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'I shall be glad to hear from all who are in favor of the proposal, so that if it be generally approved, sub-scriptions may be called for and the cup procured in time for this year's tourney.

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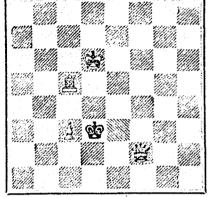
D. C. MACKEDIE, "Sec. Treas. Can. Ch. Association."

On the 26th of April last, Mr. Blackburne gave an exhibition at the City of London Chess Club, of his wonderful skill as a blindfold player. He conducted eight games, simultaneously, against the same number of strong amateurs, winning four, losing two, and drawing

Mr. Blackburne has on former occasions conducted fiteen games simultaneously, and we see it stated that he professes to be able to manage as many as twenty-five, but prefers eight, as he can, with this number, this his whole at one sitting.

The Quebec Chess match between the Bats and the Owls, to which attention was directed in our last issue, was fought on Friday and Suturday, the 4th and 5th test, and terminated in invor of the Owls, who won six games to their antagonists' five, with one draw.

PROBLEM No. 122. By F. HEALT. BLACK



WHITE

White to play and mate in three moves.

#### CHESS IN ENGLAND. GAME 17818.

An off-hand skirmish played a short time ago at Simp-son's between Mr. Boden and an annateur. (Daulsh Cambit.)

BLACK .- (Mr. Boden.)

WHITE .- (M. P.)

1. P to K 4	P to K. i
2. P to Q 4	l'takes l'
3. P to Q B 3	P to Q 4
4. Q to R 5 (ch) (a)	B to Q 2
5. Q takes 1	Kt to Q H 3
6. Q takes P	Kt to K B 3
7. Q to Q 3	B to Q B 4
F. B to K 3	Kt to K 4
9. O to B 2	B takes B
10. P takes B	Q Kt to Kt 5
11. Q to Q 3	Q to K 2
12. Kt to Q 2	Castles (Q R)
13. P to K R 3 (6)	B to B 3
14. Q to K 2	R takes Kt (c)
15. Q takes R	K Kt takes l'
16. Q to K 2	Q to R 5 (ch)
17. K to Q sq	Q Kt (from Kt 5)
	7 (ch)
15. K to H 2	Q to K B 3
19, R to Q 54	B to R 5 (ch)
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(c) K P takes P is the best move at this point. The move in the text assists Black to develop his forces, and literally transfers the attack to the hands of the second

player.

(b) White is overwhelmed by the vigour of the counter assault, and is obtionally unprepared for it.

(c) The beginning of the end.

(d) Because the least affliction imposed upon him is

#### CHESS IN CANADA.

GAME 1797H.

Payed in Montreal between Mr. Bird and Mr. John

The following is one of the simultaneous games played between Mr. Bird and the members of the Montreal Chess Club in February last.

WHITE .- (Mr. Bird.) BLACK .-- Mr. John Barry.) WHITE.—(Mr. B 1. P to K 4 2. Kt to K B 3 3. B to Q B 4 4. P to Q K 1 5. P to Q K 3 6. Q to Q K 3 7. Castles 8. B to Q R 3 9. P to Q 4 10. P takes K P 11. Krakes K 1 P to K 4 Kt to Q B 3 B to Q B 4 B takes P B to Q R 4 Q to K 2 P to K R 3 PoQ3 BtoQKt3 Kt takes I 11. Krtakes Kt
12. B takes K B P (ch) (\sigma)
13. B takes K K K
14. Kt to Q 2
15. P to Q B 4
16. K to K R sq
17. P to K B 4
18. P to K B 5
19. R to K B 5
20. Q R to K B 5
22. B to Q K Q
23. R to K R 3
22. B to Q K Q
23. R to K K t
24. B to K K t
25. R to K K t
26. Q to K K t
27. R to K B 4
28. P to K B 4
29. P to K B 4 11. Kt takes Kt K R mkes B Qto K 3 K to B 2 B to K B sq K to K K tsq Qto K B 2 (b) B to Q 5 P to Q B 4 P to Q K t 3 B to K B 3 B to K B 3 Qtakes B B to Q F.

B to Q K K: sq
B to K K: sq
B to K Rsq (d)
Q takes K R
B to K B sq
(r)
Q takes K B
Q to K B 8 (ch)
Q takes Q B P
Q to K B 8 (ch)
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29. Q R to K K t 4
30. K R takes K R
31. Rt to K B 3
52. Kt to K K t5 (ch)
34. Q takes Q P
35. P to K B 6 (f)
36. K to K R 2
37. Q to Q E 7
38. K to K K t3
39. P to K 5
40. K to K R 2
41. R to K K 8
41. R to K R 8
41. R to K R 8
44. R to K K 8
45. And 28. P to K R 4

And White resigns.

NOTES.

(a) This is an embarrassing move for Black.
(b) Much care is required on both sides at this point.

(c) Is to Q Kt 2 seems to be White's proper move here.
(d) Black's game is more hopeful thaff it was a few

noves ago.

(e) If Black had attempted to win the White Kt he ould have speedily lost the game.

(f) A bad move of which Black takes immediate ad-(g) The latter part of the game is carefully played by Black.

#### Solution of Problem No. 120.

WHITE.

1. K to Q Kt 3
2. Kt to R 4 mate

There are other variations.

- Young Player

Solution of Problem for Young Players, No. 118. BLACK.

WHITE. 1. K to K 2 2. Q to Q R 4 3. Q mates. 1. K takes B 2. K to Q B sq

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS NO. 119.

WHITE BLACK. K at Q 2 Pawns at Q R 2 and K Kt 2 KatQ5 RatKR8 Ktat Q 6 B at K B 2

Sat K 192 Sat Q R 6 White to play and mate in three moves.

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General Manager.

Montreal, 20th April, 1877.

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