REFLECTIONS AT SUNSET.

Slow the summer sun was ainking o'er Laurentian's purple height, ewift the mountain stream was leaping 'neath the ray of

fading light.
Fairy pencils tipped the cloudlets with a deepening crimson glow. Casting shadows, ever shifting, on the wooded hills

Cool the summer breeze was rising, like the spirit of the

Pure refreshing breath of even,-changing, baunting like a dresm Scene for artist's, poet's musing-scene for saintly

visions grand.

Telling man the power and glory of the all-Creative Hand.

Bright affections fill the recess of each true and noble Shedding forth a glowing lustre, like the day god in the

Illuming all the thoughts and feelings with a radiance pure and bright.

Tender clothing grief and sorrow in the mautle of its

But aias! how true the picture! Frail affections soon must die. Even as the golden beauties in the gorgeous summer

While the love that's chaste from heaven, tho' in death it sink away. Like the orb at eve, it passeth into one eternal day.

Hope, a star is ever beaming o'er the youthful and the Leading onward human creatures from the crudle to the Now it shines in haloed beauty, now it sinks in tempests

it twinkles in the ainre, now it fades a dying spark. Ah, the hopes that fly before us earthly tipetures ever

share. Fickle, weak and disappearing, like the marsh-light's Whilst the hope that God has given-tho' it dies away

in gloom.

As the sun, 'twill rise in glory from the darkness of the

Life is but a day of sorrow, though its choicest beauties

All its splendours, all its lurings, towards the coming

evening tend.

Though the morn be rich and radiant, though the moon warm and bright Yet the hours are swiftly moving towards the darkening

Let the day be traced by Duty's all-enchanting magic And the evening's lingering charms by Devotion's

Let the close be calm and holy-and its sun will sink to

Passing through the ivory portals to "the mansions of the Blest."

Fleeting phantom, bright illusion, gleaming ever o'er eur way.

Fiery pillur in the night time, cloud of splendour in the day.

Followed through the sandy desert of this vexed and

troubled life Pointing out some land of promise-guiding onward in the strife-

Earthly blirs, that man is seeking, chasing on from hour

to hour, Sought by nations, generations, sought in beauty, wealth and power; Vain and feeble, vague, deceiving, pale delusions inter-

roll.—
Why not seek the bliss of Heaven! Bliss eternal of the soul!

Gone the specidid sun of summer, lost behind Lauren

Deep and deeper fall the shadows on the mountains and

Day and night are blending slowly in the twilight cold and gray. Sad, oppressive, mournful feelings—all juvite us tow to

pray. Lord, eternal in Thy temple, neath its azure dome we All Thy power, and grace, and glory o'er our wandering senses steal,

Day is passing, night is searing—may our eve be free from gloom— Like the summer sun, in glory, may we rise beyond the tomb!

JOSEPH K. FORAN.

Laval University, Quebec, 29th March, 1880.

J. K. F.

NOTES FROM HAMILTON.

WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT.

No. II.

Having introduced the stranger around among the multitudinous places of religious resort, and accompanied him to a church social, we will now leave him, for a time, to his own thoughts, as religious people usually do with strangers. We will accompany some friends into another anumber of the young ladies, who have been instrumental in making the entertainment a success, have adjourned for relaxation. The place is musical with soft voices, for a dozen, or more nimble tongues are rattling area. once. We have some difficulty, at first, in discovering the leading subject of the fair conversation alists. It don't seem to be theology, nor the missionary cause, nor any of the charities which are kept up by voluntary support, nor is it the Sunday school, or the last, or next prayer meeting, or any of the other important adjuncts of the church. They are standing, in groups of twos and threes, around a table loaded with pyramids of soiled cups and saucers, and frag-ments of the late repast. Their fair young faces, beaming with smiles; their bright eyes spark ling with gentle merriment; and the talk, how delightful it all is. Instinctively we are disposed to say, with the poet:
"O! that youth and summer-time would last

We have to smile as we gradually discover

The word night does not mean, here, the opposite of day, but applies in the scientific acceptation of the term—as the night of a candle—that dark purple portion engirdled and constantly consumed by the flame.

that this bery of delightful girls have actually complied with Oliver W. Holmes' sugges-

From little matters let us pass to less, And lightly touch the mysteries of dress."

