

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, August 21, 1906, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue. Tuesday, Aug. 21, 1906. My dear Alec:

Mamma and David met me at the station both looking very bright and happy and we went at once to this place and upstairs to your sanctorium sanctum where we found a very bright, happy and well-looking Daisy, and David went out on the verandah and returned with a round bundle in his arms which he put beside Daisy so she could show her baby herself. It does look like the little picture of our own baby, and is a regular Bell baby with retreating forehead and the bare temples. The hair is delicious, silky dark brown, or black. It's no great beauty, but a nice plump, strong, lusty baby, thoroughly satisfactory. Daisy says she has milk enough for four youngsters, and it must agree with Alex as he is gaining in weight already which is rather unusual. David and Iwata pulled Daisy's bed out on the verandah and she staid out until the rain drove her in in the middle of the night, otherwise she would have staid there all night. The baby is to be scientifically brought up, and so can't be coddled when he cries, which may be all right for the youngster, but is hard on his grandmother. Mamma was and is very much disappointed that the baby was not born at Twin Oaks, but I fancy Daisy was afraid of the disapproval of the family if she inflicted any more illness on Mamma and so came in. She was perfectly well Friday morning, and making her preparations to go out to the garage that afternoon and stay until Monday, yesterday, and David was making 2 his arrangements to stay with her, and it was not until after lunch that she changed her mind about going and Mamma sent for the doctor just as a precautionary measure, he said there was no time to lose, and Daisy herself wrote the first telegram to me going in in the automobile and the baby came at half past ten that night

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