A NEW plan for facilitating the small savings of the poor has been originated by the British postmaster-general. An official strip of paper, intended to hold twelve penny stamps is supplied. This, when full, the holder takes to the post-office and gets a savings-bank receipt for a shilling, the minimum deposit which it will pay the Post-Office Savings Bank to take.

THE BOSTON CELEBRATION .- The seventeenth of September was a gala day for Boston—the celebration of the two-hundred-and-liftieth anniversary of the founding of the city. The festivities began on the previous evening with a formal re-ception at Faneuil Hall of the guests of Boston. The old "cradle of liberty" was elaborately decorated and for two hours can immense and enthusiastic audience listened to the oratory of Mayor Prince, Mr. Winthrop, the Mayors of Charleston, St. John, and Ottawa, Secretary Evarts, Attorney-General Devens, and others, The day of the celebration was fair and bril-

liant, and the principal thoroughfares of Boston were crowded from morning till night by citizens and visitors. The route of the procession was lavishly decorated, and the views in the main avishly decorated, and the views in the main street, with the air full of gently waving bunting, and the spectators densely filling the pavement, the hundred of well-built stands, the windows, balconies, and even roofs, were truly inspiring, The old South Church was properly made a promineut centre of the celebration, and the scene of the set proceedings of the day. There Mayor Prince pronounced his oration—a scholarly and thoughtful effort that was much praised. The statue of John Winthrop had been placed

in position and uncovered without ceremony the previous afternoon. It represents the Governor clad in ancient garb, standing with his right hand holding the roll of the colony charter, and his left bearing the volume of the holy Scriptures. Behind him is shown the base of a newly-cut forest tree, with a rope attached, significant of fastening of the boat in which he may be supposed to have just reached the shore. The pedestal is of polished red granite, and bears appropriate inscriptions, which have been published. The base upon which the pedestal rests is of hammered Quincy granite. The figure is a duplicate of the statue placed by the State in the Capitol at Washington. Capitol at Washington.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal, -Papers to hand. Many thanks. E.D.W., Sherbrooke, P.Q.-Correct solution received of Problem No. 296.

M. J. M., Quebec .- Letter received. Thanks.

M. J. M., Queboc.—Letter received. Thanks.

On Saturday evening, the 2nd inst., the annual meeting of the Montreal Chess Club was held in the classroom at the Gymnasium, Mansfeld street, Dr. Howe, the President, in the chair. The constomary report was read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's statement handed in from which it appeared that the funds were in a satisfactory condition. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place with the following results:—President, H. A. Howe, Esq., LL.D.; Vice-Presidents, Thomas Workman, Esq., Principal Hicks: Secretary-Treasurer, John Henderson, Esq.; Council, John Barry, Esq., J. G. Ascher, Esq., — Baker, Esq. Club evenings for play—Tuesdays and Saturdays.

The routine business of the meeting having been brought to a conclusion, a discussion took place with reference to the operations of the club during the coming winter. It was uitimately decided that in the first place a tourney among the members should be arranged by a committee, which was duly organized, and in the second place, it was resolved that a communication should be opened with the officers of the Quebec Chess Club, with a view to the seeking of their co-operation in carrying out, during the chess season, a telegraphic tourney between the chessplayers of the Province of Quebec and those of the Province of Ontario.

Previously, however, to the passing of the latter resolution, a member of the Quebec Chess Club, who was present, was asked to give what he considered to be the views of that body on the subject, and he stated that he had every reason to believe that the proposal would be very willingly entertained by the whole of the members of his club.

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In recording the foregoing particulars, we must not forget to add that the past year of the Montreal Chess Club has been a satisfactory one. There has been a full attendance of players every club night, business affairs have been earried on in a methodical manner, the condition of the chass room has been all that could be desired and the bearde and ton hear kent in ardesired, and the boards and men have been kept in ex

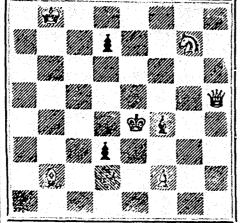
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These advantages (for such they should be esteemed) are due to the efficient manner in which the Secretary's duties have been performed by J. Henderson, Esq., and he has, we are sure, the thanks of the entire club on that account. The two tourney schemes which are proposed to be set on fout during the coming winter. proposed to be set on foot during the coming winter, show that the members of the club are alive to the importance of accomplishing something more than the ordinary contests among themselves, and if carried on successfully, they will go far to prove that chees in the Dominion of Canada is making as fair progress as in any other cost of North America. other part of North America.

Since writing the above we learn that an intimation of the contemplated telegraphic tourney between the players of the two Provinces has been most cordially received by the Quebec Club, and that immediate steps will be taken to open a correspondence on the subject with the Chessplayers of Ontario.

The London Sporting and Dramatic News of Sept. 11, referring to the report (which we fear is an unfounded one) that Captain Mackenzie is to have a weekly chess column in the New York Herald, has these pleasant words: "We are very pleased to learn that it is contemplated to open a chess column in the New York Herald under the editorship of Captain Mackenzie. We hope this project may be carried out. Few persons, if any, have higher qualifications for such a post as the American champion. He is not merely an excellent player, but also a master of chess in all its branches, a good linguist, a well-read historian and a perfect goultegood linguist, a well-read historian and a perfect gentle-man. It is worthy of the New York Herald, the journal which sent Stanley to discover Livingstone, to take the lead among the daily press in recognizing chees, and we wish it every success in its enterprise."—Turf, Fidl and

PROBLEM No. 298 By J. W. Abbott. BLACK.



White to play and mate in three moves

GAME 427TH.

Played in England, some time ago, between the Revd. J. Croker and Mr. A. E. Studd. The former gave the odds of pawn and move.

(Remove Black's K B P.)

White(Mr. A. E. Studd.)	Black (Mr. Croker.)
1. P to K 4	1. Kt to Q B 3
2. Kt to K B 3	2. P to K 4
3. Kt to B 3	3. Kt to B 3
4. P to K R 3	4. B to B 4
5. P to Q R 3	5. Castles
6. B to B 4 (ch)	C 17 4c 13 am
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. 8. B to K Kt 5	8. Kt to K 2
7. P to Q 3 8. B to K Kt 5 9. Kt to Q 5 10. B takes Kt	9. Q Kı takes Kt
10. B takes Kt	10, P to B3
9. R to K Kt 5 9. Kt to Q 5 10. B takes Kt 11. B to Kt 3 12. Kt to R 2 13. B to R 4 14. Kt to Kt 4 15. Kt to kt 4	11. Q to B 2
12. Kt to R 2	12. P to K R 3
13. B to R 4	13. B to Q 2
14. Kt to Kt 4	14. B to K ser
15. Ki takes Ki	15. P takes Kt
16. Q to B 3	16, Q to Kt 2
	17. B to Q 2
18. Q takes Q (ch)	lê. K takes Q
10. Castles (O.12)	19. P to K B 4
20. B to B 4	20. P to Kt4
21. 15 to U K 5 4	21. B to Q 5
22. B to R 2	22. P to Q R 4
23. B to K 7	23. K R to Q B sq
24. B takes P	24. R.P takes P
25. K Ptakes P	25. R takes P
26. B to Kt sq	26. B to B 6 (a)
And White	resigned.

(a) The termination is very pretty, and White cannot avoid the threatenened mate in four moves, except by the sacrifice of a piece.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 296. White. Black. 1. K to Q 4 2. K to B 5

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 294. WHITE. 1. Any move

PROBLEM FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 295. White

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White to play and mate in seven moves.

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