

XAVER SCHARWENKA ILL.

The Pianist Reported to Have Suffered a Paralytic Stroke.

Friends called at the Scharwenka Conservatory yesterday to inquire about the condition of Xaver Scharwenka, who is reported to have suffered a paralytic stroke in Berlin. No news, however, could be given by Emil Gramm, who represents the pianist during his absence from this country. Mr. Gramm on Saturday last received a letter from Scharwenka in which he spoke enthusiastically about his work abroad, and said he was anxious to return to America. He complained that his right hand troubled him a little on account of the efforts he had made to complete some new compositions. This, Mr. Gramm said, was the substance of the letter he received.

Miss Catherine Cornils of 966 Lexington Avenue, one of the teachers of the conservatory, however, received a letter on Monday from Miss Lucie Scharwenka, the daughter of the pianist, in which she said her father was quite ill and had to call in physicians on several occasions. The doctors told him he would have to stop drinking and smoking and take a rest.

Herr Scharwenka is engaged to play his new concerto in C minor at the Crystal Palace, London, on April 29. He then intends to come to this country, to hold his annual examinations at Hardin College, Mexico, Mo. After that the examinations of the teachers and pupils of the Scharwenka Conservatory, in this city, will be held, the pianist then returning to Berlin.

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Der Pianist soll einen Schlaganfall erlitten haben