

16 Augustus Road Edebaston

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my dear Mr. Grieg.

After a long delay caused by my not receiving the photograph from Whitlock, I am able to write to you.

I am sending a photograph of the group of friends who were at our house during the Festival week and who formed so happy a party, it is a time I shall never forget, we seemed all to harmonize so completely that it was a time of perfect enjoyment or would have been if only we could have remembered Mr. Grieg & Mrs. Bygones amongst us. I send also a "panel" portrait of yourself and six "cabinet" photographs which with a few others were sent by the photographer.

without payment, these latter
I have given to ^{the gift for} your friends and
of these I propose to send one to
Mr C. Keale & one to Mr Tolhurst
if you will write on two half
sheets of note paper, as follows,

"Mr Charles Keale, with the
compliments of Her Majesty
- October 1888"

and

"Mr Tolhurst, with the
compliments of Her Majesty
- October 1888"

and I will paste them on the
back of the photographs and
forward them.

I also send a vote of thanks
by the Committee of the Festival
signed by the President Lord
the Duke of Norfolk.

A few days ago I received a

most kind letter from Wetzlar
which I value highly, telling of
your and his safe arrival
at home and the happy meeting
with Mrs Grieg & Mrs Byer all
which I can so well imagine,
Mr Stockley has issued his
programme of four concerts ~~to~~
during the winter and next
spring and in one part says
he hopes that Herr Grieg will
be present at one of them.

I do not know whether you said
enough to him to justify him
in saying this to the public
in his preliminary prospectus
inviting subscribers.

Please send me a short
letter addressed to the R. L. Turley
Sec of the Bergen Festival
Committee acknowledging
their vote of thanks, & I will
see that it reaches the proper
quarter. You will enjoy

sitting down in your happy
home and in sight of your
beloved mountains, though I see
you contemplate going to Paris
presently and being in London
for the early part of the spring
season. if you do so then,
try and come to us for a few
days and give us the opportunity
of showing you some of the
pretty country round and
Stratford on Avon where
Shakespeare was born if
you can, indeed Mr. Byer
to come also, he ^{also} will have
such a welcome!!!

Good bye (may I say) dear
friend, believe me
Yours faithfully

Charles Harding

Her Edward Grieg.