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Dear Miss Parker:

I have your note saying that you are disappointed that our friend, Dalia Akaley, is not in my list of "Fifty Famous Women." In introducing the list I think I said that the measuring rod I had adopted excluded a large number of the younger women of achievement - women who have done fine things but have not yet built up a following, or set in motion some creative idea. It is difficult to decide. Candidly I did not think about Mrs. Akaley, as belonging in the list, much as I admire her achievements. Given a few more years at the kind of work she has been doing and I am quite sure that one might feel that she should be included in such a list. It takes a good many sparrows to make a summer you know, dear Miss Parker. It takes several books for the writer - years of carrying on for the educator, really to impress themselves as women of permanent achievement, that is, to impress themselves on the public. I think Mrs. Akaley is headed for that, but she does not impress me as having quite reached it yet - give her more time.

Thank you for writing me. I have been much interested in the reactions to the list. They have been much more general than I ever dreamed. As a matter of fact I made out the list at the request of an editor and because it interested me to do it, not thinking it would attract any particular attention.

But, as I say, thank you for writing me.

Very sincerely yours

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