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Mr. Haraden Pratt
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Dear Haraden:

I, just a few minutes ago, got your letter of Feb. 26, and in the same mail, a letter from Pat Haggerty saying that he will not be able to find the time to write on the subject before the Convention, but will be glad to talk with us there. He will arrive on the evening of the 18th and leave on the 21st.

At the cocktail party will probably be the first contact with him at which we may be able to schedule an hour later in the week.

I too will be arriving on the afternoon of the 18th and will stay until Saturday morning so that I have as much time as possible in the Headquarters and the Library. I will stay at the Engineers Club.

Haggerty's is the first response I've received to my letters to the Eight-Man Committee, excepting yours, of course. Come to think of it, I never did address one of them letters to you, only copies. I hope you won't feel slighted. I rather doubt that Chase, Teare or Robertson will be at the Convention. They may be working on a written contribution. We might see Linder, but I wouldn't count on it.

Lloyd sent me his copies of the Wheeler Catalogue, as a source for the founding dates of the European Societies. I haven't found much yet, but there are some interesting references: American Electrical Society, Chicago 1878; London Electrical Society 1838; Electrotechnical Society, Berlin 1879; Societe Internationale des Electriciens Paris 1883; and others better known, at least to me.

Reed sent me my file of AIEE Board minutes since 1940. I've been through these for items on cooperation and coordination and merger. The first appearance of the word "merger", was in April 1952. After receiving a report from their delegation on the AIEE-IRE Coordinating Committee, the Board

VOTED that AIEE wants to cooperate with IRE in all areas of joint interest and at all levels, in the interest of those individual engineers who are active in both fields; when and if this leads to a situation in which the two organizations can be merged, such merger will be favored by AIEE.

I don't think I'll find much of interest before 1940 in the minutes, but I'll take a quick look when I'm in New York. The minutes have been preserved back to the first Board meeting in 1884. They are bound, but in a variety of sizes. They should be kept safe, although they may not be of sufficient interest for a place in your proposed historical library.

Sincerely,

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