

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, June 19, 1888, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Bordeaux, June 19th. (1888) My dear Alec:

No news from you today whereat I am vastly disappointed — perhaps without reason — but I feel a little uneasy and want to know that you are all right. Please telegraph if you wont write — or send a postal. That will hold little more than a telegraph blank will not take any longer to cover and will cost much less. We have spent the day mostly resting — but will move on very soon as there is little to be seen here. We got next to Aracheon which is right on the seashore. Thence we want to visit Biarritz which is another seashore place right on the boundary between Spain and France. There we hope you will run down and see us after your work is over — please bring a Spanish passport with you for you and me in case we want to cross the border for the sake of seeing a little of the country. We cannot go half a yard past the line without the passport and it would be awkward if we happened to stroll over it by mistake and were not allowed to return. I want to see you very much it seems ages since we left home. Do please be careful of yourself.

I wrote to Mr. McCurdy yesterday asking him to have the walls of the servants' rooms papered, they were too shabby last year. May I write to Rose in Washington and ask her to come and be our cook in Baddeck. Maggie was after all rather hard work.

Mamma had a letter from Grace in which she says that your Mother had driven over to see her and looked very bright and well and was talking of going down to Colonial Beach. There is a line of steamers from London to Bordeaux, direct, making the trip in three days, don't you think you had better come that way and avoid a hard overland 2 journey —

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always supposing of course that you want to see me and the children enough to make the trip! Somehow I think you will!

Goodnight. I have nothing more to say except that I hope Mr. Hitz will kindly write me again,

Yours ever.