

CITY CHIMES.

A large number of society people have departed from the city for a time and in consequence things will be "slow" for their friends until their return. It is strange that the spring time should be chosen for this fitting, for once having passed through the month of March the weather begins to brighten and get warm and people who have good health are generally able to enjoy themselves—even in Halifax. We observe with regret that *Our Society* has spoken, on more than one occasion, very disrespectfully of our climate, and appears to be sceptical as to the arrival of a summer. Now, we may be prejudiced in its favor, but we wish it to be distinctly understood that we think the climate of Nova Scotia good enough for anyone, no matter where he hails from. Our summer certainly does not begin in May, but when it gets here about the middle of June nothing can be lovelier, and our autumns no one can impeach. We are here in a garrison, seaport city, and although we have unrivalled natural surroundings the true inwardness of a Nova Scotian summer and autumn can scarcely be appreciated until one goes away and spends a month or six weeks in the Annapolis Valley in the fruit season! Or if grander scenes are needed to awaken the admiration of the stranger, let him make a tour of Cape Breton or visit the interesting places on the Bay of Fundy and Minas Basin, where Blomidon and Cape Split stand as sentries that have awakened the Muse of a Longfellow, not to speak of other lesser bards. But after all, Halifax is charming, and to one who can call it "home" no other spot can equal it. The weather may not be always just as we wish it, and we are troubled with fog semi-occasionally—but even this has its good points for ladies tell us it is good for the complexion. Far be it from us then to blame what causes such a fresh glow upon the fair faces of our sisters and cousins and even our aunts. Many of the latter are living recommendations for the climate of Nova Scotia in general, and Halifax in particular. So let *Our Society* be more just in future, and remember that when it is sent to friends abroad disparaging remarks about the weather are not calculated to induce people to visit our shores. Our weather is not "quite English you know," but in our opinion it is much preferable, at any rate, to the kind they have been experiencing during the past four months in the tight little island. It is a well known fact that Canadians suffer dreadfully with cold when they visit England and are glad to get back to our own bright sunny land.

The Grau Opera Company continues to draw splendid houses and the season may be called very successful. "Fra Diavolo" was presented on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings to well pleased audiences. Miss Laurens was mis-ed sorely and we could not help wishing that she had put off her rest until some other time. Miss Maria Bell was charming as Zerlina and sang and acted in an equally acceptable manner, and Mr. Dunbar as "Fra Diavolo" deserves great praise. The part was far better suited to him than his role in the Gondoliers. His solo, "Young Agnes, beautiful flower," was exquisitely rendered and received an encore. The two bandits, Beppe and Giacomo, were as well acted as could be by Maurice Hageman and Seth M. Crano. They kept the audience in a perpetual ripple of laughter and when they read the letter from Fra Diavolo the climax of comicality was reached. We were glad, however, when Beppe retired into the background during the second rendering of the beautiful hymn to the Virgin. Burlesque was out of place among the kneeling peasants. Miss Gussie Broche as Lady Allcash was fair, and Victor de Lacey as Lord Allcash was extremely funny and brought out his "shocking, positively shocking!" with great effect. Last night "Ernimio" was the bill. It will be repeated this evening, and to-morrow evening. As this is over a popular opera no doubt the patrons of the academy will be present in force. Miss Laurens will again take part and the opera is cast to the full strength of the company. The company has decided to remain in Halifax ten days longer and will produce "The Chimes of Normandy" and "Olivette."

The Cambridge House School Magazine for February has just been laid on our table. We have scarcely had time to give it any attention owing to empty space, which has to be filled and which takes time. We found enough of that valuable commodity, however, to enable us to read Miss Stella Brown's composition on "The Morality of To-day," which is a remarkable production for one so young. Little Miss Brown must beware of seeing the soamy side of life too frequently for in spite of all that is mean and low and unworthy in the fashionable sea that surges around us, if we looked for it we will find that "good lies under and over" and that the Satan whom Milton represents as the inventor of fire-arms is the same Lucifer of whom Longfellow in the "Golden Legend" says:

It is Lucifer
The son of Mystery,
And since God suffers him to be,
He too labors for some good
By us not understood!

