

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, November 9, 1909, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. TWIN OAKS. Washington, D. C. Tuesday, Nov. 9, (1909.) My darling Alec:

I have decided to stay out here until you come down in December.

There is so much I can do here. All the things have got to be gone over and distributed and no one can be in charge as well as I. I know Mamma would like to have me stay and see about things. I have been dropped here and it seems as if it were just on purpose to do the last things for Mamma. I feel more at home here than I could in my own house, overrun as it is with children and with Bert and Elsie in possession. They want me there all right and I know I could be of help to them, but after all they did not expect me at this time and there is no one else to do these last things for Mamma. If I were not here things would need to be rushed through anyhow and Mamma would not have liked this.

I am to have Mamma's Katie and Huldah the chambermaid and I think Daisy and David will come with their children and supply the cook. It will not really be very much more expensive if any, because the house was to have some fire in the furnace anyway and I would have to have a chambermaid when Elsie left. I feel much happier since I decided this this morning and the whole family are much relieved, although they had not thought of this solution of the difficulty all felt in leaving things here. There are stacks and stacks of pictures 2 in the attic, oils and water colors and engravings, many of them of great value.

Much love. Address me here. I received your telegraphic letter. I hope you are taking care of yourself.

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Your Mabel.