

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, August 29, 1875, with transcript

Salem, Mass. Aug. 29th, 1875. Dear Miss Mabel,

I have so longed to speak to you freely and fully of myself , in order that you might understand my life. But now it is done — I feel as if I were unjust to you. You are too young to know my sorrows.

I feel that I have only given you pain for all the happiness that you gave to me. I am afraid to meet you now. I shall go home to see my father. I shall try to be kind and gentle with him for I know he loves me.

When I think of the circumstances of my brother's death — it seems so cruel in me to give him pain. He misses him as much as I do.

I shall try to forget the past and make him forget it too.

If he is harsh with me on account of that rash letter — I shall think of you — and try to conquer my rebellious heart.

If there has been anything that you think wrong about my conduct towards you — please forgive me — for I meant to do the best.

I shall leave you now — and when we meet again we meet as friends . We shall not talk upon these subjects any more.

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