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My dear Miss Tarbell

We are delighted with your account of our grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Josepha Hale. It is a discriminating sketch and such as my dear grandmother herself would like, were she here. She would smile at your phrase "The affair of the apple" and would then set vigorously

to work to convince you of the entire literateness of the "affair".

The picture is lovely - the prettiest and sweetest I have seen. Thank you for waiting for it and getting it in so attractively. I sat for an entire hour at the photographer, waiting for it to come from the finishing room. I have sent copies of the Magazine to Mrs. Kaler's relatives and friends.

There is one thing, dear Miss Tarbell, that
we as a family would be gratified to
have changed when these delightful
articles of yours come out in book form,
as we earnestly hope they will. The
pamphlet I showed you, in which Mary's
Lamb first appeared, was not a "Token"
"Keepsake" or "Annual", but was Mrs. Hale's
contribution to Public School education in
Boston. Dr. Lowell Mason was anxious to intro-
duce

vocal music into the public schools of Boston
and complained to Mrs. Hale that he had
no songs for children suitable to set to
music. He begged my grandmother to
write some for this purpose, and the little
yellow-covered book of "Poems for Our Children,"
every one composed by herself, was the
result. As others have laid claim to "Mary had
a little lamb", and as the public is almost
every year imposed upon by the sale of "book

from the original Mary's
 Lamb" (see New York papers of
 April ^{22^d and} 23/09, Merwin-Clayton sale)

this correction would be deeply
 appreciated by Mrs. Kaler's fam-
 ily. With kindest regards
 from us all.

Yours most sincerely
 Mary Stockton Hunter

Pray do not return the enclosed
 note.