

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

Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel (Hubbard) Bell. 1336 Nineteenth Street, Washington, D. C., March 20th, 1891. My dear little wife:

No letters to-day from you or Elsie — Hope you are all well.

Prof. Fay called on me this afternoon — and told me that Dr. Gallaudet had requested him to show me a long article he had prepared for insertion in the Annals — in which I would find the answer to my last letter.

I declined to receive this as a reply to my letter on the ground (1) that Gallaudet had urged me to apply to his own case my remark to the students that I should believe “what a man says himself rather than what others say he says” — and (2) that it was only right and fair that Gallaudet should make his charge specific. I stated that I did not know of any “important facts” that he had communicated to me that were omitted from my published statements and it was only just to me that he should specify what facts he alluded to.

Cannot write more just now as I am busy on important letter to Prof. Fay. Will send type-written copy of everything interesting to you tomorrow.

Such love.

Your loving husband, Alec.