

## RACHMANINOFF PLAYS

BY EDWARD MOORE.

Sergei Rachmaninoff, he of the saturnine countenance and steel fingers, was back at Orchestra hall yesterday afternoon for the second and final piano recital that he will give here this season. Blue Serge they have taken to calling him in New York of late, but it applies only to his facial expression. When he seats himself in front of the keyboard, he becomes a whole rainbow of assorted colors.

His program was a bit weighty, but he has a habit of approaching such matters from a highly individual viewpoint and developing interesting, if unconventional results. Other musical matters at the same hour made it impossible for me to hear one of the sonatas, Beethoven's opus 109, but the other, the Chopin work containing the Funeral March, was a marvel of dramatic effect. Sometimes he disregards the markings of the score, but by accent, turn of phrase, canny use of the pedal, above all by his highly efficient hands, he creates interpretations so interesting and so legitimate that one wonders whether Chopin would not have decreed them himself if he had happened to think of them.

Elsewhere on the program were Schumann's "Papillons" and a number of briefer works by Rubinstein, Medtner, Rachmaninoff himself, Ravel, Debussy, and Scriabin.

Gielow, baritone, were engaged in a joint recital. Miss Troendle, who finds time to be a composer as well as a pianist, appeared first in two works of her own, "Presage" and a piece in eight sections called "The City," of skilled workmanship and excellent performance. Mr. Gielow was heard in Schumann's "The Two Grenadiers," which received much applause for its stirring rendition. Schubert's "The Wanderer," which followed, ran, however, a bit too low for his voice, and an aria from Massenet's "Le Roi de Lahore," presented equal difficulties on the other end of the range. For an encore he sang "Dio Possente" from "Faust."

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### ***Calls Food a Great Factor in Increase of Human Intelligence***

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

New York, March 17.—Dr. John Munroe of Long Island university, who began 16 years ago at Carlton college in Minnesota to make a study of the factors of heredity and environment, which govern intelligence and its growth, today made known his results. He reported intelligence among students may vary five to 25 points within a few years, according to changes of environment.

Dr. Munroe found remarkable and