

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, March 21, 1903, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 26 West 47th Street, New York City. (March 21, 1903.) My darling Alec:

I arrived all right. Got a bansom and drove to the Albermarle only to find that Mamma had gone down to the ferry to meet me. She and Sarah were watching for me and I must have passed close by her for I was near a tall big man who she said was Bishop Potter and we both were near him. But I was not expecting anyone and so not on the lookout. I never feel the lack of your protecting love so much as when I am travelling alone. Not the need mind you, but the lack of it, the dear luxury of it. I can manage perfectly well, but I want you more each time and miss you more. You were dear to get up and dress for me this morning. I don't think any wife had a more truly courteous husband than I.

I am glad I came on, much as I hated to leave you and well as I find Daisy, I am sure she would have felt it if I did not come. She is entirely free from pain and as I understand there is nothing before her. The doctor she thinks did not do what he intended, but did do what he purposed to do to me, scraped the womb. She says however that he found the opening to the womb very small and though he dilated it, it is still small and I want to find out more about it. It seems to me that the time to make inquiries about her chances of motherhood is now, before she has any man in her mind, rather than later. Dr. Cleveland was here this evening, he says she can get up on Tuesday.

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Mamma is in a hurry to go home so it is not right to ask her to stay for any Board meeting. For her every spring counts and she particularly wants to see this spring.

Do you like this writing better than my ordinary one?

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Daisy sends her love, she is busy with a story.

Lovingly, Mabel. 26 W. 47th St., March 21. Told Daisy just now about the Melamora. Her remark is "Good heavens I wish we'd been on board"!