Now the habel of sounds become intelligible and, although the technical terms are conundrums to us, still, we have a fair understanding of the drift of the conversation. The flow of talk is louder than the murmur of a babbling brook, and, ever and anon is heard, above the brook, and, ever and anon is heard, above the even tenor of the general ripple, some such remark as "bonnet ribbons are wide;" "parasols are very large this season;" "many new bonnets have no strings;" "snowflake crepe lisse and tulle are—;" "ecru bunting will be as fashionable as—;" "high-necked, sleeveless corsages are to be worn;" "polka dots are again very stylish;" "foulard silks, Languedoc laed, fashionable are avecedingly fashionable." fichus and ruches are exceedingly fashionable;" buttons are smaller;" "immense bows of broad fancy ribbon will be worn at the back of straw hats:" "new shade of yellow called capu-"coloured embroidery will be very much used;" "mottled effects are given to many new chips;" "lace barbes and jabots will be worn al-most to the exclusion—;" "deep shirring is used on the spring costumes made of soft plain fabrics;" "a fine plait of dark red satin is placed under the skirt," and so on, and so on. Meanwhile, we are twisting our moustache, and are endeavoring to be interested in the remarks of a good and elderly maiden lady who seems to have made it her special duty to narrate to us the hardships which a certain young missionary is encounter-ing away out in the North-West, in his endeavours to culighten the benighted Indians. "It is a pity the brave young fellow did not take some loving companion with him," we gently suggest, upon which this elderly but tender hearted maiden hides her blushing face behind her claborate fan. In the meantime we have been sipping coffee out of the most fragile china cups that ever came from Dresden, and have been nibbling at one of the most dainty sandwiches that ever came under our observation. Thus revived, we move around among the sylph-like forms and submit to an immense amount of congratulations upon the fact that we are here, -in the church. - and not away at some awfully wicked place. The friend who is with us happens to belong to the chair, and, consequently, his presence occasions no apparent surprise. In due course the young people adjourn to the auditorium in good time to join the congregation in singing the closing hymn. The large, well be haved audience appear to be impressed with the conviction that they have spent a remarkably cheap and pleasant evening. The chairman makes a few happy remarks and winds up by announcing that there is still a large amount of indebtedness on the organ, or the parlours, or something or other, and that a few thousand dollars would be acceptable. This practical suggestion is usually backed up by the minister of the flock, who, finding the audience in the humour to subscribe, gives them a generous onportunity to do so, thus demonstrating his belief in the advisability of striking while the iron is hot. Modesty forbids us to mention the amount we put our name down for. Suffice it to say that conscience having accused us of having been somewhat negligent religiously, we determined to do our duty financially, which, we regret to say, appears to be only a too popular rule. What did the speakers talk about? They talked about the superiority of the organ; the excellence of the chair; the elegance of the "Parlours" the enjoyment of the evening; and the neces-sity of raising more money. Moving over to the outskirts of the audience, we found our stranger just where we left him. We failed to see in his countenance any shadow of the sur-rounding happiness. He looked as lonesome as a tombstone and declared that the only person who had spoken to him was the man who sold the tickets at the door. He said he never could understand why those affairs should be called "socials." He thought it was taking too much liberty with the English language. However much truth there may be in his remark, it must be taken for granted that the stranger is about the only one who does not enjoy the average church social, for there are several held almost every night in the week and the papers speak of are usually compelled to put up with the latter. They are usually described in the most extravagant language, and, sometimes we read that : owing to the attractions in several of the city churches last night, the opera was very slimly

W. F. McM.

(To be continued.)

A Good Housewife.

The good housewife, when she is giving her ouse its spring renovating, should bear in mind that the dear inmates of her house are more precious than many houses, and that their systems need cleansing by purifying the blood, regulating the stomach and bowels to prevent and cure the diseases arising from spring malaria and miasma, and she must know that there is nothing that will do it so perfectly and surely as Hop Bitters, the purest and best of medicines. See other column.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.-Paper to hand. Thanks. Student, Montreal. - Correct solution received of Pres blem No. 272.

E. H. Montrent. Solution received of Problem for Young Players No. 270. Correct.

The late meeting of the Ontario Chess Association has been a successful affair, and shows that the chessplayers of the sister Province are in enterest in maintaining an independent society, which shall look after the interest of their favourite game in their own surroundings. The next meeting is to be held at Hamilton in March, 1884, and Dr. Ryall, of Hamilton, is chosen President. At the gathering, held a few days ago, a large number of clubs were represented, and contests over the board added to the enjoyment of those present. So far, good for Outario. By the Quebec Chronicle we are informed that the club of the accient capital is in a flour ishing condition, that its new rooms are excellently miapted for the purposes of its members, both as regards locality and appliances, and that the closing chess season has been a very satisfactory one. The members of the Montreal Chess Chab have, also, reason to be satisfied with its condition during the past winter. It is conceded most willingly by every member that, as regards addy attendance for the purposes of play, the adequate supply of boxes and men, the orderly arrange The late meeting of the Ontario Chess Association bas gards daily attendance for the purposes of play, the ade-quate supply of boxes and men, the orderly arrange-ment of furniture, and, indeed, everything pertaining to the personal comfort of members, nothing like it has ex-isted before for the last twenty-five years. It is but fair to say that the whole of this beneficial change is due to the Secretary. J. Henderson, Esq., who certainly deserves the gratifude of the chessplayers of Montreal for setting on its bees arrain one of the oldest

descrees the gratitude of the chessplayers of Montreal for setting on its legs again one of the oldest chess clubs in the Dominion.

