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S. GRANVILLE. — Correct. The solution of problem 93 is incomplete without your variation, which is certainly a fine one that we had entirely overlooked. But you leave it at a critical stage. Complete the play showing a sound draw and you will be entitled to 4 points—one for the correction and three for the best solution as promised.

It is seldom that we have the opportunity of recording any checker playing in Halifax. Therefore we take much pleasure in giving the scores made last week at a sitting between Messrs. T. B. Lynch of Shubenacadie, John Forsyth of Dartmouth and P. O'Hearn, Frank Hamilton and W. Forsyth of Halifax. The games resulted as follows.—  
O'Hearn 2, Hamilton 2—total 4  
O'Hearn 1, Lynch 1—“2  
J. Forsyth 0, Lynch 3—“3  
W. Forsyth 3, Lynch 1—“4  
W. Forsyth 2, O'Hearn 0 drawn 2—“4  
Totals, W. Forsyth 5, Lynch 5, O'Hearn 3, Hamilton 2, J. Forsyth 0, drawn 2. Grand total played 17.

#### SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 98.—The position was:—  
black men 2, 10, 12, kg. 17; white men 18, 19, 20, kg. 9; black to play, what result?

17—14 14—10 22—26 10—6  
9 6 6 2 11 8 7 2

2—9 13—17 26—31 6—9  
18 15 20 16 8 3 19 15  
9—13 17—22 31—27 drawn.  
15 6 16 11 2 7

PROBLEM 99.—The position was:—  
black men 2, 5, 16, kg. 22; white men 6, 9, 14, 18, 31; white to move and win.

31 27 15—6 22 18 19—26  
22—15 1 17 16 19 22 31  
14 10 2—7 18 22 white  
5—14 17 22 10—15 wins.  
6 1 7—10 27 23

#### GAME XXII

Being the second game in the recent Inter-Provincial match between Messrs. Gaskin and Forsyth.

Notes by Mr. Forsyth.

#### GASKIN'S MOVE.

11—15 14—21 12—19 19—23  
23 19 23 5 23 16 3 7  
8—11 15—18 30—23 23—26  
22 17 26 23 16 12 29 25  
4—8 b. 3—8 7—10 26—30  
17 13 23 14 12 3 25 21  
15—18 10—17 23—27 30—26  
24 20 32 28 3 7 7 2  
11—15 6—9 11—16 20—16  
28 24 13 6 20 11 c. 2 6  
8—11 2—9 27—20 17—22  
26 23 27 23 11 8 10 17  
9—14 9—14 10—15 1—10  
31 26 30 26 7 10 17 14  
a. 5—9 21—30 15—19 10—17  
21 17 19 16 8 3 21 14

drawn.

a.—This line of the Old Fourteenth has been considerably analysed and I thought that I knew something about it, but Mr. Gaskin's subsequent play was a revelation to me.

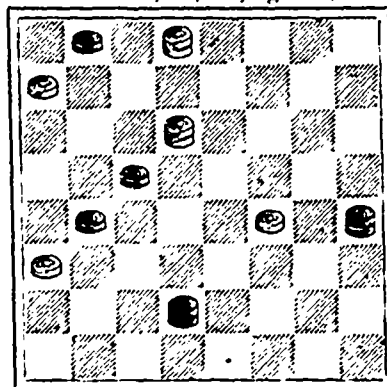
b.—The deviation from analysed play here commences. Will any of

our contemporaries inform us if it has ever before been published?

c.—At this point it rapidly ran through my mind that I had a win by 28 24, 16—20, 24 19, 20—24, 10 7 24—15, 7 10, etc., but, before playing, in retracing the work the position after the third move, 24 19, looked dangerous and I decided to abandon that line. We now give the position as

#### PROBLEM No. 102.

Black men 1, 14, 17, kgs. 20, 26



White men 5, 19, 21, kgs. 2, 10  
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