

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, March 20, 1891, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Atlantic City, N. J. March 20th, 1891. My darling Alec:

Such a big beautiful budget of letters has just come. Thank you all very much, I am afraid though I ought to scold you for writing such a long letter. Your health and strength are too precious to me, to us all, for you to squander it sitting up so late. It was such an awfully nice letter though I enjoy it so much especially today that I feel a little under the weather.

Mamma's criticism about my "utterly immoveable" sea is of course just from every correct standpoint, and I see that that was not the word I wanted. What I meant was that it went on its way storming in the wind or smiling in the sunshine, as the case may be, utterly unmoved by the petty struggles and efforts of the pigmy man to turn it into a sort of show.

It is storming enough now, Elsie is anxious to know if it was as rough that day Mr. McCurdy crossed the bay. I am very much encouraged to find that Elsie was not at all upset by the excitement of getting and wearing her new blue dress. She went to sleep almost when her head touched the pillow and slept soundly all night. Miss Kiman showed me her report to Dr. Mitchell. It was a very favorable one, the "child is doing nicely and her mother does not disturb her." She is such a nice little companion that I do not find the day long, still I wish I were with you again. I am afraid I will have you on my hands next. I do not care very much about what the deaf-mute papers say of you, they seem simply contemptible. If it were one of the papers of the great world outside I should feel 2 awfully. It does not seem possible that Mr. Gallaudet can intend to pass your letter over in silence. For his own sake he dare not do it. Mr. McCurdy and Miss True have excited my curiosity

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concerning a long letter which they say you have received from Mr. Kennan. What is it all about, please send it to me.

I enclose the letter you desired. Two o'clock, mail time so goodbye. I wish I could see you today.

Lovingly always, Mabel.