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Dear Miss Labor, London, Dec. 14. 1870.

We are sending you a copy of your little book. I hope you will think Mr Frölich's illustrations as charming as we do.

I have to make a confession I hope you will forgive a small liberty I took with a bit of your text. Mr Frölich who is a Dane & not as yet quite familiar with English made the boy little drawing facing p. 34. His child was younger than you described, and I fancy you had some actual picture in your mind. I had either to ask him to draw it over again, which if it really is an actual picture would have a doubtful course, or consult you, which clearly would have been the right course, but for one important consideration that time was very pressing, or do what I have done. Can you pardon me? As the picture had nothing to do with your actual story I thought you would

out greatly object to this course - and
I do hope the lovely little baby will
be eloquent in my favour.

I enclose a cheque for the amount
I agreed to pay you for the copyright,
and have also sent you 6 copies
by rail for your friends. I am sending
one to Mr Binney who though he now
was a little girl, will have enough of
the little child in his heart friend
to enjoy the charming little stories.

I hope you like the whole turn out.

I trust the book is in time for your
sad & pious purpose. The delay has
happened me, but seemed unavoidable.

With all kind regards, believe me
Dear Mrs Dobson, Yours very truly

Alex Macmillan