

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, December 23, 1889, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. December 23, 1889. My dear Alec:

After all the telegrams are quite nice, although my general opinion of them certainly is that they what the appetite only to leave them unsatisfied.

I am so sorry Mamma has been so worried. I hoped she would not be when I told her exactly what the trouble was and how much fever Papa had. I don't know whom to be most sorry for, Mamma worrying her heart out or Papa homesick for his wife. I suppose the reaction has come now and Papa is listless and depressed. If he could only go out it might be different but we have had continuous rain day and night and some storms which I thought the worst I ever saw. I feel quite worried about Papa tonight he has lost his appetite and coughs a good deal. The doctor is always in such a tearing hurry that I have been unable to get much satisfaction out of him, he says Papa's cough is nothing but I don't agree. I wish we were well out of this hole. Of course it is a great disappointment to me not to go to San Diego etc. but it would be no fun going now that Papa wants to go home. I am sorry you and Mamma are not coming to meet us for I don't think Papa ought to go home at the same time of course I dread the journey for Mamma.

Post time and I have nothing more to say, our visit here has been pretty dismal no going out for Papa and little for me. If Papa will only feel better I shan't mind though—But I dread the journey home,

Love to all, Yours ever, May Sunday.