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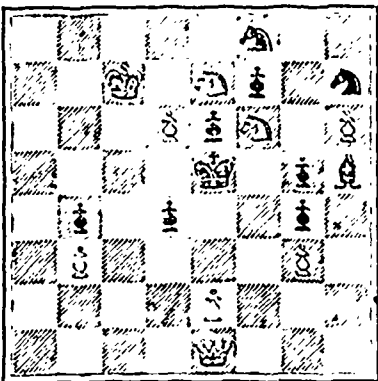
T. M. QUINN, Bridgewater.—Your solution of Problem No. 82 is correct. Will examine your solution to Problem No. 83 and report next week.

## PROBLEM No. 84.

By J. Oehquist, of Helsingford, Finland.

[Best two moves in Problem Tourney No. 1 of the Helsingford *Talshult* for *Schack*.]

From the *Montreal Gazette*.  
Black 10 pieces.



WHITE 9 pieces.

White to play and mate in 2 moves

## GAME No. 85.

CHESS AT THE EVER-FAMOUS REGENCE.

A lively skirmish, with a pretty and very curious mating-finish, played at the Cafe de la Regence, Paris, June 3, 1891, between Mr. Charles A. Maurian, of New Orleans, and Mr. C. W. May, an American amateur residing in Paris.—

ALLGAIER—THOROLD.

WHITE.	BLACK.
Mr. C. A. Maurian.	M. C. W. May.
1 P to K4	P to K4
2 P to KB4	P takes P
3 Kkt to B3	P to Kkt4
4 P to KR4	P to Kt5
5 Kt to Kt5	P to KR3
6 Kt takes P	Kt takes Kt
7 P to Q4	P to Q3
8 B takes P	Kt to QB3 a
9 B to QB4 ch	K to Kt2
10 Castles	Q takes RP
11 Q to Q3	Kt to B3
12 P to K5! b	Kt to KR4 c
13 B to Kkt3! d	Q to K2 e
14 B to KR4! f	Q to K g
15 B to B6 ch!	Kt takes B
16 P takes Kt, mate! h	

## NOTES.

a Having entered upon the 7 \* \* P to Q3 defence, he should have gone on with the normal continuation 8 \* \* B to K2; 9 P to K2, B takes P ch; 10 P to Kkt3, B to Kt2, 11 Castles, etc. There is no time to spare as yet for the development on the Q's wing.

b The correct move; evidently played with an eye to the pretty possibilities that result from having the white P at K5.

c Which looks singularly good at first blush, but—

d Turns out singularly bad on account of this curious and seemingly unanswerable reply.

e If, instead, 13 \* \* Q to Kt4, white mates in three by 14 R to B7 ch, K to Kt; 15 R to Q7 (dis. ch.) P to Q4; 16 B takes P mate! Of course the same mate ensues if 13 \* \* Q or Kt takes B.

f A markedly zealous prelate in pressing his attentions on her Majesty!

g He might have saved the mate by giving his Q for B here by 14 \* \* Q to K3, but that had been, as poor

Capt. Mackenzie was wont to say, "but a plunge of despair."

h A highly elegant and remarkably curious mate.—*New Orleans Times Democrat*.

## J. H. BLACKBURNE.

The *Chess Monthly* for February contains the portrait of Mr. Blackburne, and a brief account of his career. We have pleasure in giving this week a problem taken from the *Chess Monthly* which gives several of his as illustrative of his problem making faculty. Mr. Blackburne has on various occasions been in Glasgow, where his quiet and unassuming manners and his wonderful chess powers have been very highly appreciated by local chess-players. We are also indebted to him as weekly correspondent at the time of the London tournament. His letters at that time, we believe, were not only highly thought of in this country but also in America. Born in Manchester in December, 1842, he began a mercantile life, and it was not until he was about 18 years of age that he took to chess. Previously, however, he had earned considerable reputation as a draughts player.

The wonderful achievements of Paul Morphy roused in young Blackburne a deep interest in the game, and when Morphy gave a simultaneous blindfold performance in Manchester in 1861, Blackburne was one of the defeated. On the following day Blackburne attempted to play blindfold, and he succeeded to such a degree that by the end of three weeks he could play ten games simultaneously.

As a blindfold player Blackburne has no rival. One needs to see him play to be able to comprehend the apparently easy manner in which he accomplishes such feats of memory.—*Glasgow Herald*.

