

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Helen Keller, July 15, 1918, with transcript

COPY Beinn Bhreagh, Near Baddeck, Nova Scotia 1918 July 15 Dear Helen:

Mr. Bell is very deeply touched by your beautiful letter and your desire that he should be with you in the photographic history of your life, and so am I and all our family who have been privileged to read the letter.

But Helen dear, my husband is no longer a young man. At any time such a journey as that to Boston would be a great tax on his strength, but just now, in midsummer, the risk would be greater than I am willing he should take. If you will remember it was just because he always suffered so from the heat of our American summers that we first came here, and have been coming every year since. If he could not bear them as a young man you may imagine how much less well he can endure them now. He is dreadfully sorry to refuse any request of yours, and so am I, but I know you will realize how much his life and health mean to me, and that I cannot let him take what I know is a real risk to both.

Affectionately yours, Mabel G. Bell  
Miss Helen Keller 25 Seminole Avenue Forest Hills  
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