

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, November 2, 1896, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Beinn Bhreagh, C. B. Monday, November 2, 1896. Dear Mabel:

Mr. Ellis and Mr. Ferguson have been at work making some good strong apparatus of wood as the crude experiments made with wabby pieces of tin have been unsatisfactory — though interesting.

Apparatus is amusingly like the old box telephone I used at the Salem Lecture — (a model of which you have in silver.)

Glad to find that the woodwork does not interfere with the lift. (Lift 86.6 grammes.)

Will try numerous experiments with this apparatus tomorrow. The results of most of the experiments made since my return here — have been unsatisfactory because of the crude and rickety nature of apparatus. I have not therefore given you my results — (although they are probably correct — at least qualitatively.) Now that I have good substantial apparatus to work with I can be more sure of my results.

Thanks for letter just received — with note from Miss Yale.

Must write out instructions. Love.

Alec. Mrs. A. G. Bell, Washington, D. C.