CHANGE.

We lay our dear ones in earth's prisoning mould, And, when we see the grasses growing green Between us and the faces that we love, We call it sorrow. Call it sorrow, though The ministering months do tend our sleepers well. Mellifluous spring, through tender-throated leaves. Rains down her melodies to lull their rest: And summer, 'mid her earnival of bloom, Drops tears of dew upon their tired heads. And autumn, all forgetting to be sear, More pied with splendor than the bowery June, Doth bind her jewels on each low-laid brow: While beryl-leaves, borsed on her blazoned vest, Are crimson-stained, as if her heart had bled. And grief's red wound to all the world lay hare. Then winter softly in her hooded snows Folds every darling. Comfortless we grieve When earth takes back into her gentle arms Her weary children, when the loving Christ Folds on his boson souls he died for once. When, far from this world's bitter blight and cold, Our lambs are taken, evermore to roam in tairer pastures in the upper fold. Tis not life's saddest sorrow: albeit we cry. And blame the Shepherd that he loved his own.

I read one day Ctwas in a quaint, old book)
That every friendship, like an ancient glove,
but h grow ungainly, waxing loose at last,
Acid finally wears out. We fling it by
Arol flaunt a newer, smitting newer need,
So shall I pull the drawer of memory out?
And toss old names about—as oft old gloves,
All-sofied and marred, with gaping rent disteaugh t.
Yet sweet with lavender, whose tang they stole
in lush May morns, to make caressing airs
Full fraughl with fragrance when they wene with me?
Shall I forgetful—aye, ungrateful—say,
With scounful touch and loss: "Oyes, old gloves,
You're soiled, you're all worn out; yet sooth I fain
Would find a pair among you, east away.
To suit my need upon a rainy day?"

Nor separation, with its saddest change, can change for me the faces that I hove. The twilight's purple stain the leaning hills; The fusing scenes of primose light beyond Hide all the Edon that lies still beyond; Bul reles of memory are setting in. And flowing downward through the sunset gates. All freighted o'er with treasure. Lo? I see Face after face float in the water calm; A knot of fuded flowers—a souvenir of one lost day, serene in peace—drifts by: A ripple of soft sound breaks through the wayes. The Inneering echo of beloved speech; The cadence low of most melodious song Thrills through the silence of the past to me. O absent, unforgotten! If mine once, Mine always. Though no real, sighed for tone Pierces the stillness; though I sit alone. And, leaning back, glean every helpful word And scattered joy that I dropped yesterday.

Mass Cleamer.

THE IMPROVED STATE OF IRELAND.

A strong belief is now held in usually wellinformed business quarters that Ireland is rapidly and permanently recovering prosperity. Railway and banking affairs in the sister king-dom certainly show vitality. Apart from opposite political views on the subject of the remedial legislation which has been applied, it is possible to take a purely business view of the position, and to congratulate those concerned on the improvement in Irish business prospects with which the present year is ending. Among the reasons for this hopeful view may be mentioned the improving state of the railway traffic in Ireland. For the current half-year the gross "takes of the Irish lines have, one with another, disclosed an increase at the extraordinary rate of 7 to 8 per cent, on the corresponding returns of last year, showing that the people have more goods to send about the country, and are better able to pay for the cost of transit. This rate of increase, it may be mentioned, is treble that of the English lines, similarly compared. Capital, moreover, would be returning to the country under present circumstances. To go on with the statistics of Irish progress, it may be stated that the circulation of the Irish note-issuing that the circulation of the Irish note-issuing banks in the middle of last month was returned at £8,433,000 compared with £7,505,000 at the corresponding date last year—an increase at the rate of 12 per cent. Nothing could be better proof of the increased activity of business in Ireland than these figures. It should also be recorded, in this connection, that the number of marriages in Ireland, which had dwindled from 96,049 in the year 1872, to 2,303 in 1880. from 26,943 in the year 1872, to 23,363 in 1880, has since tended to augment again. Similarly, the number of paupers relieved, which had increased from 73,262 in 1872, to 114,679 in 1880, has since tended to decline at a marked and satisfactory rate. The ground being prepared for a revival, the revival has come with extra-ordinary impetus. Relief from the grinding sense of insolvency having been given, and sur-plus population having meanwhile drained off, while the remainder are less illiterate and help less, the two things still wanted were good seasons and a return of capital to the country. Both these things have been given to Ireland since the extreme depression of 1879, and appearances are that capital will in the absence of political disturbance—the apparent causes for which are more or le s removed-or of great and uncontrollable accidents, continue to flow thither. The ever-ready promoter of the joint stock companies appears to be turning attention to the opportunities for prefit in Ireland, which, on the grounds set forth, we are inclined to think are good for business generally. The more money flows to Iteland, the better is the hope of a return to complete solvency and to that happy state of things, a general surplus of assets over liabilities in the balance-sheefs of the farning and trading classes.

"RECOLLECTIONS of My Youth," by Dr. Ernest Renan, is announced to appear shortly.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

All communications intended for this Column should be addressed to the Chess Editor, Canadian Illustrated News, Montreal.

The Chess Monthly for January, 1883, contains a list of subscribers to the fortheoning Tournament, and the remarks on the prospects of this important enterprise are very encouraging.

The number also contains news connected with the game of chess from differents parts of the world, the most interesting to European players being that which has reference to Mr. Steinitz during his sojourn in the United States. Seven of the games played in the match between Mr. Steinitz and Mr. Martinez at Philadelphia occupy the pages devoted to chess encounters, and the remarks appended to each contest will be properly appreciated by the student of the game. The Problems and End-Games are an excellent selection, and add considerable interest to this month's number of a well conducted chess periodical.

