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Miss Ida M. Tarbell  
120 East 19th Street  
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My dear Miss Tarbell

We feel that you are eminently qualified to write the badly needed biography of Edward Bellamy. We state "badly needed" because we feel that a biography of this great American author would serve to re-acquaint him today with the American public, and that the renewed reading of his most famous books, "Looking Backward" and "Equality" published in 1888 and 1897 respectively, would sweep the country by storm as they did when originally published.

No doubt you are familiar with Edward Bellamy and the two books just mentioned; but, if not, you will find that his social and economic system is coming closer and closer to actual realisation, and we can point out numerous recent and favorable comments on it.

It has always been a mystery to us why Edward Bellamy has been so comparatively neglected in view of his tremendous influence not only in this country but also abroad. To those familiar with "Looking Backward" and "Equality", Technocracy was no new thing; as Edward Bellamy had anticipated it over forty years ago, besides anticipating such inventions as radio, telephone, airplanes, etc. Remarkable for their modernity, these books offer a completely rational and practical solution to our present social and economic morass.

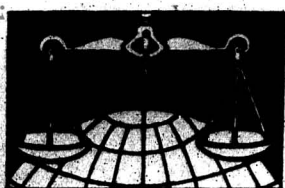
We sincerely hope that you will give consideration to our suggestion about writing a biography of Edward Bellamy. We will be pleased to give you all possible information and assistance, and beg to remain

Respectfully yours,

THE EDWARD BELLAMY ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK

per *George A. Kahn*

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*Devoted to achieving a social and economic system as advocated by Edward Bellamy in his "LOOKING BACKWARD" and "EQUALITY".....*

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