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## PARLIAMENTARY REVIEW.

DOMINION.—Has any candidate for Parliament a right to make an office seeker put up money with a party election committee, at the same time making a promise of a position to the man seeking office? Decidedly, no. The foregoing is the pith of the charge made against Mr. Cochrane, and while it was proved that office seekers had contributed money to the party committee for election purposes, it was not proved that Mr. Cochrane had any knowledge of these corrupt transactions, and consequently Parliament by a vote of 98 to 75 has pronounced him to be innocent of the charges made against him. While this is doubtless true, it is also unfortunately true that office selling for party purposes is a crying evil, and one that requires a severe remedy. Human nature is human nature, and he indeed must be a noble man who, undeterred by legal restrictions, will not give his best services, yea, his surplus dollars to the support of a party which guarantees him a permanent office for life.

Controverted elections have now become so common that Parliament has found it necessary to amend the Act. As matters now stand there is scarce a member of Parliament who, under the provisions of the old act, could not be unseated for some violation of the act, for which the member was not personally responsible. A stool pigeon can always be found to offer a bribe to some man for his vote, with the understanding that if the election goes against one party, he will be prepared to swear that he was bribed to vote for the other party. The act has now been amended so as to place the responsibility upon the proper shoulders, and relieve the candidate from this grossly unfair liability.

And now they are at it, hammer and tongs. The privileges committee have submitted to Parliament majority and minority reports upon the Langevin McGreevy scandal, and for the next few days the public will be surfeited with rehashes of the evidence, flavored by the partisan speakers to suit the palate of the individual reader. Mr. Girouard in moving the adoption of the majority report strongly condemned the conspiracy of Thomas McGreevy and his associates, and while admitting that Sir Hector Langevin had placed too much confidence in the engineers of the department, he said that Sir Hector himself had been exonerated from all complicity in the transactions. Girouard's speech was judicial throughout, and was much appreciated in the gallery. Mr. Tarte in replying paid a glowing tribute to Sir John S. D. Thompson, who, he said, had been prompted throughout the investigation with a spirit of manliness and fair play. Tarte reviewed the political career of Sir Hector up to the time he took the position of Minister of Public Works. He said he himself could form no judgment as to whether or not Sir Hector was personally implicated in the McGreevy steal, but he affirmed that Sir Hector had been warned by his friends that the McGreevy influence would cause his ruin; and these predictions had proved too true. Tarte said that he had demanded the investigation in the interests of the country, and the evidence proved that his charges were for the most part well founded, and merited the consideration they had received.

Formal charges of corruption in connection with an old contract have been preferred against Mr. Haggart, postmaster general, by Mr. Lister, who asked for a select committee to investigate the matter. This the House by a majority of 24 decided not to allow.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Subscribers remitting Money, either direct to the office, or through Agents, will find a receipt for the amount inclosed in their next paper. All remittances should be made payable to A. Milne Fraser.

A matron for the police station is to be appointed in Halifax.

S. M. Brookfield's men working on St. Mary's Glebe house struck on Wednesday.

About 1,000 men are in camp at Aldershot. As usual the Y. M. C. A. tent is a boon to all.

Dalhousie's mock parliament held its first meeting for the session on Saturday evening last.

Rev. Father Chiniquy has been preaching and delivering lectures in Halifax during the week.

The Maritime W. C. T. U. convention opened at Charlottetown, P. E. Island, on Thursday of last week.

Coleman & Company, furriers, make a splendid exhibit of fine furs at the Provincial Exhibition next week.

The French war ship *Naiad*, with Admiral Donverville on board, arrived at Halifax from Sydney last Friday.

It is understood that Hon. Mr. LaCoste, the new Chief Justice of Quebec, is shortly to be raised to knighthood.

A large number of people assembled at Canning on Saturday to witness the twin launch of a schooner and barquentine.

Five out of ten junior bursaries won at the recent examinations at Dalhousie were taken by students of the Halifax Academy.

The striking painters have opened a shop on their own account at 200 Barrington Street, where they will take orders for work.

The city clergymen are thundering away at the corrupt politics of the day. We wish they may improve them, and more strength to their elbows!

Very high tides on Saturday, Sunday and Monday did great damage on the marshes near Moncton, Memramcook and Sackville. Many dykes are broken.

Sophia Smith, charged with stealing a registered letter from the Rev. Allan Simpson, has been committed for trial at the next sitting of the Supreme Court.