

By our education editor

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A 24-YEAR-OLD student in Massachusetts yesterday became one of the first deaf-blind people to earn a college degree. Helen Keller, who lost her sight and hearing as a result of a childhood illness, graduated from the prestigious Radcliffe women's college in Cambridge.

Her remarkable achievement follows the publication of her

companion, Anne Sullivan, she learned to read, write, and speak.

Keller (on the left) dedicated the book to Alexander Graham Bell, "who has taught the deaf to speak and enabled the listening

ear to hear speech from the Atlantic to the Rockies." She describes how Sullivan, who was born in Feeding Hills, Agawam, Massachusetts and has experienced periods of blindness herself, came to her after Bell recommended the

