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Prof. Kennelly Says Edison Was an Inspiration to His Aides.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Professor A. E. Kennelly of Harvard University, famous as one of the discoverers of the Kennelly-Heaviside layer in the upper atmosphere, important in its influence on radio communication, recalls his early days as assistant in Thomas A. Edison's laboratory, in a communication to Science Service. Professor Kennelly's telegram follows:

"As Edison's principal electrical assistant from 1887 to 1893 in his famous laboratory at Orange, N. J., it was my privilege to come into daily contact with him. He was the most delightful and inspiring chief to work for that can be imagined, always encouraging, never critical, ever ready to suggest a back door of escape from perplexity. To work with him was to forget obstacles and even the passage of time. Every problem he assigned glowed with the reflection of his magic personality. He not only had the personal charm to endear himself to each individual assistant but also the power to enthuse all his assistants with mutual friendship. The Edison lamp of today shines not only with its old electric power but also with some of the fire of his own marvelous personality. He was an indefatigable worker who never recognized discouragement or defeat. He was a living example to all young men of what hard work and determination can accomplish. The world is richer for Edison not merely on account of the wonderful incandescent lighting he made so successful, but also because of his rich personality and methods of attack upon difficult problems."

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