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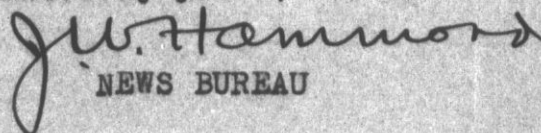
Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

The 29th of March will be the eightieth birthday of Professor Elihu Thomson, one of the most prominent of the early arc-light inventors and developers, as well as the present premier scientist of the General Electric Company. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is arranging a testimonial dinner for him on his birthday, which is to be preceded in the afternoon by a round-table discussion of electrical progress, with several speakers. You will doubtless recall extensive mention of Professor Thomson in my historical manuscript of the Company which you examined while you were engaged upon the biography of Mr. Young.

Because of his intrinsic merit, we in the General Electric Company are greatly desirous of having Professor Thomson receive some public recognition at the present time. It is well known to most of us that Professor Thomson has never received much of an introduction to the American public. Nevertheless his life and certain of his achievements are quite spectacular and colorful in many respects. Would it arouse your interest and literary enthusiasm to receive from me some pertinent material concerning Professor Thomson, his life and career, with the idea of possibly getting up some kind of an article which might be published by any one of the periodicals for which you commonly write? I suggest this after considerable thought, and chiefly for the reason that such an article would possibly come with more propriety from you than it would from us. Would you be so kind as to let me know your opinion, as frankly as you desire to express it, and if you are interested we shall be glad to immediately forward you the material referred to, which will include a considerable number of photographs.

Sincerely yours,



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