

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Eliza Symonds Bell, August 20, 1882, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Mrs. Alexander Melville Bell. Brattle Street, Cambridge, Mass. Aug. 20th 1882. My dear Mrs. Bell:

I am quite ashamed of my long silence, but I have been very busy with my house more or less full ever since you left. Last week I had beside three friends Mr. and Mrs. Grossmann and their baby. My sister seems to me much stronger than when I saw her last, and her baby a nice little specimen of humanity although not so handsome as Berta's baby. Sister and Maurice had your room, but one night Sister got rather uneasy so we put her up in my room while I went into the attic. Rather a lively afternoon Alec and I had moving all her things, mine and another gentleman's one day, for we knew that she would never consent to giving us so much trouble and we had to do the work while she was out driving. We left her in possession of our house yesterday intending to go straight on to Niagara, but Daisy was not quite well and as Grace was not either I was glad to wait here ever today that I might hurry back to Daisy if she were worse. They telegraphed however that she was all right yesterday so if she continues so we leave tomorrow night. Sister and Mr. Grossmann return here tomorrow but my cousin Mrs. Stanford Marsh goes on to stay with the babies until our return so I think they will be well looked after. Mamma and the rest had a very good time in Mt. Desert in praise of which they are enthusiastic. They met one of the heros of the highway robbery, or I should say victims, the money lost was \$50. instead of as many hundreds, the roads really fearfully rough 2 dangerous and lonely. Grace said that the robber had blue eyes and all the blue-eyed gentlemen in the hotels were under suspicion so general was the belief that the robber was a gentleman out on a practical joke. They offered five thousand dollars reward for his capture and all the boats so carefully watched that they thought it impossible any one could have got off that was at all suspicious looking. Mamma however went up the roads with her whole family including

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the baby and never saw anything alarming. She brought back pretty Indian baskets, sea-gull's wings, etc., etc. It is getting late now so I must say good night, with love to you and your household.

Affectionately, Mabel.