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Dear Maestro + Mrs Rubinstein

I went to Avi Schoenfeld's concert last night and enclose a copy of the programme.

I stayed for the entire recital though I have to confess that had I gone out of my own interest I should not have done so. He is, no doubt, a competent enough pianist - from the point of view that he plays all the notes.

However he seemed to me to lack poetry; plays very heavily and loudly; and is gauche on stage.

There have been no crits in the papers today although when they do appear I will forward them on to you. It should be said that the audience was very enthusiastic - though I think it was largely an audience of friends and friends of friends.

There is no doubt that he has a high level of competence but it is my view that he has no chance of making anything like a significant career. I might be wrong but I don't think so. Incidentally I saw Mr Van Wyck there so perhaps you will hear his opinion too.

I'm very much looking forward to seeing you when you're back in England and will phone you at the Savoy later in the month. Rachel, too, hopes to see you.

Fondest greetings to you both

Michael

Michael Emmerson.

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