

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. B., Montreal.—Correct solution received of Problem No. 237. Student, Montreal.—Correct solution received of Problem No. 236. W. A., Montreal.—Letter received. Many thanks. M. J. M., Quebec.—Paper received. Thanks. Glad to hear from you again. G. W. L., Montreal.—Letter received. Thanks. E. H.—Solution received of Problem for Young Players No. 235. Correct. J. H. & J. M. McG., Côte des Neiges.—Correct solution received of Problem for Young Players No. 235.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., the quarterly meeting of the Montreal Chess Club took place at the Gymnasium, Mansfield street. The Secretary, Mr. J. Henderson, read the report, which showed that the Club was progressing very favourably, that large additions had been made to the chess appliances, and that the daily attendance of the members was of a highly satisfactory nature. After the reading of the report, the meeting took up for consideration, among other matters, the raising of a subscription as a means of aiding the Committee of the American Chess Congress, which is at the present time in session in New York city. Twenty-five dollars were collected at once, which will be forwarded immediately with the best wishes of the members of the club. Several new members were then proposed and unanimously elected.

Altogether the meeting was of a nature to indicate that this Club, which has now been in existence upwards of thirty years, is still able to maintain its efficiency and to do its part for the advancement of the Royal game in the Province of Quebec.

We are glad to notice that the Quebec Chronicle is in future to devote a portion of its space to Chess and that the Column set apart for this purpose is to be under the management of Mr. M. J. Murphy. We heartily wish it success. Mr. Murphy is one of the best Chess Problem composers in the Dominion, and his intimate knowledge of the game will be a guarantee for the able manner in which his Column will be conducted.

THE CHESS TOURNAMENT.

A GAY SCENE AND BRILLIANT PLAYING.

The opening of the grand tournament of the Fifth American Chess Congress took place yesterday, the 6th inst., at the Union Square Billiard Rooms. In addition to the American colors the walls displayed flags of many nations, artistically festooned, and each one bearing to illustrious text the name of the chess champion belonging to the country so symbolized.

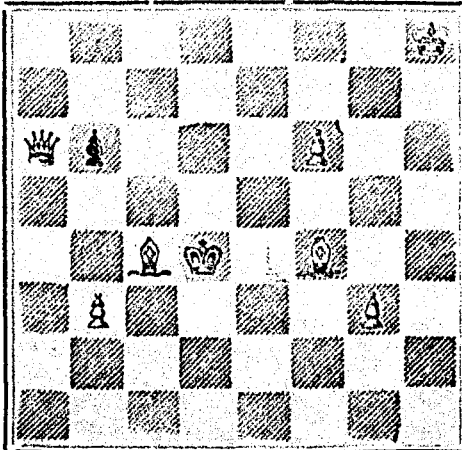
At one o'clock p.m. the tournament was declared open by ex-District Attorney Allen, of this city, who at the same time announced that the committee had decided that the gold medal presented by Mr. Kelen, of the Manhattan Chess Club, will be added to the list of prizes of \$500. The committee have also agreed that the contestants shall play one game on each day and finish it if possible. The following are the names of the contestants:—General J. A. Congdon, Washington, D.C.; Preston Ware, jr., Boston; Max Judd, St. Louis; Alexander G. Seliman, Baltimore; James Grundy, Manchester, England; and Capt. George J. Mackenzie, Eugene Delmar, John S. Ryan, Albert Coffield and Charles Noble, of New York.

In the playing yesterday the first game completed was that between Messrs. Mackenzie and Coffield, the latter resigning at the thirty-seventh move. Time, 2 hours. The contest between Messrs. Noble and Ryan resulted in a victory for the former, his opponent having resigned at the fifty-seventh move. Time, 4 hours. In the game between Messrs. Seliman and Delmar the last named resigned at the fifty-sixth move. Time, 4 hours. The game between Messrs. Congdon and Ware resulted in a draw. Time, 6 hours. At a late hour last night the appearance of the game between Messrs. Judd and Grundy indicated that the result would be a draw.

We may add to the above that in the second days' play, Noble won another game from Ryan, Capt. Mackenzie added another victory to his score by defeating Coffield, Grundy won a game from Judd, Gen. Ware vanquished Congdon, and Messrs. Seliman and Delmar fought a draw.

