



HOTEL SEVILLE  
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NEW YORK.  
EDWARD PURCHAS, MANAGER.

My darling Alice  
I really hardly had  
time to telegraph you from Boston  
Remained at Parkers at nine &  
left in about thirty five minutes  
& during that time had to squeeze  
in all the arrangements for the  
children & eat our breakfast.  
Arrived here in vent at once to  
Mr. Morrow's office. Don't you  
remember him. he came on from  
New York to help us at the organization  
of an association. I like him  
very much. He seems to me a  
practical man - who is yet an  
idealist. and who absolutely

believes in the value of Montessori  
to humanity. He wrote out a  
paragraph about this for some writer  
who was asking him about it - and  
I asked him for a copy to send you.  
He is working at it for some time.  
Altruistic motives exactly as you  
to. I can't see where any money  
can come to him from it - or what  
earthly good it is to do him or  
his company any more than the  
publication of all your Hyde genealogy.  
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of him the more he impressed me.  
He is a strong man, very clear in  
his own ideas - and not afraid of  
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I got your telegram - The John &  
was so sorry you had arrived

But if you don't enjoy worrying  
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I don't like worrying - not one  
bit - so please don't give me so  
much cause to -

Miss George returns to Brooklyn  
with me this evening, and we  
will settle up things there, she  
will then go to Northampton. I

'have to.

Am glad you did not come,  
down now for you would not like  
this atmosphere. I don't mind  
it - it is not hot, but the air  
is certainly heavy -

Much love

Mabel -

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell.

Hotel Seville,  
New York, N.Y.

Saturday P.M. October 4, 1913.

My darling Alec:

I really hardly had time to telegraph you from Boston. We arrived at Parker's at nine and left in about thirty-five minutes and during that time had to squeeze in all the arrangements for the children and eat our breakfast. Arrived here we went at once to Mr. Morrow's office. Don't you remember him? He came on from New York to help us at the organization of our Association. I like him very much. He seems to me a practical man, who is yet an idealist and who absolutely believes in the value of Montessori to humanity. He wrote out a paragraph about this for some writer who was asking him about it and I asked him for a copy to send you. He is working at it for pure love altruistic motives exactly as you do. I can't see where any money can come to him from it or what earthly good it is to do him or his company any more than the publications of all your Hyde genealogy. I do like him. The more I saw of him the more he impressed me. He is a strong man, very clear in his own ideas and not afraid of responsibility and I guess will exert a very strong influence in our Assoc. What if he does. It seems to me his counsel is wise. I wrote him asking him to write down things we would be likely to talk of and he had it prepared, so we got on finely.

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IN THE WOODS

CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND

RED. BOX No. 112.

Friday Oct 10  
1913

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handy.

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& return late. I am writing now  
on Kalorama Rd at 9 A.M. while  
I wait for some one else to appear.  
It is slow work getting things in  
order ~~about~~ the school won't be ready  
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the child and can really judge  
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I shall be ready to leave by the  
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didn't seem kindly not to wait - for  
it - but it will be the 25. which  
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Chevy Chase, Maryland.

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Lovingly,

Mabel.

Many thanks for your letter.

Sat Oct 11 1913

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