

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. July 18, My dear Alec:

Your telegram yesterday came just in time to stop my worrying about you although why it should do so I don't know. Please always say how you are and do my darling try and get some sleep, in proper season.

We are all well here — Maurice about the same, able to do a little less each day than the day before, not always quite aware of what he is talking about. We expect Berta tomorrow, Charlie is run down. Charlie writes that if I only draw occassionally on the Bell Tel. Co. div. from now until Oct. he may be able to get on without calling in his loan. He has sold N.Y.C. and H.Riv. R.R. (a loss of over \$2000.) for \$5043. which will meet Science Co's note. Shall I pay Mrs. Searing? She says nothing about having secured payments from the others. Also shall I pay Maynards bill for over \$819 —?

Thank you for the papers sent just received. — The very sight of your handwriting was a joy — though you did write Bau Cottage. That's very unnecessary and I hate it so please don't offend again in that way. The reporters don't seem to have reported you very well, at least the Globe didn't surely when he made you say that the study of the breeding of domestic animals proved that there were 20,000 deaf mutes in the U. S. Wasn't Mr. Gillett's remark that he hoped there would soon be an improved method of instruction devised for use in D. and D. Institutions of American production and not that of an European native, directed at you? I am writing very incoherently and in haste as I have lots of things to do. The address sounds very familiar, didn't you say it almost by heart — I think I almost could.!

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Take care of yourself my little big boy, Your loving, Mabel. — My last was sent to Fairbault. Please do be careful of your expenses — I fear we cannot get to October 1st., without infringing on capital and there are your expenses to Montreal — in fact when all bills now in are paid only \$1000 will be left. I am not worrying I merely want to warn you not to be generous and offer to pay everybody's carfares and adopt all Miss Fuller's children.