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My dear Colleague:

As you know, the plans for the Festschrift for Dr. Wangensteen have been underway for some time. You were sent a notice as to your participation in this meeting several months ago. You did send in an abstract title, however, you did not send an abstract so that we have not been able to consider your participation in the program without this. If you will send this to us immediately, we will add this to the group which has come in late and consider this with the rest of the material. We would appreciate your immediate response so that the program can be completed. We certainly hope that you will participate.

Looking forward to hearing from you in the near future, I remain.

Sincerely yours,

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Dr. Absolon:

Dr. Leonard wrote you on July 5 suggesting that an abstract entitled, "Hunter-Billroth-Wangensteen, Their Philosophy and Accomplishments" would be excellent for the Festschrift activities in May. We have not yet received an abstract from. Are you still planning to submit it, and if so, we should have this immediately. If not, please do let me know.

Hope all is going well with you. Please say hello to Mrs. Absolon for me and thank her for the lovely Christmas card and note. Will write to her later.

Barb Pinz

It is uncommon to find in the evolution of surgical history men who accomplished major advances in similar areas of endeavor. Even though ~~each~~ ~~was~~ ~~all~~ ~~were~~ all were ~~deported~~ by a number of generations their philosophy of founding therapeutic surgical procedures on ^{sound} physiological basis and research unified their spirit. All three became masters of surgery.

Gastrointestinal physiology and surgery.

~~All three~~ Hunter, Billroth and Weyersleben made major contributions in the study of gastric digestion. Both Billroth and Weyersleben developed operative gastrectomy procedures. Hunter's work on the influence of gastric digestion by hypothermia was advanced in an ~~unpre~~ ~~cedented~~ number of theoretical and clinical contributions by Weyersleben.

Billroth and Weyersleben both believed that surgical results must be quoted in statistical numbers. Reevaluation will change the course and methods of procedures.