

to be done with me and my narrative, pass on to the next chapter by all means!

Benjamin produced the Questions and Answers, and read them to me, at my request, in these terms:

"Questions suggested by the letter discovered at Gleninch. First Group: Questions relating to the Diary. First Question: In obtaining access to Mr. Macallan's private journal, was Miserrimus Dexter guided by any previous knowledge of its contents?"

"Answer.—It is doubtful if he had any such knowledge. The probabilities are that he noticed how carefully Mr. Macallan secured his Diary from observation; that he inferred therefrom the existence of dangerous domestic secrets in the locked-up pages; and that he speculated on using those secrets for his own purpose when he caused the false keys to be made."

"Second question.—To what motive are we to attribute Miserrimus Dexter's interference with the sheriff's officers, on the day when they seized Mr. Macallan's Diary, along with his other papers?"

"Answer.—In replying to this question, we must first do justice to Dexter himself. Infamously as we now know him to have acted, the man was not a downright fiend. That he secretly hated Mr. Macallan, as his successful rival in the affections of the woman whom he loved—and that he did all he could to induce the unhappy lady to desert her husband—are, in this case, facts not to be denied. On the other hand, it is fairly to be doubted whether he was additionally capable of permitting the friend who trusted him to be tried for murder, through his fault, without making an effort to save the innocent man. It had naturally never occurred to Mr. Macallan (being guiltless of his wife's death) to destroy his Diary and his letters, in the fear that they might be used against him. Until the prompt and secret action of the Fiscal took him by surprise, the idea of his being charged with the murder of his wife was an idea which we know, from his own statement, had never even entered his mind. But Dexter must have looked at the matter from another point of view. In his last wandering words (spoken when his mind broke down) he refers to the Diary in these terms, 'The Diary will hang him; I won't have him hanged.' If he could have found his opportunity of getting at it in time—or if the sheriff's officers had not been too quick for him—there can be no reasonable doubt that Dexter would have himself destroyed the Diary, foreseeing the consequences of its production in Court. So strongly does he appear to have felt these considerations that he even resisted the officers in the execution of their duty. His agitation when he sent for Mr. Playmore to interfere was witnessed by that gentleman, and (it may not be amiss to add) was genuine agitation beyond dispute."

(To be concluded next week.)

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. H. P. Whitby.—Communication received. "Student," Montreal.—Correct solution of Problem No. 10 received.

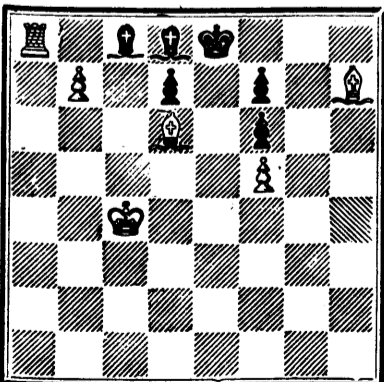
O. Trempe, Montreal.—Correct solution of Problem for Young Players No. 9 received.

The two Universities of England, Oxford and Cambridge, are making arrangements for their usual University match. The Cambridge club is selecting its team from the players engaged in an even tournament of eleven competitors. Oxford has availed itself of the able coaching of the renowned Herr Steinitz, who, if he infuses some of his skill into the club, will be doing it no small service. It is arranged that the match shall be played on the Friday evening preceding the boat race. In this way, both mind and muscle will have an opportunity of exhibiting, at the same time, the result of good practice and preparation.

PROBLEM No. 12.

By J. Henderson (St. Liboire), Montreal.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to mate in four moves.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 10.

WHITE.

- 1. Q to K R 2nd
2. B to Q Kt 2nd
3. B mates.

(A)

- 1. Q to K R 2nd
2. Q takes K Kt P
3. Q takes Kt mate.

BLACK.

- 1. P takes Q (a)
Any move.

- 1. Kt to Q B 5th
2. K R P one.

Solution of Problem for Young Players.

No. 9.

WHITE.

- 1. Q to Q Kt 3rd (ch)
2. Kt to Kt 5th (ch)
3. Q to K R 3rd (ch)
4. Q takes Q (ch) Mate.

BLACK.

- 1. Kt to Q B 5th (best)
2. Q takes Kt
3. Q interposes.

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS.—No. 10.

WHITE.

- K at K R sq
Q at Q B 8th
Kt at K Kt 5th
Pawns at K's 5th and
Q B's 3rd

BLACK.

- K at Q's 4th

White, playing first, mates in three moves.

GAME 17th.

Between two leading members of the Montreal Chess Club.

Evans's Gambit.

WHITE.

- 1. P to K 4th
2. K Kt to B 3rd
3. K B to B 4th
4. P to Q Kt 4th
5. P to Q B 3rd
6. P to Q 4th
7. Castles
8. P takes P
9. Q Kt to B 3rd
10. P to Q 5th
11. Kt takes Kt
12. K to R sq
13. B to Q R 3rd
14. Q to Q Kt 3rd
15. Q R to Q sq
16. R takes B
17. P to K 5th
18. P to K 6th
19. P takes P
20. Kt to K 4th
21. P to K B 4th
22. P to K B 5th
23. B to Q 3rd
24. B takes Kt
25. P takes Q
26. B to Q R 3rd
27. B to Q Kt 2nd
28. P takes B
29. Kt to Q B 5th
30. P to Q Kt 4th
31. K to Kt sq
32. Kt to Q Kt 3rd
33. R to K sq
34. R to K 4th
35. K to B 2nd
36. K to K 2nd
37. B takes P
38. B to Q B 2nd
39. B to Q B 5th and wins

BLACK.

- P to K 4th
Q Kt to B 3rd
K B to Q B 4th
B takes P
B to R 4th
P takes P
P to Q 3rd
B to Q Kt 3rd
P to K R 3rd
Kt to K 4th
P takes Kt
K Kt to B 3rd
B to Q 5th
Q to Q 2nd
P to Q R 3rd
P takes R
Kt to K Kt sq
P takes P
Q to Q sq
Kt to K 2nd
Castles
P to Q Kt 4th
Q to Q 4th (a)
Q takes Q
K R to K sq
Q R to Q Kt sq
B takes P (b)
R takes P
R to Q 3rd
Q R to K sq
Q R to Q sq
R to Q 4th
K to B 2nd
Q R to Q 3rd
Q R to A B 3rd (ch)
P to Q 3rd
P to K Kt 4th
Q R to Q B 3rd

- (a) Black gives up a piece to destroy the attack.
(b) Trusting to his Rooks and Pawns for a chance of the draw.

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