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Miss Ida Tarbell
120 East 19th Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Tarbell:

We sent you an advance copy of "MR. SECRETARY,"
by Ben Ames Williams, Jr., as we thought his story
of Edwin M. Stanton might be of special interest
to you. I hope the book arrives safely, even
though it was addressed to 19th Street.

We shall be glad to hear how you like this
novel, if you care to tell us.

I hope you have had a good winter. - With
best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

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We take pleasure in sending you this book for review and we shall appreciate receiving a copy of any notice you may give it.

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BEN AMES WILLIAMS, JR.
Author of
"Mr. Secretary"

Ben Ames Williams, Jr., aged twenty-four, is a Bostonian by birth and residence.

From his school days he has been interested in writing. At Deerfield Academy (Massachusetts) he served on the Board of the Deerfield paper and the Deerfield magazine, and in his Senior year he won the English prize, which, he says, "may fall into the realm of dramatic foreshadowing and may not."

At Dartmouth College he was undergraduate Editor of the Alumni Magazine, and in his last year he was given a Senior Fellowship, which freed him from all college work. It was during this year that he did his research on Edwin M. Stanton -- Lincoln's Secretary of War -- and began the book, "Mr. Secretary," in which he has Stanton tell his own story. Mr. Williams says: "I finished the book during the following summer, in Maine, working in the same barn with my father, who was at that time finishing 'Come Spring' which is on Houghton Mifflin's present list. When my book was finished, I proceeded to hunt for a job and finally was taken on by Harold Cabot & Co., (a Boston advertising firm) where I now write copy and bear the onerous duties of 'keep them all