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My dear Miss Tarbell:

During the holidays some good friends of mine sent me the "Life of Judge Gary, The Story of Steel", by Ida M. Tarbell, with the inscription on the fly leaf - "Recognizing your appreciation of Miss Tarbell, and wishing you a joyous '25 Christmas tide is the cheer that accompanies this token" etc. I was very glad to get it and have kept it on my center table for reading at times when I was in the proper mood after the evening meal, when I was at peace with all the world, and have just finished a careful reading of the book, more careful than I ordinarily give to books of this kind. It is a great book.

Judge Gary is an extraordinary man, and I do not know of anything of the kind that I have read for a long time more entertaining or of greater public interest in that line of literature than this biography. Among the complete list of qualifications for his great work, there stand out the rugged, uncompromising principles based upon the proper appreciation of right and wrong and individual obligation and duties which a man owes to others. I have lived long enough to see the passing of two generations of pioneers who led simple lives, and I have lived into a commercial age, in which life is most complex. Mr. Gary has pretty nearly seen the same thing. Men of his type with the peculiar virtues which I have emphasized are getting rarer.

I have emphasized in my writing, particularly the history of the First British Settlement in Indiana the fact that there were in the third decade of the last century three educated Wesleyian ministers, who were missionaries in all but official designation, who left an extraordinary impress upon the community in which they lived and whose influence was much wider than that of the county in which they lived. I have traced out of that influence the first native ministry

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in southwestern Indiana and the very distinct moral influence upon their immediate surroundings resulting from men of this high type, coming as I have done out of this settlement as well as from a pioneer ancestry which intermarried into that settlement, who were men and women of the same stamp. There is nothing which appeals to me more quickly in this age than the rugged traits which are so finely developed in Judge Gary.

I congratulate you on this valuable addition by you to the literature of your time.

Most sincerely yours,

Charles E. Jellicott

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