

THOUGHTS IN SADNESS.

While sorrowfully bewailing many inevitable things, completion comes and rounds off the rugged structure of our thoughts, and we begin to look forward with an easier heart, trusting and preparing for some noteworthy decision.

Hitherto the sad reality of strife has not come sufficiently home to us; we have dallied or spent the years according as they were given, and lately we have used them foolishly, deeming them of paltry concern, and fit for little work.

The ideal then is blessed, but to go forth in loneliness of heart seeking for something better than the present, is a task full of doubt, suffering and privation.

reasonable, worthy, or changeable turn up, let us cast ourselves to the winds, unprison ourselves wheresoever we may, but never return to those who have blasted the excellence of a fair beginning.

Prosaic heaviness consumes us and "sharp distress" is agonising—still move the days and we also; but of this miserable posture cometh no change. To be useful—this we earnestly expect and had looked for in spite of adverse things; but to be nominally useless is too straining, too severe a hardship at a responsible age; and we cannot but feel that after such lengthiness of viewless doings, we should be permitted to attain a more blissful repose.

Intolerable inaction at such an hour as this; to choose is less difficult than before, but to settle is the great question of dispute. True, the first stages of this matter are slow and of forced movement; but how else may we approach an easier position?

Ah! we are blinded by youth, by the desire for money and not for pure freedom, hence our infelicitous lodging. Stand we but two months more and call this a farewell; abide we within bounds during the last portions of the dying year, then, though assenting to the rule of serfship and manfully confessing our too highly praised season of imaginative splendour, we may depart, not as was projected, into the scenes of half-wearied attempts to prevail ultimately, but where, by relinquishing this terrible implement of thought, we may securely provide for ourselves, primarily and finally; where we may in a full existence prove the force of understanding, and fulfilling all doings, and grow into usefulness to all and entirely unto ourselves.

Clears the sky, but life is doomed to be quiet and our sulkiness finds no convenient repose. Moving, ever moving are we, and desirous of paid energies, and less forward as to indolence. Novelty, though least seen; attention, though at present least assured, bring at least with them the pleasing feature of independence in toil, which once made fast, nobler heights may be looked to. Thus it is in men that they consent on condition to accomplish their duties, all reasonably, but the day of deceit reveals only harshness and regret.

ascend from on high to low things—more excellent to have life freed from imaginary fears of man's evil intentions. If a man be set against us we have a remedy; we need not regard either himself or his thunderings; neither be mindful of his smiles nor frowns; let us do for ourselves in all matters of note or of obscure mention.

Decided, yet still irresolute, whither shall we flee that the ideal may be realized? To observe one set of men is painful, for they do but gather during the hours of dullness, and they are condemned to city darkness and confinement, least promising of all. And yet in spite of this, they are neither miserable nor wholly despondent. Again, there are those who are locomotive, and those who work out doors; these last, though undoubtedly healthy, prove heavy physical tasks, and the actual body labour all expended on the soil, and they are not unrewarded.

EDUCATION.—Many an unwise parent labours hard and lives sparingly all his life for the purpose of leaving enough to give his children a start in the world, as it is called. Setting a young man afloat with money left him by his relatives is like tying bladders under the arms of one who cannot swim; ten chances to one he will lose his bladders and go to the bottom.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Paper to hand. Thanks. Correct solution received of Problem No. 272.

T. S., St. Andrews, Manitoba.—Many thanks for the problem. Your solution of Problem No. 270 is correct; also your solution of Problem for Young Players No. 267.

E. D. W., Sherbrooke, P.Q.—In Problem No. 271 the Black King should be on his 4th sq. The Queen on this diagram is white. We give the author's solution below in three moves.

