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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

In the morning edition of the Evening Star, September 14th, I found a very interesting article written by you in which you gave the names of fifty of the foremost American women. I have read this very carefully and feel I am justified in asking you why the name of Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, who is such an outstanding woman in the educational field, was omitted.

It is not necessary for me to tell you of the work of Mrs. Stewart, which began first from civic pride, and which has developed not only nation-wide but internationally. I have met several of the women whose names you have mentioned and realize that all you have said about them is quite true, yet, is it not a fact that among these distinguished women there are many who had social standing and financial help which gave them the opportunity to become valuable contributors to our country's welfare? Mrs. Stewart had none of these advantages and yet, unaided, by her own courage and perseverance she has acquired a position of standing which has been recognized not only by educators, but by the prominent men and women of the world.

I am not taking you to task for omitting Mrs. Stewart, but am just wondering in making such a wide selection why her name and her good work was left out of your list.

With interest in all women who are contributing to the welfare of our country, I am,

Cordially,

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