

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, July 20, 1896

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Parker House, Boston. July 20th, 1896. My darling May:

It is so nice to feel well again — and I feel now like writing to you but it is now late.

All of the staterooms on the steamer Halifax were engaged so we go by the steamer “Yarmouth” to Yarmouth tomorrow (Tuesday). From there by rail up the Annapolis Valley to Halifax.

When we arrived here we telegraphed to your father at The Wentworth — but the telegram was returned with the statement that all had left on the 14th.

Elsie found today that they had been in Boston all the time and we did not know it. I believed she was able to talk with her grandmamma by telephone — but we knew of their presence here too late to see them. They were just off for Baddeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson have just arrived and will travel with us. I am very glad you telegraphed to them. I heard that they were contemplating a trip to Cape Breton Island and so invited them.

Mrs. Davidson is a most charming lady. You will like her very much. Mr. Davidson I am anxious to be better acquainted with. I am only sorry that they are both deaf. They speak and read the lips well. Thank you very much for giving them your welcome. I felt awkwardly about inviting them without first consulting you.

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Your loving husband, Alec.