

Rachmaninoff's Farewell.

Rachmaninoff is not only one of the world's greatest pianists, but this afternoon at the Albert Hall he was a hero. Although racked with pain he played for an hour and three-quarters rather than disappoint his audience, and perhaps never played more beautifully and brilliantly.

Rachmaninoff played in Manchester last night, and should be in Hanley and Cambridge to-morrow and Tuesday, but he has cancelled these two last dates and goes to Paris to-morrow to consult his favourite doctor. If permitted, he will start a big continental tour lasting until Christmas.