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Dr. Rudolf Nissen
Professor of Surgery

Dear Professor Nissen:

I thank you sincerely for the photostat of Billroth's thesis and your nice reprints that I shall treasure. I do agree with your philosophy fully, after all the area of transplantation is going through a similar phase of development as any of the surgical adventures in the past.

Your comments on Billroth's pronouncements of thoraco-cardiac surgery are well taken. It simply shows basic human limitations. His early attitude toward ~~antiseptics~~ *antiseptics* is another example.

With best regards and many thanks.

Sincerely,

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