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Dear Mr. Steinmetz,

I must apologize for the delay in acknowledging the receipt of the three manuscripts and in reporting upon them, but the absence of my colleague in Europe has thrown all the editorial work upon my shoulders.

The article on Electricity and Civilization we like very much, and it is quite all right as it stands. We prefer, however, to publish it without illustrations.

The article on Relativity, however, unfortunately covers pretty much the same ground as that of the article which has already appeared in Harper's. In fact, it is more elementary in its presentation than the published article; and in this connection you will perhaps permit me to say that you have a little underestimated the mental capacity of our readers, as we conceive it, in your effort to write down to the lay mind. Incidentally this is a rare fault with scientific writers in our experience, — and a fault that merges into a vir-

tue, but I mention it in order that you may feel less hampered in doing the Lightning article than you otherwise might.

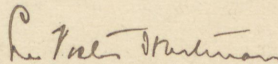
This article — on lightning — as you outline it, appeals to us more strongly than any of your other suggestions. We hope very much you will attempt it, and that you will not find it too technical for popular treatment.

The article on Industrial Preparedness we should prefer not to have, although we recognize the importance of this subject.

"Science and Religion", which we hope you will prepare, we should prefer to publish in one instalment rather than two, even if we are compelled to exceed our customary space limits — that is, by allowing you upwards of 8,000 words.

The manuscript of Competition and Co-operation we are returning, since we have already published articles that more or less touch upon this aspect of economic development.

Yours very truly,



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