

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Marian Bell Fairchild, June 25, 1902, with transcript

2 copies in books A letter from Dr. Alexander Graham Bell to Mrs. David Fairchild. BEINN BHREAGH, Victoria County, Cape Breton, N. S. June 25, 1902. Miss Marian H. Graham Bell, passenger on S. S. Statendan Holland American Line, Hoboken, N. J. My darling little girl:

I am very much worried and troubled about you. The alarming telegrams and letters we have received make it seem almost criminal on our part to allow you to go abroad alone with only your friend Josephine Sicard with you. What is the proper thing to do — I do not know, but of this I feel sure that you are no longer a little girl — but a woman fully competent to judge for yourself what is best to be done for yourself, and knowing better your own physical condition than any one else can possibly do. I trust you my little girl — and in fear and trembling I say it for fear we should regret it afterwards. All the family advise against your going, but your Mamma and I have decided to stand by you and let you do what ever you think best for yourself.

We have confidence in Josephine Sicard too — and feel sure that she will be a sister to you — and a father and mother and all — in one. We have confidence that she will be frank with us, and write to your Mamma fully and freely about your condition keeping back nothing, and so — Bon Voyage to you both. Love and best wishes, and come back soon rosy cheeked and well too.

Your loving father, Alexander Graham Bell.

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A few Jokes.

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When McKinley was assassinated the Vice-President Roosevelt succeeded him; But supposing that Roosevelt should be shot — who would come after him? The Undertaker!

The Post Offices in the United States are now selling thirteen two-cent stamps for a cent and a quarter — how much do they lose? Nothing for one cent — and a quarter — come exactly to 26 cents!

A man gave 10 cents to one beggar, 10 cents to another, and 5 cents to a third — what time was it? A quarter to three.

Not a Joke.

Poor King Edward just heard of the operation, and the indefinite postponement of the Convention.

God save the King.

Also not a joke.

The Paterson riots with Anarchistic accompaniments.

P. S. Don't forget that July 11 is the 25th, anniversary of your mother's wedding — of your father's too, by the by, send us some greeting addressed to the West Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn.

Papa. A. G. B.