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(Address):

Herrn Musikdirektor J.H.Kufferath  
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Leipzig, April 5, 1840.

Dear Mr. Musicdirector, In reply to your esteemed letter which I received just now, I assure you, that the time I am spending with your brother is always agreeable and pleasant for me, as he joins great diligence and zeal to his obvious talent. Thus it is a pleasure to make remarks to him, as you can almost immediately remark ~~they~~ in his progress that they were useful. Neither you or he do owe me any thanks, as I feel it my duty to give a helping hand to a genuine talent such as your brother's, as far as my time and my powers allow. Apart from his considerable talent and his diligence he owns such a real modesty, that you can almost with certainty prophecy a bright future for him; I, at least, since staying in Leipzig, did not find anyone among the young people coming here, who would have joined all these necessary qualities in such a high degree as he does, whose progress further had been so obvious and encouraging as his were. He has composed several etudes lately, which would amaze you, as they surpass by far his prior works. Thus I can give him the testimony of my most perfect satisfaction in all regards.

I am very sorry to hear of your indisposition. Let me hope, that your health will be completely restored very soon, in order that you may be able to continue your prior activity to the benefit of art and of your friends.

With kindest regards to your wife I remain

Your most obedient

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy