

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, September 1906, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue. Washington, D. C. Sept. 1906. My dear Alec:

Many thanks for your house-boat letter. I am awfully sorry you had such a time with your eyes. It was awfully hard for you to suffer so much and unnecessarily, but you cannot realize how difficult a problem you present in an emergency. Elsie probably thought the boat would go and carry you back to Sydney and there would be the same trouble next day. I am sure she tried every gentle dodge she could think of before resorting to the desperate measures she took. However, I hope they won't need to be repeated. I am so glad to hear of you wandering about along shore, it makes it easier to stay here. Daisy's little baby is lovely, but as yet it has not gained at all and of course it has grown. I don't like to leave them until the baby is really well. It seems strong, all its movements are strong and lusty and it has a good strong cry, but the digestion is not right yet and until it begins to gain I cannot feel happy to leave the mother. I telegraphed you this morning, but it was before they had weighed it, however the baby looks well and unless it has a pain sleeps well. They are going out to Twin Oaks today and I hope the change will mark the beginning of real gain.

I am sorry I haven't written oftener, but I am so divided between Daisy and Mamma, Twin Oaks and here that I cannot get the time and facilities together.

Lovingly your, Mabel. Isn't the Scribner article nice?