

Mlle. ILONKA DE RAVASZ.

ON the first page of this paper will be found a picture of Mlle. Ilonka de Ravasz, the celebrated Hungarian pianiste. She has lately given a concert in this city, an account of which is published in our columns.

Mlle. de Ravasz was born at Adony, near Pesth, in 1858, of Hungarian parents. At the early age of seven years she began her musical studies under Sipas, one of Liszt's pupils. She made her *début* at Budapest, in 1879, and Liszt himself introduced her to the audience. She played his "Mephisto Waltz" on that occasion, and was recalled five times. Mlle. de Ravasz excels in bravura music, and is heard to great advantage when she plays Liszt's compositions. That celebrated man once wrote about her in the following words:

"I agree with you in your idea of giving concerts, especially in Paris, and wish the excellent artiste, Ilonka de Ravasz, the greatest success there and everywhere."
FRANZ LISZT."

Mlle. de Ravasz owes much of her already brilliant success in New York to her fellow countryman, Mr. Franz Korbay, who is well known in social and musical circles here. Mlle. de Ravasz has every promise of as brilliant a career in America as she has had in Europe.

Mlle. de Ravasz's Concert.

Mlle. Ilonka de Ravasz gave a concert at Chickering Hall on the evening of January 29th, assisted by Mr. Theodore Robin, Mr. Francis Korbay, and Mr. John White. The lady made a mistake in selecting Liszt's "Sonata in B minor" for the opening selection, it being entirely too long, lasting nearly three quarters of an hour. As a *tour de force* of memory it was remarkable. Miss Ravasz appeared to better advantage when treating Saint-Saëns' "Danse Macabre," and in Liszt's "Etude de Concert." She is a brilliant performer, has a thorough command of her instrument and was liberally applauded. Mr. Robin's "Jesus of Nazareth" was well received, and Mr. Korbay sang several Hungarian songs charmingly.



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Ravasz Ilona Siposstól került Liszthez és egyik kedvelt magyar tanítványa volt. Később New Yorkban telepedett le, ahol Korbay Ferenc (1846-1913) énekes, zeneszerző és zongorista, Liszt keresztfia és tanítványa vette őt feleségül.