

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, 1897, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1336 Nineteenth Street. (1897) My dear Alec:

I thought last night I had better have staid at home as I was only one more in very crowded quarters. This morning I have decided it was fortunate I came as Miss Adams was completely worn out. She has gone home for a couple of days rest, and I am in sole charge. Don't tell Grace or she will want to come on, not believing me capable of taking care of her father and mother.

Papa is still in bed and must remain there another day at least. He looks like a very healthy invalid, swallows all his milk with great relish and is in good spirits and happy with plenty of books. Mamma I am sure would be a great deal better than she is but for two things, first that she is confined to one small room in which she and Papa live, sleep and have their being. She can go into the other two rooms of the suite, but they are dark and damp and the change is not an improvement, and secondly because she is kept busy the whole time entertaining visitors and talking when that is the one thing forbidden her. Miss Adams said of course she could not forbid Auntie or Auntie Kittie or Uncle Riss seeing their sister. I have more authority and mean to use it. I thought the coast was clear this morning, and went out, but will not again. Cannot I stay until Tuesday morning at least. I do not feel that it is right to put so much on Miss Adams as to leave her alone one moment sooner than necessary. Mamma and Papa would require nothing more than the maid can give them if they would only be careful, but that they don't know how to be. They are quite happy, Papa in bed with his book, Mamma on the sofa with hers. Goodbye I am tired.

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Lovingly, Mabel. P. S. Tell Mr. McCurdy to send the plans I drew at the same time as Mr. Barry's. Papa says to invite Prof. Whitney of New Haven and Sam Scudder, Dr. Hurd (?) head of Johns Hopkins Hospital also the gentleman who takes President Gilman's place.