

June 16, 1976

Mr. Alan Fern
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Dear Mr. Fern;

It was a great pleasure to meet you when you were here and have such a nice, though short, talk about photography and the library. I am particularly glad to have the article about Dr. Putnam. I have very happy memories of times spent with his daughter. She and I came down from New York for the opening concert in the Auditorium and I heard, also, the first concert with the glorious Stradivari instruments used. I wish I had kept the program, but I am afraid it has gotten lost with moving too many times.

I also remember with great joy the first concert by the original English singers, and I remember Mr. Bauer's great enthusiasm over them, because he was sitting almost directly in front of us. Brenda did a head of him at a later date, and I did portraits of him one time when he was in Colorado.

I do hope to get back to the library before too long, and I would like to go over the collection of photographs very carefully. I was the one who got Dr. Putnam interested in photography and consequently he purchased the Clarence White and Gertrude Kasbier prints you now own. I have always been happy about that.

Do come back to see me and now that my little gallery and studios are done I want you to see it again. With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Laura Gilpin

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