Last Tuesday Mr. Potter played nine simultaneous games at the College Chess Club. In accordance with the precedent set last season, his opponents were nine couples in consultation, namely, a lady and gentleman at each board. Their names, as paired, are as follows:—Mr. Lord and Mrs. Heywood, Mr. Heywood and Mrs. Down, Mr. MacLennan and Miss S. Burdon, Mr. H. F. Down and Miss Roche, Mr. Manning and Miss H. C. Down, Mr. Stietzel and Miss Richardson, Mr. Richardson and Miss F. E. Down, Mr. A. Down and Miss Lussell, Mr. Percy and Miss L. Tompkins. Mr. Potter won six games and drew the remaining three. The players who drew against him were Mrs. Down, Miss H. C. Down, and Miss S. Burdon, with their respective partners as above-mentioned. The pedagogue player was at one time in great danger of losing against Mr. M. Down and Miss Lussell, through a skillful manoeuvre suggested by the latter, who seems to be a young lady of much promise as a chessist.—Lant and Water.

PROBLEM No. 250. By W. Atkinson, Montreal. (For the CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS.) BLACK.



White to play and mate in three moves.

GAME 39TH. CANADIAN CHESS CORRESPONDENCE TOURNEY.

Game played recently between Messrs. Saunders and Henderson.

WHITE.—(Mr. Saunders.) 1. P to K 4. 2. Kt to K B 3. 3. Kt to Q B 3. 4. H to B 4. 5. P to Q 4. 6. P to Q 5. 7. Q to B 2 (b). 8. Q Kt to Q 2. 9. Kt to B sq. 10. Kt to Kt 3. 11. H to Q 3. 12. Kt to Kt sq. 13. K Kt to Kt 2 (d). 14. Castles. 15. Q takes B. 16. P to K B 4 (e). 17. Kt takes P. 18. Q to Q 2. 19. Q R to K 2. 20. H to B 4. 21. H to Q sq. 22. P to B 4. 23. P to Kt sq. 24. Kt takes B. 25. H takes Kt (h). 26. H takes Q. 27. Kt to Kt 3. 28. Kt to R 5. 29. H to K B 2. 30. Kt takes P (ch). 31. R takes Kt. 32. K to B 2. 33. B to Q 3. 34. H to R 4. 35. P to K 2. 36. P to K R 4. 37. B to B 3. 38. K to K 3. 39. B takes P. 40. K takes R. 41. P to Q R. 42. B to H 5. 43. P to K Kt 4. 44. K to K 4. 45. B to K 6. 46. K to Q 4. 47. K to B 3. 48. P to Kt 4. 49. P to Q Kt 5. 50. B to B 5. 51. B to K 6. 52. P to R 5. 53. K to Q 3. 54. B takes R. 55. K to K 4. 56. K to B 3. 57. Resigns.

BLACK.—(Mr. Henderson.) 1. P to K 4. 2. Kt to Q B 3. 3. P to Q 3 (a). 4. B to K 2. 5. Kt to K B 3. 6. Kt to Q Kt sq. 7. Q Kt to Q 2. 8. Kt to B sq (c). 9. Kt to Kt 3. 10. B to Q 2. 11. Castles. 12. Kt to K sq. 13. H to K Kt 4. 14. B takes B. 15. Q to R 5. 16. P takes P. 17. Kt to K 4 (f). 18. Kt to K B 3. 19. Q R to K sq. 20. Q to R 3. 21. P to Q R 3. 22. B to K Kt 5. 23. B takes Kt. 24. Kt to Kt 3 (g). 25. Q takes Q. 26. P takes R. 27. Kt to K 4. 28. Kt to Q 2. 29. R to K 4. 30. Kt to Kt sq. 31. K R to K sq. 32. R to Kt 4. 33. K R to K 4. 34. K to Kt 2. 35. P to K B 4. 36. R to Kt 3. 37. R to B 3. 38. P takes P. 39. R takes R. 40. R to K sq. 41. R to B sq (ch). 42. P to Q R 4. 43. P to K R 3. 44. R to K sq (ch). 45. R to B 3. 46. P to Kt 3. 47. R to K 2. 48. P to B 4. 49. K to K 4. 50. K to B 5. 51. K to Kt 6. 52. R to Kt 2. 53. R takes P. 54. K takes B. 55. K to Kt 4. 56. K takes P.

SOLUTIONS. Solution of Problem No. 237. WHITE. 1. Q to K Kt 8. 2. Mate. BLACK. 1. Anything. SOLUTION OF PROBLEM FOR YOUNG PLAYERS No. 235. WHITE. 1. R to Q 5. 2. Mate. BLACK. 1. Any move. In last week's Column, the Problem for Young Players, which should have been numbered 235, needs a Black P at Black's Q B 7.

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 236. WHITE. K at K R 7. R at K Kt 3. B at Q Kt 4. B at Q Kt 5. Kt at Q B 7. Pawn at K 5. BLACK. K at K B 2. B at Q B 3. Kt at K Kt 3. Pawns at K B 5 and Q Kt 2. White to play and mate in three moves.

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