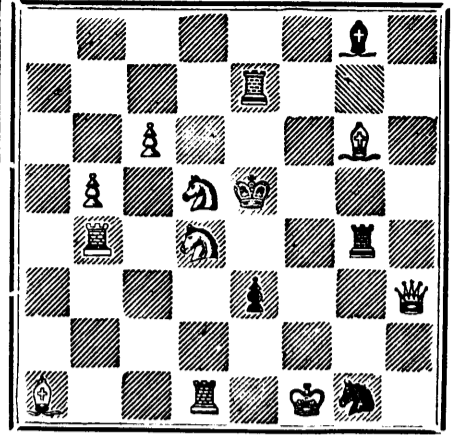
E. H., Montreal.—Solution received of Problem for Young Players No. 269. Correct.

We see from the Scotch papers that the members of the Glasgow Chess Club have purchased a challenge cup, and that they have made arrangements for a tourney for the purpose of determining the first holder of their trophy. The tourney will be open to any player resident in the West of Scotland.

It is currently reported that Captain Mackenzie, who for the last two weeks has been in Boston, has nearly, if not quite, completed arrangements in that city of a business and social nature which will compel him to make Boston his residence for the present.

The City of London Club's annual dinner took place recently, under the presidency of Mr. Gastineau, for the third time president of the club. It was, as usual, a success.

PROBLEM No. 273. By J. O. Howard Taylor. BLACK.



WHITE White to play and mate in two moves.

Notwithstanding that the following game and accompanying remarks have appeared in a large number of Chess Columns on both sides of the Atlantic, we are induced to insert them in our own this week, because we feel sure that every chessplayer will be glad to have a copy of them as they form an important part of the history of chess during the last fifty years.

GAME 403RD.

We give below the first game on record of the Evans Gambit, which was played at Brugge, between the ingenious inventor, Capt. Evans, and Mr. M'Donnell, the celebrated English champion of the period.

- White.—(Capt. Evans.) 1. P to K4 2. Kt to KB3 3. B to B4 4. Castles 5. P to QKt4 6. P to B3 7. P to Q4 8. Q to Kt3 9. Kt to Kt5 (a) 10. P takes P 11. B to R3 12. P to R3 13. K to B3 14. R to R sq 15. R takes Kt (ch) 16. Kt takes B P (c) 17. Q to Kt5 (ch) 18. Q takes K P (ch) 19. Q to K6 (ch) 20. B to Q6 mate.

NOTES.

- (a) Taking the Kt P with Q would have been bad play. (b) K Kt to R3 would have been safer. (c) This is very ingeniously conceived, for if Black makes the very obvious move of Kt takes Kt, and which 99 players out of 100 would have done, White would check with B at Kt 5, and mate in two moves; and if Black plays B takes Kt instead, White plays B takes B and also mates in two. (d) This looks threatening, but Q to B3 would have been safer.

SOLUTIONS

Solution of Problem No. 271.

In the diagram the K on Black's King's 4 square should be Black instead of White.

- WHITE. 1. R to Kt4 2. Q takes P (ch) 3. B mates

(a) If K to Q third, 2 Q to Q seventh (ch), etc.; and if B moves, then 2 B to B fourth (ch), and mates next move.

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 269.

- WHITE. 1. Q to KB8 2. Mates accordingly.

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 270.

(For the Canadian Illustrated News.)

By Thomas Sinclair, St. Andrews, Manitoba.)

- White. K at QR sq R at Q7 B at QR5 Bt K8 Kt at Q8 Pawns at Q2 K Kt 2 and 5

NIGHT-CAPS.

A well-known London doctor writes as follows to a morning paper, in reply to an American physician, who, in order to induce sleep, recommends half a tumbler or a tumbler full of one of the lighter French red wines, either Claret or Burgundy, before going to bed: "I am quite willing to allow that such a 'night-cap,' should it effect the desired end, is better than any drug or chemical, and yet is not without objection. I have been in the habit of using for some time as a soporific, a most admirable and successful 'night-cap,' against which no objection can be raised, and which, in a large number of cases, effects the desired end. Immediately before getting into bed, or better still, when in bed, take a breakfast cup of hot beef tea, that made from half a tea-spoonful of Liebig's Extract (Liebig Company's Extract of Meat) I find to be the best. This soothes and settles the stomach, allays brain excitement and induces sleep."