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Gerard Swope, President,
General Electric Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Gerard:

When you told me to send my reports to Mr. Pratt, you will remember you said that, if ever I wanted to bring anything to your special attention, I might send you also a copy. I do want you to see what I have written about Pittsfield, and I enclose a copy with this. You may have seen the report prepared by the Medical Committee after their visit there, in which they urged that a resident physician be appointed to take charge. My letter emphasizes the necessity of this but takes up two other questions also. Please do not think that I am drawing too dark a picture of the lightning arrester department. I was really shocked to see that it was as bad as the worst storage battery plant in the country. As I told Mr. Insull (a good Britisher) it would be closed at short notice in England by the Factory Inspection Department. As for the capacitor situation I can only say that if you do adopt the nitrobenzol method you are going to have trouble in spite of what your young chemists tell you. Mr. Boyer of Lynn has handled it with the gayest recklessness and has never been poisoned but then Professor von Pettenkofer in the early days of bacteriology drank a liquid culture of cholera germs and it never hurt him a particle. Nevertheless, the cholera germ is not a safe thing to play with.

The Medical Committee seems to be working very well, and Dr. Schubmehl has come into line splendidly. The conference just held in Boston was very good. None of the G. E. physicians held forth. They had a small number of experts who spoke, and then answered questions, which was exactly what the physicians wanted. Miss Kinna's work seems to have been successful so far as the production of a chair is concerned. It is one of three which will probably be accepted as standards for the Company. She does not seem, however, to have been successful in her relations with the men she has had to work with and I doubt whether they will wish to keep her. The Physicians' Committee has advised against sending her to the different plants to make studies of the seating problems. I am very sorry that she has had so little tact and wisdom for I believe she is clever and capable.

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