

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, July 24, 1881, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell Cambridge, Mass. Saturday (July 24, 1881) My dear Alec:

Your telegram yesterday was very welcome, but I could not help wondering if it came by W. U. or Am. Rapid, for if the former it must have cost more than its weight in pearls. But I fear day before yesterday must have been a headachey day as you said you were to have tried the bullet then. I am anxiously waiting to know the result. I thought I might have a message at twelve last night or early this morning, but it is now three and nothing has come. I am afraid Prouts is up, the man says he finds he has not the room he thought he had.

It is anything but too not here, it has done little but rain lately and the children wear their coats, so I am in no hurry to move just yet. Lina and I are hard at work painting and I hope to have something for you when you come home but it is rather a big piece of work.

Chester left yesterday. I did not try to dissuade him as he said if he had to wait a week or two before you came he would have to go to Canada just when you wanted to go camping, but if he went now very likely he would come back later and go with you.

I do hope you will be able to get some rest this summer, my poor little boy. Are you very tired out and does your heart trouble you much. I wish I could be with you and try to take care of you. It seems as if I missed you more each day and yet I don't want you to leave your work half finished unless indeed you are really worn out, but do take care and get enough sleep.

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The babies are well and get along very well with the nurse I think. Daisy has two new double teeth since you left and they came without disturbing her since that one night when you went for Dr. Wyman.

Can't you write a little note to me some time? I want something private once in a while. Find out if Mrs. Garfield has grapes of her own, if not I may send some.

With ever so much love. Excuse haste, I want to finish my painting.

Lovingly, Your wife.