

Boston University,

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My darling little girl

How long the time seems between this and the eighth — but I know that every day brings us nearer together and I shall try to be patient.

I wonder whether this will reach you in Chicago — and I wonder whether I shall have good news to transmit tomorrow.

W. Watson left this morning (Saturday) for the White Mountains on a special pass given him by the President of the Eastern Railroad — and we are to attempt to communicate by word of mouth through a wire 143 miles long.

Our experiment last Sunday was of course only conclusive as far as Allen was concerned although there is so little doubt in my mind that we had the circuit to North Conway that

I have invited the Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Co - & the Superintendent of the Atlantic & Pacific - and District Telegraph Companies to witness the experiments.

Should we fail to establish communication - it will be a most ignominious downfall for me - although of course I am ~~careful~~ to be very cautious in my way of ^{ex-}pressing myself - speaking in- confidently of ~~the~~ success.

The Japanese have become interested in Visible Speech and I have now a student studying the system with the object of introducing it into Japan as a means of expressing the Japanese language phonetically.

I am now preparing to make a great effort to introduce the Physiological Alphabet into Primary Schools. If this is successful my Normal School will be a success - If not - well! I shall try something.

else.

I have received a note from Dr. Collins proposing asking me to explain my system of Alphabony before the Thursday Evening Club next Thursday.

The Club is to meet at the house of Mr. Mason & I have written to Mr. Mason & Messrs. St. & I am trying to make arrangements with the District Telegraph Company to allow me the use of a wire for the occasion. I want to connect Mr. Mason's house with my room in the same place so as to make the experiment more striking.

You mention forwarded a Telegram to me yesterday announcing your departure from San Francisco. I am very glad to hear of it. Mr. McClellan's conduct is very suspiciously. Mr. McClellan is quite unwell with a bilious attack. Mr. James Buchanan writes me that there is

an article in "Figaro" for
November 6th descriptive of
the "Télégraphe qui parle" —
probably mine.

I haven't an atom more
news to tell you excepting
that a troublesome visitor
who has quartered himself upon
me for the last three days is
just preparing to take his
leave — and right glad I
am to get rid of him!

He occasionally pays me ~~short~~
visits — but they are fortunately
not of long duration.

To-night he has been
interfering with my letter — so
please excuse it. Bad headaches
are always unwelcome visitors
and I hope to get rid of mine
before tomorrow morning.

With ever so much love

Your own

Alex.

Miss Isabel Hubbard
Chicago