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Description

This collection contains material pertaining to the life, career, and activities of Henri Temianka, violin virtuoso, conductor, music teacher, and author. Materials include correspondence, concert programs and flyers, music scores, photographs, and books.

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My dear Cecil:

Your lovely, detailed letter of November 19 (my 81st birthday) is deeply appreciated. The three books have gone out and I have inscribed the copy for Sidney Stafford, in the hope that this was not inappropriate. I remember John Pennington very well, but not his wife.

I knew Ginette Neveu very well indeed, and played a great deal of ping pong with her, especially in Spa, the summer resort in Belgium where Carl Flesch gave his master classes. Albert Sandler died of cancer at 43, and two of my other "cafe princes" students, Louis Stevens and Issay Schlaen, are also gone, much too soon. They were tremendous talents.

In an earlier letter you mentioned your concern about disposing of the many possessions you have accumulated over the years. If we were not separated by such a great distance, we would probably be tempted to engage in a lively barter trade. There are many memorabilia from which I cannot bear to part, especially some cherished correspondence, some of which I am giving to my two sons.

With any luck I should be in London during early October of 1988, and if this materializes, I shall be in touch with you, and look forward greatly to a long overdue reunion.

Wishing you a very happy New Year,

Yours ever,

Henri