NEW VERSION OF AN OLD STORY .- Another NEW VERSION OF AN OLD STORY.—Another old friend is doomed. Another good story is denied. Everybody knows the incident of Lord Castlereagh appearing at the Congress of Vienna undecorated amid the blaze of decorations worn by his colleagues, and Talleyrand remarking, "Ma foi! c'est bien distingué." There is another version and it is more generally accented. by his colleagues, and Talleyrand remarking, "Ma foi! c'est bien distingué." There is another version, and it is more generally accepted than the first, in which the Prince is alleged to have said, "That is Lord Castlereagh," and to have added, "Moins décoré, plus distingué." Neither of these versions is correct, according to M. de Michele, who was Consul Fonctionnaire for St. Petersburg and its dependencies from 1849 to 1866. He is assured by Prince Paul Galitzin that the incident was altogether different from the accepted versions. Lord Castlereagh was one day entering the Council Chamber arm in arm with the Russian Ambassador, when, seeing a strange gentleman in plain evening dress standing at the table, he asked who he was. Prince Galitzin replied, "That gentleman has just arrived from St. Petersburg, and is attached to the Russian Embassy;" whereupon Lord Castlereagh remarked, "Comment! un Russe sans décorations! Ce doit être un homme bien distingué."

LORDLY ETIQUETTE.—There is a curious rule in the House of Lords about naming a peer when referring to his speech. It is a serious offence to refer to a member except as the hon. offence to refer to a member except as the hon-member for this or that borough or county; but as the Lords have no constituents, you must, if you refer to them at all, use their title. You must, however, only use their title once, and after that, if you speak of them personally, you must of them as the noble lord, the noble vis-count, the noble earl, the noble marquis, or his grace, and Lord Granville so lost his temper in referring to the Prime Minister that Lord Redesdale had to call him to order from the woolsack for keeping on repeating Lord Beacons-Redesdale had to call him to order from the woolsack for keeping on repeating Lord Beaconsfield's name. Lord Granville tried to excuse the reference by seying that you are at liberty to repeat a peer's name if he is not in the House; but Lord Redesdale is a stickler for custom, and he insisted that Lord Granville should keep to the rule of the House, whether Lord Beaconsfield was present or not. Lord Lord Beaconsfield was present or not. Lord Salisbury got out of a difficulty of this kind very well a few days ago. There is another rule of the House of Lords that you shall not reply to a man unless he is present or unless you have given him notice that you intend to refer to him, and when Lord Salisbury rose, intending to answer Lord Derby's speech, Lord Derby walked out of the House. Lord Salisbury expressed his regret that the noble lord was his regret because he wished to analyse he present, because he wished to reply to his speech. "He has only left the House for ten minutes," said Lord Carnarvon. "Thank you," said the marquis; "what I should have said in said the marquis; what I should have said in reply to the noble earl who has only left the House for ten minutes is this," and he went on all through his speech speaking of the noble lord who had left the House for ten minutes.

## OUR CHESS COLUMN.

Solutions to Problems sent in by Correspondents will be duly acknowledged.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Problem and score of game received. They shall appear shortly.
Student, Montreal.—Solution of Problem No. 185 received. Correct.
H. H., Montreal.—Solution of Problem for Young

Players No. 180 receive 1. Correct.

J. S.—The K having been moved. he cannot Castle.

Chess, there is no doubt, is more a winter than a summer recreation, although, to the enthusiast in the game, all seasons are the same. We do, indeed, sometimes hear of gatherings "on the lawn," where, close to the hospitable mansion of some such lover of the noble game as Mr. Gastineau, Chess and Chess chat form the chief features of the extertainment. One who was both a poet and a good Chessplayer has well described such a scene in the following lines:

Chess on the lawn beneath the leafy trees.
When many roses flush the summer air,
And with a cooling breath the morning breeze
Comes up the valleys fair.

The leaves and blossoms fall upon the board, The golden insects through the branches gleam, While ivory Kings and Knights, with crown and sword, Move through the magic dream.

To the great majority of Chessplayers, however, the study of the checkered board is set aside now for lighter amusements, and fond, indeed, must he be of the game, who, for the sake of improving his play, will at this season of the year, plod through all the intricacies of a contest of fifty or sixty moves, even though it may abound in the brilliant conceptions of a Steinitz or a Blackburne.

Blackburne.

Knowing this to be the case, we, this week, present our Chess friends with several games, each of which may be played over in a few minutes, and afford some amuse-

be played over in a few minutes, and anord some amusement if nothing more.

We would like, also, to call the attention of Chess amateurs to a position which we present this week in our Problem for Young Players. It is taken from a game played a short time since between two of the great players of the day, Dr. Zukertort and Professor Wayte, players of the day, Dr. Zukertort and Professor Wayte, and which is inserted in our Column as Game 185th. What a melancholy satisfaction it must be to some amongst us who are in the habit of letting slip opportunities of winning games, to see genius of the highest order overlooking an obvious mate in three moves! If such an event had occurred to two players in an ordinary provincial club, it would, on the part of the other members, have given rise to a burst of virtuous indignation.

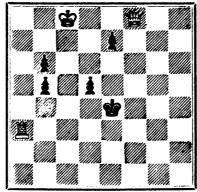
The Paris Tourney is over, and the following are the

results:
First prize, Zukertort; second, Winawer; third,
Blackburne; fourth, Mackenzie, fifth, Bird; sixth,

Arderssen.

