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Miss Ida Tarbell

Dear Madam:

I have read with great interest your "American Woman" in the American Magazine — especially the last chapter on women in the war. But I must say I am amazed at the omission of our name — that of a woman who did more honest, hard work, made more personal sacrifices, and accomplished

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far more than any women mentioned in your article — Jane Grey Swisshelm.

Her career with her powerful pen, her intimate knowledge of "public affairs" made her a power with her pen during the anti-slavery agitation which culminated in the Civil war.

I knew her well in the later years of her life. She was a woman of remarkable power in her way, and, as years in quite exile, she could not "work in harness".

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Alone therefore, and single-handed, she did the most wonderful work in the hospitals in and about Washington. Many men alive and useful today, owe their lives to her. With some intuitive understanding of anatomy, mentioning hands and feet, resolute determination to secure necessaries, and absolute devotion to her work, aided by brilliant wit, cheerful, optimistic ways, and above all good common sense, she was able to minister to the needs of mind as well as body.

I hope you will get her

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book ("Half a Century" Jansen McClurg — McClurg successor. Chicago Ill.) and reads the soul-harrowing details of her devotion, and remember that her labors during those awful years made her an invalid for life.

You will then realize how incomplete is your story of womens work in the war. When you collect these chapters into a book. I hope — in justice to yourself — you will add her name to the roll of brave and noble women.

Cordially yours

Harriet M. Miller

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