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MISS IDA M. TARBELL,
120 East 19th Street,
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Mr. Case's secretary, Mr. Riddle, has referred to me your letter of June 19th to Mr. Case which he was unable to answer before getting married.

There is only one man in the General Electric Company who can tell you, from personal knowledge, anything that Mr. Young did in the way of handling the strikes which I believe occurred at Lynn shortly after he came with the Company, and that is Mr. E. W. Rice, Jr., Honorary Chairman of the Board of Directors of the General Electric Company.

My suggestion would be that you write Mr. Rice care of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y., and I am certain that he would be delighted to either write you or talk with you concerning his recollections. I believe at the time of these strikes Mr. Rice was President of the General Electric Company under Mr. Coffin's Chairmanship, although he may possibly have been then the Executive Vice-President of the Company. Mr. Rice is an outstanding gentleman, an Engineer by profession and a successful administrator of a great Company, besides being full of human kindness.

If you do not wish to write Mr. Rice without an introduction - which I think is wholly unnecessary, because he must know you by reputation - I shall be glad to write Mr. Rice in the first instance so you can follow it up.

Very sincerely,

STUART M. CROCKER

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