

Sketch of character of Miss Sarah
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This child has remarkable warmth of feeling
and ardor of attachment, and these qualities
of nature are acted upon by the most excit-
able temperament, hence she must have
plenty of exercise in the open air and by
no means restrained or confined too much
within doors. She is a child of impulses
and a creature of feeling. Innocent, open
social and full of sympathy, and will
be too easily led by those who act upon
her feelings, hence the necessity to keep her
in the society of those who will deal fair-
ly by her. She is very ready to attach
and does not think enough of herself -
very easily persuaded and has not enough
of firmness to deny any one a favor, though
the yielding of it was contrary to her own
judgment. She has a kind of remark-
able sensibility, and vivacity arising from
temperament, warm feelings, and a hopeful
imagination. Her hopes is very large, this
organ combined with adhesiveness and love

of approbation, renders her essentially social
& fond of company. Give her very light
tasks, very light, but see that they are per-
formed, as she has a tendency to become
fickle, as firmness is only moderate, and
her love of change very great. A little more
secretiveness would be useful. Do not excite
her before going to sleep. Do not press her
hard in any way. Her memory for events
is excellent, good talent for composition
and language & eloquence and also fair
taste for poetry and polite literature.

Her organs of number and order require to
be cultivated, she is reasonable, sprightly,
and very lively in judgement, would be
musical were it encouraged. Will become
fond of literature and very intelligent.
Has a good degree of reflection, and
though not deep nor very thoughtful, yet
her reasoning powers are very good.
Do not let her aim for fact, or excite her
body or mind into violence of any kind.
She is intelligent and very agreeable compan-
ion. Will give and take fairly & not selfish.
Yet she requires more fixedness of principle.