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Miss Ida M Tarbell
419 Fourth Avenue
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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have read with interest about the "Youth Today Conference and Hearing," and your contribution to its success. I have read also your definition of character as given you on one of the programs.

I am writing to ask you to be good eough to allow me to use this definition, as arranged as per the enclosed, as a reading in some citizenship and character training material in a campaign among boys and girls.

I trust that I may use your definition as it is by far the best which has come to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Torell

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Character Permits no Alibis

Character means respect for and loyalty to one's inner self, a passion to keep it inviolate.

Character means unfailing consideration for the rights and needs of one's fellows.

Character means the courage to fight the battles and make the sacrifices which are inevitable in preserving the integrity of one's soul and practicing sound and unfailing consideration for others.

Character means the courage and intelligence to recognize that man's life and achievements are subject to the laws of growth, that there are no short cuts, no logical formulas, that there are only labor, patience and faith.

Character is something which permits no alibis.

With character there is no failure, without it there is no success.

--Ida M. Tarbell

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