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Mr. Gordon Bendix  
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Dear Gordon

Both Mary and I were sorry we could not see you during our short stay in Minneapolis; but you were gone by then. We gave my former chief Dr. Wangenstein quite a "shindig" - he "retired." I would like to ask you for a great favor. I need quite "desperately" material for a biography of Th. Billroth. Billroth as you know did the first gastrectomy in 1881 in Vienna but from 1860 - 67 was Professor of Surgery in Zurich. In that period he was in addition an active musical critic, publishing his observations starting in 1860 in the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" which of course for me is quite inaccessible.

If possible I would like to get photostats of these articles with date. The Neue Zurcher Zeitung must be in the University Library. I of course would like to compensate your secretary for the time, etc. if she should undertake this task. I expect to include a chapter on Billroth's musical activity and thus must get this material.

I hear your wife successfully shed her veins and is coming along well - that is what Les says.

Love from Mary.

Best regards!

Sincerely

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