The whole of the games of this great contest are very interesting and instructive. The last games played between Zukertort and Winawer for the first prize have especial interest, from the fact that so much depended upon them. We hope to be able to find a place for them in our Column.

PROBLEM No. 188. By J. MENZIES. BLACK.



WHITE

White to play and mate in three moves

GAME 283RD.

(From Land and Water) Played some time ago at the Café International, New York, between Messrs. Brull and Arnstein.

WHITE.—(Mr. Brull.)
1. P to Q 4
2. P to Q 5
3. P to K 4
4. P to K 5
5. B to Q 3
6. Q to R 5 (ch)
7. B takes P (mate)
8. Q takes P (mate) BLACK.—(Mr. Arnstein.)

1. Kt to Q B 3

2. Kt to K t sq

3. Kt to K B 3

4. Kt to K B 3

5. P to K B 3

7. P takes B

> († AME 284TH. (From Land and Water.)

Played at London, Eng., between Miss Rudge and Mr. Thoroid. The latter gives the odds of Q Kt.

(Remove White's Q Kt.) (Centre Gambit.)

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WHITE.—(Mr. Thorold.)	BLACK.—(Miss Rudg
2. P to Q 4	2. P takes P
3. K to K B 3 4. B to Q B 4	3. B to B 4 4. P to Q 3
5. B to B 3 6. Q to Kt 3	5. P takes P 6. Q to B 3
7. B to K Kt 5 8. Castles (Q R)	7. Q to Kt 3 8. P takes P (ch)
9. K takes P 10. P to K 5	9. Kt to Q B 3 10. B to K 3
11. P takes P 12. Q takes Kt P	11. B takes B 12. R to Kt sq
	in three moves.

GAME 285TH.

Played at New York, between Mr. Mason and an

Amateur, the former giving the Queen's Rook. (Remove White's Q R.)	
WHITE.—(Mr. Mason.)	
1. P to K 4	1. P to K 4
2. Kt to K B 3	2. Kt to K B 3
3. B to B 4	3. P to Q 4
4. P takes P	4. Kt takes P
5. Kt takes P	5. Q to K 2
6. Castles	6. B to K 3
7. R to K	7. Kt to B 5
8. P to Q 4	8. Kt to Kt 3
9. Kttakes K B P	9. K takes Kt
10. Q to K B 3 (ch)	10. Q to K B 3
11. R takes B	11. Q takes Q

12. R to K 5 (ch)
13. B to K Kt 5 mate.

GAME 286TH.

12. K to B 3

Played at Cleveland, U.S., between Captain Mackensie and Mr. Hosmer.

(Ruy Lopez. WHITE .- (Mackenzie.) BLACK.—(Hosn
1. P to K 4
2. Kt to Q B 3
3. P to Q R 3
4. Kt to K B 3
5. K P takes Q P
6. B to K 2
7. Kt to K 5
8. Kt takes Kt
9. Kt to Q B 4
10. Kt takes B
11. P to Q 3
12. Q takes P
13. B to K B 3
14. K to Q sq BLACK .- (Hosmer.) 1. P to K 4 2. Kt to K B 3 2. Ktto K B 3
3. B to Q Kt 5
4. B to Q R 4
5. P to Q 4
6. Castles
7. P to K 5
8. Kt takes Q P
9. Q takes Kt
10. B to Q Kt 3
11. Q R P takes Kt.
12. P takes P
13. Q takes Kt
14. B to K sq (cb)
15. B to K Kt 5 and wins.

GAME 287TH.

Played in England some years ago, between Messrs Boden and Schulder. WHITE.—(Mr. Schulder.) BLACK.—, Mr. Boden, BLACK .- Mr. Boden. 1. P to K 4
2. Kt to K B 3
3. P to Q B 3
4. B to Q B 4
5. P to Q 4
6. P takes P
7. P takes P P to K 4 P to Q 3 P to K B 4 Kt to K B 3 3. P to K B 4
4. Kt to K B 3
5. P takes K P
6. P takes K t
7. Q takes P
8. Kt to B 3
9. B to Q 2
10. Castles.
11. R to K sq
12. B to K B 4
13. P to Q 4
14. Q takes P (oh)
15. B to R 6 (mate) 8. P takes P 9. P to K B 4 10. B to K 3 10. B to K 3
11. Kt to Q 2
12. Q to K B 3
13. Castles Q R
14. B takes Q P
15. P takes Q

SOLUTIONS.

WHITE BLACK. 1. Kt to Q 6 2. Kt to Kt 5 2. Anything. Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 184. WHITE.
1. Q to Q 5 (ch)
2. Mates accordingly. BLACK 1. Any move PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 185. A position occurring in actual play.
WHITE. BLACK Watt R sq Qat Q Kt 5 Rat K B 7 Bat K Kt 5 Kt at Q R 8 Pawns at K 4, K R 4, K Kt 2, Q B 2, Q Kt 2 and Q R 2 K at K R sq Q at Q Kt 2 B at Q 2 B at Q 5 Kt at K R 4 Pawns K R 2, K Kt 5 Q R 2 and Q Kt 3

Black takes K P and White mates in three moves

A COMMEMORATION of the centenary of the death of the Rev. Augustus Montague Toplady, which will occur on the 11th of August, is being advocated, and has already found many adherents amongst the clergy and ministers generally who share the theological sentiments of the author of the "Rock of Ages." On the occasion it is proposed that the hymns written by Toplady should be sung in all congregations, whether within or wihotut the pale of the Church of England.

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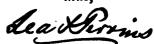
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