

tourney—the winner of the first three games in each pair to be the victor:—

1. Dr. Beaumont vs. G. L. Maddison, Esq.
2. Hon. W. Cayley vs. F. Cayley, Esq.
3. A. Leith, Esq., vs. W. Ransom, Esq.
4. G. Palmer, Esq., vs. J. Helliwell, Esq.

the player first-named in each pair having the right of choice of chessmen (*i. e.* color), and also of moving first in the opening game. On the completion of the several matches in this series the score stood thus:—

Dr. Beaumont, }	3
Mr. Maddison, }	1
Mr. W. Cayley, }	3
Mr. F. Cayley, }	1
Mr. Leith, }	1
Mr. Ransom, }	3
Mr. Palmer, }	1
Mr. Helliwell, }	3

The four defeated players being excluded from further participation in the contest.

The winners were again paired by lot in the same manner as before, and the result was—

1. Hon. W. Cayley, vs. Dr. Beaumont.
2. G. Palmer, Esq., vs. W. Ransom, Esq.

The number of games in this series was to be the same as in the former, and at the time we write, they had not been brought to a close.

We now proceed to give a selection of the games played in the first series, and next month we hope to give the best of those played in the second and final divisions.

First game between Messrs. Beaumont and Maddison.

(Sicilian Opening.)

WHITE (DR. B.)	BLACK (MR. M.)
1 P to K 4th.	P to Q B 4th.
2 K B to Q B 4th.	P to K 3d.
3 K Kt to B 3d.	Q Kt to B 3d.
4 P to Q B 3d.	K Kt to K 2d.
5 Castles.	K Kt to his 3d.
6 P to Q 4th.	P to Q 4th.
7 K P takes P.	K P takes P.
8 B to Q Kt 5th.	P to Q R 3d.
9 B to Q R 4th.	K B to Q 3d.
10 Q B to K 3d.	Q to her Kt 3d.
11 R to K sq.	Castles. (a)
12 P takes Q B P.	K B takes doubled P.
13 P to Q Kt 4th. (b)	K B takes B.
14 R takes B.	B to K 3d.
15 Q Kt to Q 2nd.	P to Q 5th.
16 P takes P.	Q Kt takes P.
17 P to Q R 3d.	Q R to Q sq.
18 Kt takes Kt.	R takes Kt. (c)
19 R to K 4th.	K R to Q sq. (d)
20 R takes R.	R takes R.
21 Q to her B 2nd. (e)	Q to her 3d.
22 Kt to K B 3d.	R to Q 6th.
23 P to K R 3d.	P to Q Kt 4th. (f)
24 R to Q sq.	Kt to K B 5th. (g)

25 R takes R.	Q takes R.
26 Q takes Q.	Kt takes Q.
27 B to Q B 2nd.	Kt to Q Kt 7th.
28 Kt to Q 2nd.	P to K R 3d.
29 K to B sq.	B to Q 4th.
30 P to K Kt 3d.	P to K Kt 4th.
31 B to K B 5th.	K to Kt 2nd.
32 B to Q B 3th.	B to K 3d.
33 B takes B. (h)	P takes B.

The game was prolonged for upwards of thirty more moves, and was finally won by Black.

Notes.

(a) Black would evidently have lost his Q if he had ventured to take the Q Kt P.

(b) Taking the Q P would have been disadvantageous for White.

(c) At this point the advantage in position is certainly in favor of Black.

(d) Better to have declined exchanging, and combined his forces for an attack on the adverse King's quarters.

(e) A necessary precaution against Black's next move, as White must otherwise have lost the Kt.

(f) He might here, we think, have safely taken the K R P.

(g) White's B is apparently in great danger, and yet we cannot discover how Black could have succeeded in capturing him. If Black had played his B instead of his Kt to support the R, and when White took R with R, retaken with the B, attacking the Q, the check White would have been able to give at Q B 5th would have allowed him to save the B.

(h) White acted unwisely in exchanging Bishops. Had he avoided doing so, he would probably have been able to win.

Fourth and last Game between Messrs. Palmer and Helliwell.

(Sicilian Opening.)

BLACK (MR. H.)	WHITE (MR. P.)
1 P to K 4th.	P to Q B 4th.
2 P to Q B 3d. (a)	P to K 3d.
3 K Kt to B 3d.	Q Kt to B 3d.
4 P to Q 4th.	P to Q 4th.
5 Q to her 3d. (b)	K Kt to B 3d.
6 P to K 5th.	K Kt to K 5th.
7 P to Q R 3d.	P to K B 3d.
8 Q Kt to Q 2d.	Kt takes Q Kt.
9 Q takes Kt.	P takes K P. (c)
10 P takes doubled P.	B to K 2d.
11 Q to K B 4th.	R to K B sq.
12 Q to K Kt 3d.	K to K B 2d. (d)
13 K B to Q 3d.	Kt to Kt sq.
14 Q B to K R 6th.	R to K B 2d.
15 Q B to K B 4th.	Q to K B sq.
16 Q to K R 3d.	P to K R 3d.
17 Q B to K Kt 5th. (e)	R takes Kt.
18 P takes R.	B takes B.
19 R to K Kt sq. (f)	Kt takes K P.
20 P to K B 4th.	Kt takes B. (ch)
21 Q takes Kt.	Q takes P.
22 R to K Kt 3d.	B to K R 5th.
23 R to K B 3d.	Q takes K R P.
24 K to his 2d.	P to Q Kt 3d.