Land and Water of the 13th alt., gives the programme including the rules of the approaching International Chess Tournament.

The rules which seem to have been most carefully arranged appear, in many respects so well calculated to regulate play in contests of this nature that we shall feel inclined to advert to them on some future occasion.

Mr. Steinitz has been engaged by the New York Manhattan Club for ten afternoons and evenings, upon his return from New Orleans in February, for exhibition play. The programme includes six games with Capt. Mackenzie for \$20 a game (\$15 to winner and \$5 to loser; blindfold simultaneous games with four members of the club; simultaneous games with twenty-live members, and individual games with players. Capt. Mr. desires it to be understood that these six games are not to be considered as a match with the champion.—Glob. Democrat. St. Louis.

The burning of the Newhall House has brought sorrow and grief to many a social circle. Among the sufferers on that fatal might was T. B. Elliott, whose terribte death has east a gloom over the Milwaukee Whist and Chess Club. Mr. Elliott was beloved there, as he was wherever he was known. One and all mourn over the irreparable loss of a man of the finest impulses, the noblest instincts, the truest, purest thoughts. He possessed not merely the desire to be just, to do right, but the will that fulfilled the at-pointed work. Tender hands have lovingly laid min in his last resting place. His memory will live long in the hearts of those who knew him best.—Mitwauker Telegraph.

INTER-COUNTY CIOES MERCONS, "-Yorkshire vs. Laneashire," This important march is to take olace on Saturday, the 20th of January next. Over, one hundred of the strongest players in each county will take part in the contest. We may note that on application particulars will be privashed by the captain of honorary secretary of the Yorkshire teams at the Leefs Chess Club. Address Masonic Hall, Kelsall street, Leeds. Mr. D. Y. Mills is the captain of the Yorkshire team, and his address is 5 Park Row, Leeds. Mr. E. B. Husbey is the honorary secretary, 21 Queen's Square, Leeds," Glosgow Headd.

PROBLEM No. 419. By S. H. Thomas.

WHITE.

White to play and mate in two moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 417. White. Black.

1 Kt to K 6 2 Mates ace.

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GAME 545rn. (From Taxf. Field and Facm.) CHESS IN NEW YORK.

An interesting game played recently between Messrs, F. M. Teed and Philip Richardson.

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WHITE, - (Mr. Teed.) 1 P to K 4 2 K t to K B 3 3 B to Q K 1 5 4 B to Q R 4 5 Kt to Q B 3 6 Kt takes P 7 P to Q 1 8 P takes Kt 9 Q to Q 4 10 Q takes B H Q takes Kt 12 Q to K Kt 4 13 Castles

12 Q to K Kt 4
13 Castles
14 B to Kt 5
15 Q R to Q sq
16 Q takes Q
17 R to Q 7
18 K R to Q 84
19 P to Q Kt 3
20 P to Q B 4
21 P takes B
22 R (Q 7) takes P
23 P to K R 3
25 K to R 2
26 P to K B 4
27 P to K B 4
27 P to K B 4
28 R to Q B 5
25 K to R 2
26 P to K B 4
27 P to K R 4
28 R to K sq
29 R (B 5) takes P oh

1 P to K 4
2 Kt to Q B 3
3 P to Q B 3
3 P to Q B 3
5 P to Q B 4
6 Kt takes Kt
7 B to K 15
8 Kt takes Kt
7 B to K 15
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11 P to Q K 1 (a)
12 K to B sq
15 Q to K 5
15 Q P takes Q
17 R to Q B sq
18 B to Q 4
19 P to K R 3
20 P takes B
22 R to K R 3
23 P to Q B 3
24 K to K 2
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30 P to K Kt 5 31 K takes P 22 K to K Kt 4 33 R to K 8 ch 34 R to K R 8 35 R to K R 7 ch 36 R to K R 8 ch 37 R (K 80) K R 80 28 R (R 80) K R 6 (c) 28 R (R 8) R 7 ch 40 R takes P 42 P takes P 42 P takes P 43 R to Q B 6 44 K to B 5 45 P to K 6 46 K to B 6 47 P to K 6 20 R to Q 3 31 P to K Kt 3 32 R to Q B 2 73 K to B 2 34 R (Q 3) to Q 2 35 K to B sq 36 K to Kt 2 37 K to B 2 38 P to Q B 4 49 39 K to B sq 41 P to B 5 42 P to B 5 44 P to B 6 45 P to B 7 44 P to B 6 45 P to B 7 46 K to K sq 47 R esigns,

NOTES.

(a) A poor move, at once getting him into difficulties. Castling was far better.
(b) P. takes P. en passent was the correct move. White's pawns now become very formidable.
(c) Mr. Teed plays all this very skillfully.
(d) Black's game is hopeless, and there is nothing to be done but sit. "like patience on a monument," and wait the end.

THE heat at St. Raphael will be long remembered by the inhabitants of that balmy clime. The forest of the Esterel abounds in game which had never been molested till ces diables of last mouth Lord Schisbury, with his voing son, and about thirty gentlemen, landed proprietors of the neighborhool, started forth to chase the wild boar. This description of hunis far more difficult, if not so dangerous, as the good old English foxbunt. The boar will lead his pursuers over miles and miles of ground, and sometimes -even after two or three day's chase -will be lost amid the fuzz and underwood of the unfrequented parts of the forest, so that the wild boar may be said to try the physical power and endurance of the huntsman far more than the stag or any other quarry.

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