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Dear Professor Rose:

It is very good of you to allow me to limit our tribute to Professor Zinnecker to a brief obituary in The German Quarterly. (There will be one long minute in the November issue, but this I inherited with the editorship.)

I am very grateful to you for sending us the Zinnecker-Steitz, Einführung in die deutsche Literatur. It seems to have many advantages over the Thomas anthology, which we use here, and may be of interest to Professor Phelps who gives a survey of German civilization course. In my own survey of German literature it might be useful, although the shortage of seventeenth-century texts makes me hesitate about substituting it for Thomas at the present time. Your selections are certainly well chosen. For the medieval period I incline to think that a translation is a translation—that is, that good English versions would be preferable to such translations as that of the Oidrunlied. If you would like suggestions from us here about Part I, for possible use when you revise it, please let me know, so that I may consult Professors Phelps and Starck.

Yours very sincerely,

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