As the telephone became more and more important, so Alexander Graham Bell became more and more famous. He received many awards, medals and honours for his invention.

There are many museums and parks named after him, and Bell's house in America is preserved as a historic site.

As Bell’s wealth grew, he used some of his money to set up laboratories and funds to help other scientists and young people.

He set up a centre for study and research into deafness which is still active today in Washington.

Bell founded and became president of many societies, such as the National Geographic Society.

The measures of sound, the bel and the decibel, are named after him.

Bell died in 1922, aged 75. After his funeral, every telephone on the continent of North America was silenced as a mark of respect for him.