

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, August 26, 1875, with transcript

Salem, Mass. August 26th, 1875. Dear Miss Mabel,

I wish you knew how happy your confidence in me has made me. This evening is the happiest of my life.

The clouds that have long been hanging round my heart are all dispelled . I feel that I may speak to you as freely as I think — and you will hear me.

I gave you my mother's letter that you may see how much I trust you. For there is in that letter an allusion to an incident of my boyish days that is always painful for me to remember. It is indeed the one sore subject of my life . But I was wrong to ask you to conceal anything from your good mother. You are free to use your own discretion in the matter.

I shall try to act as generously towards you, as you all have done towards me.

I shall not bind you by a promise — anymore than I will be bound myself.

You are free to do whatever you think right and best — not only now but in the future.

Yours very sincerely A. Graham Bell. Miss Mabel G. Hubbard Brattle St. — Cambridge.