

## RACHMANINOFF PAYS TRIBUTE

**Famous Pianist Says We  
Have Best Music in  
The World.**

### RUSSIA AIDS STUDENTS

**Worthy Pupils Admitted  
Without Cost to  
Concerts.**

Sergei Rachmaninoff, composer, conductor and pianist, is one of the most commanding figures in the world of music today. Certainly the art of no musician of recent years has been more widely commented upon. Although he speaks English, slowly and distinctly but rather hesitatingly, he uses French mostly in conversing. Rachmaninoff was born forty-five years ago in the province of Novgorod, Russia, and is the son of wealthy parents who are descended from the best of Russian nobility.

Among his compositions, which have won world-wide recognition, are the C Sharp Minor Prelude, G Minor Prelude, Melody in G Minor, and the colorful symphonic poem, "The Isle of Death." His admirable Third Symphony is subtitled "The Bull" after Edgar Allan Poe's poem.

**POE'S POEM.**

His preludes and other short pieces are popular with every pianist, while his operas have won the highest commendation in Russian theaters. His symphonies are among the noblest contributions to the world's richest treasures in music.

Rachmaninoff pays a high tribute to American music. He says that there is no place in the world at the present time that has music such as America has. He says that the American orchestras are the finest and the American people the most musically appreciative. But he repeats the criticism so often made by foreign musicians of the chances offered American students to obtain a better education. "In many American cities," he says, "I understand often concert tickets are so expensive that many students cannot afford to attend, while in Russia a student who displays ability above the average is recommended to the director of a conservatory as worthy of the privilege of attending the final rehearsal of orchestral concerts. That student is admitted without cost. Such a procedure would be of great advantage to the student of music in America."

Rachmaninoff will be heard on December 15 in one of the Philharmonic course of concerts arranged by Mrs. Wilson-Jreene for the season 1920-21, a detailed description of which appeared on the music page of The Herald two weeks ago.

**Substitutes for Miss Kincer.**

Miss Martha Waring is a very capable substitute for Miss Lockie Kincer, organist of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, who is enjoying a month's automobile camping trip.