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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
c/o McClure's Magazine,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

It was with definite delight that I received some weeks ago from Judge Gary a copy of McClure's for May with the initial installment of the story of his life emanating from your effective and accurate pen. I have purchased a number of copies for the use of my family and close friends and should like nothing better than to distribute some hundreds, even thousands, of copies amongst the bar at large, and particularly among the younger members of the bar of Chicago and Illinois. Mr. Sites, Judge Gary's private secretary, was in Chicago over two years ago while the Judge was on an extended tour in Europe. He called on me for the purpose of obtaining some of my personal testimony to be used in a proposed life of Judge Gary, he having handled quite a good deal of correspondence that passed between us, and Mr. Sites believing that I had been in a position to know a great deal of his professional life. He wrote up my testimony and sent me a copy thereof covering some six pages of single type. I send this copy to you. I am not sure that there is anything definitely helpful to you in this matter.

However, I am impelled to send you this document, as I suppose I can ethically do without asking Mr. Sites' permission, simply because I want to testify to the farthest extent to you of my instinctive selection of Judge Gary as one of the half dozen or less giants of this generation.

This is the only copy I have of Mr. Sites' letter or report; and while I do not wish to tax you with the burden of remembering to send it back after its possible perusal, I should be glad to receive it back if you do not forget to send it.

Cordially yours,

Harry S. McGartney

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