This quotation is from memory and we are not sure of its correctness, but the meaning is all right. There are true hearts and noble minds in the world to-day that scorn the petty meannesses of the common herd and strive to attain a goal in which money and public opinion have no part. There are other excellent articles in the magazine, which is under the editorial management of Mr. H. Bradford, assisted by a staff of five sub-editors.

The fifth subscription concert of the Orpheus Club series was given in Orpheus Hall last evening. Too late for us to write anything about it this week unfortunately.

Cards of invitation will shortly be issued for an inaugural reception on the occasion of the formal opening of the new wing of the Halifax School

for the Blind. The evening of Monday, April 27th, has been selected, and it is to be hoped that all our society folk will keep that date free.

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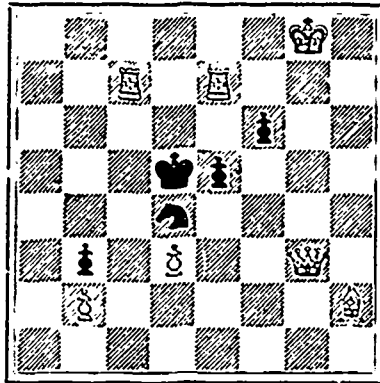
Correct solution of problem No. 59 received from R. H. C. and X

PROBLEM No. 62.

From the Montreal Gazette.

By T. Taverner, Bolton, England.

BLACK 5 pieces.



WHITE 7 pieces.

White to play and mate in two moves.

GAME No. 63.

Game played at Montreal in the Canadian Chess Association Tourney, January 9th, 1891, between A. T. Davison, of Toronto, and R. Short of Montreal.

TWO KNIGHTS DEFENCE.

- | WHITE.
Davison. | BLACK.
Short. |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 P to K4 | P to K4 |
| 2 Kt to KB3 | Kt to QB3 |
| 3 B to B4 | Kt to KB3 |
| 4 P to Q4 | P takes P |
| 5 Castles | Kt takes P |
| 6 R to K1 | P to Q4 |
| 7 B takes P | Q takes B |
| 8 Kt to QB3 a | Q to B5 b |
| 9 Kt takes Kt | B to K2 |
| 10 B to B4 | Kt to Q1 c |
| 11 Kt to K5 | Q to Kt5 |
| 12 Kt to Q3 | Q to Kt3 |
| 13 Q to R5 | Castles |
| 14 Kt to Kt5 | B takes Kt |
| 15 B takes B | Kt to K3 |
| 16 B to K7 d | R to K1 |
| 17 B to B5 | Q to Kt4 |
| 18 P to QR4 | Q to Q2 |
| 19 Kt to K5 e | Q to Q1 f |
| 20 Kt takes BP | Q to B3 g |
| 21 Kt to R6 ch | P takes Kt |
| 22 Q takes R ch | Kt to B1 |
| 23 QR to Q1 | Q to B2 |
| 24 R takes P | P to Kt3 |
| 25 B takes Kt | Q takes B |
| 26 R to Q8 | Q takes Q Black |
| 27 KR takes Q | Resigns. |

NOTES.

- a Up to here the opening is played according to the best authorities.
- b Q to KR4 would have been better, as at QB5 she is out of play.
- c Black's position is very unpromising.
- d This Bishop becomes a thorn in Black's game.
- e The effect of Black's eighth move is now apparent. There is but one square left on which to place his Queen. If he play P-Kt3 White takes Q with Kt, and on Kt's P taking White Queen, White checks with Kt at B6, winning a dead Rook, and if

Black Kt attacks White Queen at B5 White takes Queen with Kt winning immediately. The position here is very interesting and instructive. f The only move. g QQ2 would be better, this move loses at once.—The Week.

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