

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, March 9, 1909, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C. March 9, 1909. My darling Alec:

I couldn't finish letter yesterday and so am starting early this morning.

I hope you have better weather here than we. It is really dangerous. I have just a little cold in my head, but it is nearly gone. Sandie has had a cold too and Daisy is miserable this morning. But the Dr. now thinks the baby is not due for two weeks.

I was going to Philadelphia yesterday. Daisy persuaded me to telegraph first and now comes a telegram saying Mr. Crouter can not see me till next week. So I am stranded. Please send me those diagrams.

David worked hard with Mr. Sanborn and we got up such an interesting list of things the Review should have. Biographies of successful speech readers, information from aurists of latest theories about care of the ear and throat etc. Pen pictures of different schools and teachers, things of interest to parents and friends of the deaf and those so hard of hearing as to be benefited by speech reading, stammerers, people who are not deaf, but dread being so and want to know what help there is for them etc, etc. David says the trouble is that the Board of the A.A. S.T.D. don't know what you really want about Mr. Booth and so don't like to take any steps. Now I want to see Mr. Crouter and 2 Mrs. Crouter myself and see what they think about things. Then both Bert and David do not approve of my putting so much symbols in the Review and suggest breaking up my material and putting it in school papers and missionary bulletins. I think this may be the best way as I would have a much larger circulation and more frequent issues. I have already made an approach with Dr. Crouter.

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Elsie and Bert dined at the White House Sunday. Bert took in Mrs. Taft and the president, Mrs. Grosvenor and Elsie sat at his left hand. Today Mamma and I lunch with her to meet the sister of the President's mother.

I have seen little of Gardiner. He went yesterday to see Mr. Langley's machine and reports it very crude. I believe he expects to remain in aerodromics after all.

Did I send you that letter? I am afraid to see Mr. Booth till I know.

Much love.

Take care of yourself and exercise every morning and wal k.

Your own Mabel.