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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Mr. Hammond, our historian, died last December and we really haven't found a person yet to carry on his work. However, on receipt of your letter I have made some inquiries and the general opinion seems to be that Henry Ford now has about everything worth while which pertains to the early history of electricity. I would suggest that you write Mr. J. W. Bishop at Dearborn. He is the person who has canvassed the various plants and made a collection of these early pieces of apparatus.

The original building used by Thomas Edison still stands as a part of the Schenectady works and down in front of our turbine shop is the first 5,000 kilowatt steam turbine, which General Electric built for Insull when turbines of 500 kw. were the largest anyone had made. The turbine and the shop are about the only two historical things we have in Schenectady and I will be glad to send you photos of each if you want them.

Very truly yours,

C. D. Wagoner,
Manager, News Bureau