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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

M. J. M., Quebec.—Solution of Problem No. 141 received. Correct. We think you rightly estimate this difficult position. Student, Montreal.—Solution of Problem No. 141 received. Correct. H. H., Montreal.—Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 139. Correct. J. B., Montreal.—The best practice for improvement is to study the games of first class Chess players. J. W. S., Montreal.—Letter and contents received. Many thanks.

The Tourney of the Dominion Chess Association which was played at the Annual Congress held at Quebec on the 28th of September last and the four following days, has just been completed. We have seen no official statement of the result, otherwise we should have been glad to publish it in our Column this week.

We have heard it stated that Dr. Howe, the President of the Montreal Chess Club, has obtained the first prize, and if such is the case, we shall be happy to congratulate him on his success against a very formidable list of opponents. We shall refrain from making further remarks until a full report of the Congress makes its appearance, giving the names of the successful competitors, the value of the different prizes, and all other particulars connected with a contest which has peculiar claims on the attention of Canadian Chess players.

Since writing the above, we have been informed that no official results connected with the late Quebec Tourney have been published by the managing committee, owing to a dispute having arisen respecting the counting of games lost by default.

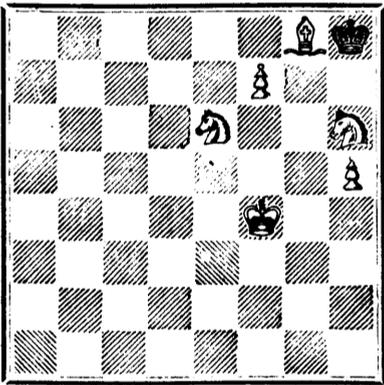
We are pleased to see that Editors of English Chess Journals and Chess Columns are calling attention to Mr. Bird's new work, "Chess Openings," and urging the numerous friends of that gentleman to show their appreciation of their countryman by an early effort on their part to support an undertaking which requires more than mere words to make it successful.

A handicap Chess Tournament is shortly to be played at the Café Logelung Chess Rooms, New York. There are six prizes offered for competition, and the players are to be divided into four classes. These classes will be arranged by Mr. Bird, from whom full particulars of the Tournament may be obtained by those wishing to take part in the contest.

PROBLEM No. 143.

BY M. J. MURPHY, Quebec.

BLACK.



WHITE

White to play and mate in three moves.

CHESS IN CANADA.

GAME 209TH.

The following game is one of a match played between two sons of D. S. Robertson, Esq., of Lennoxville, P.Q. The winner of the game is only nine years of age, and exhibits Chess skill of no ordinary character for one so young.

(French Opening.)

- WHITE.—(E. A. R.) 1. P to K 4 2. P to Q 4 3. P takes P 4. Kt to K B 3 (a) 5. B to Q 3 6. B to K Kt 5 7. B to K R 4 8. Kt to Q B 3 9. P to K R 3 10. Castles. 11. B to K Kt 3 12. B takes B 13. B to Q Kt 5 14. B takes Q Kt 15. Kt to K 5 (b) 16. P takes K Kt P 17. P to K B 3 18. Q to K 2 19. Q Kt to Kt 5 (c) 20. Kt to R 7 (ch) 21. K Kt to Q B 6th (ch) 22. Kt takes P (ch)

NOTES.

(a) The young player seems well posted in the first moves of this chess opening. (b) The preceding two or three moves are very well played by White. (c) A useless move if answered by K to Kt sq, but Black seems unaware of the danger menacing him. (d) Losing the Queen in a few moves.

CHESS IN THE UNITED STATES.

GAME 210TH.

Played some time ago in a match between Messrs. Elson and Neill. The notes are by Capt. Mackenzie.

(Ray Lopez Knight's Game.)

- WHITE.—(Mr. Elson.) 1. P to K 4 2. Kt to K B 3 3. B to Kt 5 4. B to R 4 5. Castles. 6. R to K sq (a) 7. B takes Kt 8. P to Q 4 9. Kt takes P 10. P to Q B 3 11. P to K B 4 12. Kt to K B 3 13. Kt to K 5 14. Q to R 5 15. Kt to Q 2 16. Kt to K B sq 17. Q to K 2 18. B to K 3 19. B to B 2 20. Q R to Q sq 21. Kt to Kt 3 22. P to K R 3 23. P to Q 5 24. Q to Q 3 (d) 25. Kt takes B P 26. Q takes B 27. Q to Q 2 28. P to K Kt 4 (e) 29. P takes Kt 30. Q to K Kt 3 31. Q to Q 3 32. Q to R 3 33. R to K 2 34. K to B sq 35. R takes B 36. R to K 2 37. R to K sq 38. R to K 2 39. R to K sq 40. Q to R 2 41. R to K 2 42. Q to R 5th

NOTES.

(a) The usual continuation we believe to be as follows: 6. P to Q 4 7. B to Q Kt 3 With a tolerably even game. (b) This part of the game is very carefully managed by both players. (c) Doubtless the best reply to White's last move. (d) At first sight it would seem as though White must now win a pawn; that he does not is due to Mr. Neill's very accurate play. (e) This hazardous advance compromises White's game. It would have been tolerably equal if he had simply captured B with P. (f) An excellent coup. From this point to the end Mr. Neill's play could hardly be excelled. (g) The position is curious, and it will be found that White, notwithstanding his superiority of force, cannot possibly save the game.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 141.

- WHITE. 1. B to Kt sq 2. Q to B 2 3. Q mates. BLACK. 1. K to R 4 2. Anything. 1. B to Kt 7 2. Anything.

Solution of Problem for Young Players, No. 139.

- WHITE. 1. R to Q B 6 (ch) 2. B to Q 6 3. B mates. BLACK. 1. K takes R 2. Either P moves.

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS NO. 140.

- WHITE. K at Q Kt 7 R at K R 4 Pawns at Q R 3, Q Kt 3, and Q B 2. BLACK. K at Q Kt 4 Pawns at Q 5 Q R 4, Q B 4, and Q Kt 3. White to play and mate in two moves.

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