

Letter from Helen Keller to Alexander Graham Bell, May 21

Dear Dr. Bell:

I cannot tell you how delighted we are to hear of your success with the flying-machine, or how we all congratulate you! It is done! For fifteen years or more you have waited, you have worked with indomitable energy, you have made us feel sure of your victory by your exuberant hope, and today we see your triumph. I know you will say, "Wait! wait! this is only the beginning." But surely it is a beginning to be proud of. You have told me so much about your plans, problems and experiments, and I have listened with such sympathy that this success seems mine as well as yours. We shall now expect any day a visit from you and a certain huge bird not yet classified by ornithologists.

Teacher sends her congratulations. With fond love to you and Mrs. Bell, I am,

Your affectionate friend, Helen Keller Wrentham, May twenty-first.