

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, April 22, 1891, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1336 Nineteenth Street, Washington, D. C. April 22, 1891. My dear Alec:

We have been spending the evening in Georgetown with your mother, and I am almost too tired to want to write to you or Elsie. I am sorry I have not telegraphed you since your arrival at "Sheepville." I thought my letters would follow almost immediately on your footsteps. I have written every day except Saturday.

Your father returns tomorrow, your mother and cousins were playing cards in the dining room so we made up two card tables and had a jolly time over indifferent whist. Then we were treated to champagne and Mr. McCurdy toasted your lambs and yourself, then I toasted your father and gave him "For he's a jolly etc." We were all so uproarious that I feared your mother might begin to fancy that the wine had gone to our heads. We stopped at your aunts also and saw a letter from Lewis. He wrote from Singapore and said he was going to Siamese ports for a month.

I have wasted my day trying in vain to get material for a dress to wear at Twin Oaks. Miss True and Mr. McCurdy have spent their's getting off the notices. I am not satisfied yet, but I had caused so much delay that I did not like to suggest a final proof.

It's twelve and Elsie's letter is to be written, so goodnight.

Lovingly always,