

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, January 10, 1877, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel Hubbard to Mr. Alexander Graham Bell. Wednesday, (January 10, 1877). My dear Alec:

I have finally decided not to be so shary of time and paper and continue writing regularly to you until I hear you are really coming back.

Thank you very much for the proofs that came yesterday. I am sorry I have not been able to send them on to your father yet, but Grandpa wants to read them, last night a Gettysburg man came and of course Grandpa kept him to an unearthy hour and of course he forgot about anything of less importance. He did not know I was in a hurry though. I have been much interested reading your testimony. I could imagine you making those remarks and could detect here and there a word, or expression that reminded me especially of you. Grandpa said it was very well written and was much interested. Another note from you came this afternoon and spoke again of proofs. I am at loss to know whether you meant those I have or some more to come.

While your life is so eventful, constantly stirring, ours goes on quietly, each day more or less like the preceding. I have spent most of my time plaiting for Adelheit. I have had quite enough of it now and when Martha proposed some more to go around my neck my patience utterly gave way. Tell Mamma I shall have a plain flat collar instead. I shall be all ready now whenever you come and glad to go, though I enjoy being here.

Miss Marsh came today for a few days' stay, she is such a funny little thing. She seemed quite unable to stay still for two minutes at a time. Miss Minnie Catlin comes tomorrow so we shall be quite a large party. All the papers here are full of that Bennett-May affair, it seems to be the principal topic of conversation. Sister is rather inclined to judge Mr. May

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leniently but thinks Mr. Bennett deserved horse 2 horse-shipping. I hope they will both be sent to the lockup, like common felons, else other young men will follow their example.

I shall be so glad to see you again, but am glad you are detained you and Mamma must be enjoying each other's society. Of course you are coming out well under the cross-examination, it couldn't be otherwise with you. Do you know your answers have told me more about yourself than I knew before.

It is getting dark and I am tired.

With much love to you, Mamma and Papa, Ever lovingly, Mabel.