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Dear Mr. Byers,

Thank you for your letter of 1st October complaining about the charge of 1/- for the programme purporting to contain "Analytical Notes".

With regard to the first concert, the notes were certainly short for 1/- and steps have since been taken to ensure that the Symphony Concert notes will be far more extensive, I believe justifying the charge of 1/-.

It was entirely a mistake of the programme sellers that 1/was charged for the Popular Concert programme. It was never intended that the programmes for these concerts should contain these analytical notes. Such notes as there were I wrote myself in order that they should be brief, and it was my intention that the programme should be sold at the Popular Concerts for 6d. I am indeed most sorry that you have been robbed, but I think to recompense you in any way would be very involved. I hope you will therefore forgive me for this error and continue to buy the programmes of the Symphony Concerts at 1/-, and I also hope that you will not feel any of you are misguided to do so.

Yours sincerely.

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