

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, October 13, 1875, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel G. Hubbard to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Cambridge, October 13th, (1875) Dear Mr. Bell:

I cannot help writing to apologize for my rudeness last night in not thanking you for your trouble in bringing me Dr. Carpenter's pamphlets and for the pleasure its perusal gave me. I do not know why I did not speak of it, it did not occur to me to say anything at that time.

The pamphlet interested me much, and gave me some new ideas. Yet I do not think it explains Spiritualism at all. Very likely much that people see is only their imagination, and it seems to have satisfactorily disposed of table-turning, etc., as if such things needed refutation, but it makes no mention of the more complicated phenomena witnessed by Mr. Crookes, and Dr. Carpenter's theories do not apply to them. I think you will see it yourself if you look at Mr. Crookes' pamphlets.

I have never spoken of the last letter I received from you in Bethel because there never has been opportunity, but I was pleased with it and thank you for it. However I am a little puzzled to know what your views on Woman's Rights really are.

Hoping to see you soon again, Sincerely yours, Mabel G. Hubbard.