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Dear Dr. Absolon,

Under separate cover and by airmail I am sending you "Billroth im Briefwechsel mit Brahms", a book which you mentioned in your letter of July 7 and for which you were looking. As you will note on the first page, under "Vorwort", this book represents an extract of Billroth's book, with the same title, edited by Otto Gottlieb in 1935. Do you wish this latter, 500 page edition as well?

The book I am sending you is a rather recent issue and I wonder whether we could contact the editor and ask him for some assistance. It looks as if he had the complete set of all music critics Billroth wrote in Zürich. However, before writing to the Urban & Schwarzenberg Verlag in Munich, I wanted to ask your opinion, as I do not really know for what you need all this information about Billroth and I might have to explain this to them.

The following books you mentioned in your letter as well:

Jugendbriefe Th. Billroth's und Georg Meissner's  
Aphorismen zum Lehren und Lernen der medizinischen Wissenschaften  
Wer ist musikalisch?  
Chirurgische Klinik Zürich 1860-1867  
(I suppose this is his Zürich biography?)

The above books are out of print, but I might find them in an antique book shop. I will continue looking for them. If I happen to be successful, shall I buy them?