

16 Augustus R^d. Edeleston Birmingham
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Dear Mr. Gies.

I am writing to you both to
London (Messrs. Baynes) and to
Leipzig, to the same effect, as I
am uninformed of your
arrangements when you will
reach England. And I want to
know when we are to have the
pleasure of seeing you and Mrs.
Gies for a few days or a week
at our house to renew the very
agreeable intimacy of last year.
Mrs. Harding and I are both
anxious to have the pleasure of an
introduction to Mr. Gies.

Probably a little rest after your
London concert, will be
pleasant for you and we shall
be able to show you something

of the beauties of Warwickshire
scenery, though we cannot
boast of your rugged mountains
& grand waterfalls, still we
have a special interest in
the birthplace and home of
Shakespeare, who I learn from Mr.
Meyer you reverence as we do.
I shall be glad to know the
dates of your London concerts
as Mrs. Harding & I hope to go up
to one of them for I hear from
Mx. Kuesberg and Mr. Stockley
that you have given up the idea
of appearing in Birmingham
and Liverpool.

I hope you are keeping well
free from cold and other ills
that flesh is heir to.

We have had a succession of
fogs, with a few days of severe
frost which ranted the hopes of
our young ones who however
only were able to skate for

two days, and now they are
going to school. Emily to Brighton
& Copley to Rugby - the eldest
Ethel remains at home until
after Easter when we shall take
her to Dresden to study languages
& music - and then Mrs Hardying
and I shall be alone at home,
but you will be wearied with
this long account of home
affairs.

Mrs Hardying who is "all right"
joins me in kindest regards
to yourself, & if she will permit
me to Mrs Grieg also.

Believe me

Yours faithfully
Charles Hardying

Herr Edward Grieg
Herr C F Peters
Bureau de Musique
Leipzig.