin is finished — thank goodness! — and I will try to write you every day until I have. You've been awfully good to me. Your daily bulletin have been a great comfort to me! Love to and Barbara and here is a

Kiss for Sandy

Your loving Alec.

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below the Grave Yard as the Warehouse wharf was still enclosed in ice. We reached B.B. Hall in time for dinner.

I forgot to note that Casey and Cox met us at Mulgrave.

In the evening after dinner we had the final meeting of the A.E.A.

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