

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, July 19, 1896, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Parker House, Boston. July 19th, 1896. Mrs. A. Graham Bell, Baddeck, N. S. My darling Mabel:

Dr. Clarence J. Blake has removed the difficulty and now I hear as well as ever I did in my life!

I wish — my poor little darling — he could restore your hearing as easily.

He has lifted a load from my heart — and I feel already a different man altogether. There is some hope of success for me with X-ray radiophony after all!

Encouraged by Dr. Blake's success in restoring my hearing — I determined to see if I could not also secure relief tonight from my other a-gnawing difficulty.

Succeeded in finding Dr. Eames, a good dentist, about half-past nine at night. He discovered that the immediate cause of the pain I have been suffering for two or three weeks past — was a partially exposed nerve in a cavity in my loose tooth — and not the abscess at the root (which however also exists). He thought that filling the cavity would relieve me and that the tooth had better remain in sita — until Dr. Evans can take it in hand. This has been done — and I am off to bed tonight — free from pain or discomfort for the first time since I left Beinn Bhreagh! Elsie joins me in love.

Your loving husband, Alec.