

CONCERT HALL NEED

Sir,—The visit of Rachmaninoff once again evidenced the great need for a really good concert hall in Derby.

This need has long been known, and yet we get no nearer to its construction. The Central Hall is quite suitable for the concerts that are held there, but when it comes to accommodating a larger audience there is nowhere but the Drill Hall. Those of your readers who know the Albert Hall at Nottingham realise that a similar hall in Derby would meet the needs of Choral Union concerts and such musical events as Thursday night's recital.

The environment, construction, and acoustic properties of the Drill Hall are antagonistic to musical performances.

On Thursday night the real quality of the recital could only be fully appreciated in the front part of the hall, and even then it was marred by the pouring rain on the roof.

A really ornate, properly constructed, and adequately capacious concert hall is definitely needed in Derby. It would serve many purposes beyond musical requirements. When a new Town Hall is built perhaps it may meet the need.

—Yours, etc.,

Derby.

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