Notwithstanding so many evidences of the love of chess in both Provinces, Onlario and Quebec, it seems apparent that they cannot be united in a common Association, and this leads us to ask the question, "How about the next meeting of the Dominion Class Association at Ollawa?" A President was chosen for this year, and, a so, a Committee of Management, who we suppose are beginning to think of what is to be done at the next gathering of the members. If the members of the Ontario Class Association will recognize the Dominion Association, as we have been informed they do, and will ecoperate with the ollivers at the next meeting at Ollawa, much good may be expected.

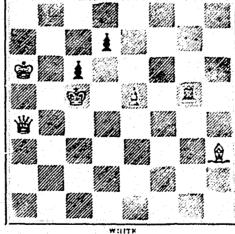
A meeting of the members of the Montreal Chess Club was held at the viub room, on Saturday last, April 19th, Dr. Howe, the President, in the chair, when the Secretary read a letter which he had regeived from the Socretary of the Quebec club, containing a challenge for a match of chess between the two clubs by telegraph, twelve players to be chosen on each side, and the pairing of the contestants to be made by ballot. It was unanimously resolved that the challenge stoud be accepted, and that efforts should be made to have the

match take place within the next foctoight or three

A match between the Eclectic Club and the Iculies A flaten between the factorie Ciun and the factors College Chess Clob, both of London, Eog., took place recently, in which the members of the latter were victorious by a soure of 105 games to 45. Towards this winning score Miss F. Down contributed two games, and Miss H. Down one game.

Mr. W. R. Bland, of Duffield, near Derby, Eng., has Mr. W. R. Bland, of Duffield, near Derloy, Eng., has in the press in these Cob Directory, containing the addresses of 1D clubs in England and Wales, noth the names and addresses of Secretaries, places and hours of meeting, &n. The book will give particulars of Chese Associations in England, lots of players withing to visit clubs for entertainment play, and lots of the principal chess rooms of London.—Hinstrated Lector Near.

> PROBLEM No. 274 By C. M Baxter, Dunde-BLACK.



White to play and mate in two moves.

GAME 464TH.

of eight blindfold simultaneous games played by Mr. Blackburne in London, Eng., in 1878, (Evans' Gambit.)

White .- (Mr. Blackburne.) Black .- (Mr. Block.) 1. P to K 4 2. Kt to K B 3 1. P to K 4 1. P to K 4.
2. Kt to QB 3
3. B to B 4.
4. B taken P
5. B to B 4.
6. Kt to B 3
7. P to Q 3
8. P to Q R 3
9. P to Q K 4.
10. P taken B
11. Cantles
12. B to R 3
13. B to Q 6 (a)
14. R to R 3
15. B taken B
15. Daken B
15. B taken B
15. B taken

3. B to B 4.
4. P to Q Kt 4.
5. P to B 3.
6. Castles.
7. P to Q 4.
8. Q to R 4.
9. P to Q 5.
10. B takes P.
11. O takes P.

3. B to B 4

9. F 10 Q2
10. B takes P
11. Q takes P
12. Q takes Kt
13. R to K sq
14. B to Kt 5
15. Q to Kt 4
16. Q to Kt 3
17. Q takes B
18. Q Kt to Q 2
19. B takes Kt
20. Kt to R 4
21. Kt to R 4
22. R to K B sq
23. Q to Q sq
24. Kt to K B 5
25. Kt to B sq
26. Q to Kt 4
27. Kt takes R
29. Q to Kt 4
29. Kt to K 17
30. Q takes P (ch)

14. R to R 3.
15. R takes B P.
16. B takes Q R.
17. R takes P.
17. Q to R sq.
19. P takes B
20. Q to R 6.
21. Q to R 6.
22. Q to B 6.
23. K R to R sq.
24. K to B sq.
25. Q to B 7.
26. K to K sq.
27. R takes K to K sq.
28. K to Q 2 K to () 2 29. P. to B 3

(a) Winning the exchange.

SOLUTIONS

Solution of Problem No. 272.

1. H to K B 7 2. Mates socordingly

1. Any move

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 270.

B to Q R 7 (ch) L. Kimiser 2. Any move.

3. B or Kt mates PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 221

White. Black. K at Q H 3 K at Q Kt 4
R at K Kt 2 Pawn at Q Kt
Kt at Q B 6
Pawns at Q 4
and Q Kt 3
White to play and units in three moves. Pawn at Q Kt 3

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