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Gentlemen:-

We are compiling a monumental collection of EDISONIA, consisting of biographical data, anecdotes, autographed letters, signed photos, manuscripts, early books and magazine articles (by and about Edison), and relics. This material is being carefully compiled with as much chronological accuracy as is possible, and have to date some 1500 pages of material listed.

While we have the large amount of items, recorded and unrecorded facts, still we find that some years during Mr. Edison's life lack in documentary support of his activities, hence this letter.

We are in hope of completing it long before the opening of the "Worlds Fair 1939". It has been our good fortune to have the cooperation of the Director of Research and Curator of the Edison Co., Orange, N. J. Other authorities on EDISONIA have been most kind with their opinions and suggestions.

This work has been progressing some time and must be completed soon, as time is short, but now we find that to justifiably complete it and properly credit Mr. Edison we must have all facts obtainable, (as we do not wish to be unjustly censured for lack of effort on Mr. Edison's behalf.)

Is that oft-uttered adage true—

"The Old is better than the New"—

Old ways, old wines, old friends, old books,

The ancient haunts, the time-worn nooks.

With memory's twilight overcast,

Where visions of a vanished Past

Bring back, in all its mellow glow,

The Golden Age of long ago?

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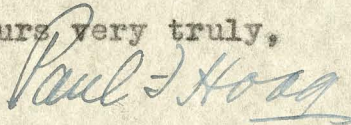
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It occurred to us that you, as publishers, would have some such items in your files and would be agreeable to meet our needs by selling them to us, and aid to complete this big job that we have let ourselves in for. It is our wish to produce a correct record of this "Benefactor of Mankind, Thomas A. Edison."

We can also use photostat reproductions of manuscripts, letters or articles, and also solicit permission to quote from or reprint such material cited. Thank you.

All courtesies and correspondence will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

Yours very truly,



Paul F. Hoag

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