

THE rising young artist, Miss Amy Black, has just painted an excellent portrait of the Marquis of Lorne, K. P., on a plaque.

M. CHARLES WALTNER, the accomplished etcher, is about to produce a series of engraved plates after choice female portraits by Reynolds, Romney, and Gainsborough.

THE Queen will lend to the next winter Exhibition of Old Masters—which is to include their studies as well as their finished works—the great collection of Raphael and Michael Angelo drawings, generally held in privacy at Windsor.

Mr. F. LEIGHTON, R.A., will send to this year's Royal Academy Exhibition a large picture (figures full life size) of the angel ministering to Elijah in the wilderness, the prophet asleep in an attitude of weariness; the man of God places wine and bread by his head, and gazes at him.

THE sensation picture of Gabriel Max, which is at present exciting attention in Germany, is a large work now being exhibited at the Austrian Art Union. It is called "The Child-Murderess," and represents a mother with the little baby whom she has loved and killed in her arms, crouching in a desolate place by the side of a stream and giving the little bleeding head one passionate kiss before throwing it into the water.

THE Baroness Adolphe de Rothschild has just purchased two splendid works of art, found at Venice in an old palace, where they were lying unknown to everyone. They are two groups in bronze, of about a metre and a half in length, attributed to Michael Angelo.

AMONG the contributions of Mr. Millais to the Royal Academy this year will be the following:—"The Sons of Edward IV. in the Tower." They are seen descending a staircase, and the incident is carefully chosen, so as not to provoke comparison with the celebrated picture by Paul Delaroche in the Luxembourg.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Many thanks for several acceptable communications.

Student, Montreal.—Correct solution of Problem No. 168 received.

J. W., Montreal.—Such a notice is not required by the rules of Chess.

E. H., Montreal.—Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 165 received. Correct.

B., Montreal.—The game shall be looked over.

Saxon, Montreal.—Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 165 received. Correct.

Amateur, Montreal.—The problem shall be looked over.

Mr. Cochrane, whose death we noticed in our last Column, was a player whose career extended over a period of sixty years, and who, up to the last day of his life, which was prolonged to his eightieth year, manifested an ardent love for his favourite amusement.

After another visit to India, about eight years ago he returned to England, full of years, but still able to enjoy the pleasures of the Royal game.

Mr. Cochrane, as a player, was a great favourite with amateurs, and from the brilliancy of his attack, and the interesting positions which abound in his contests, they are greatly prized by those who make a study of the game.

It is not often in speaking of the career of one of our great players that we can say, that at one period of his life he was an associate of Deschappelles and Labourdonnais, at another of Staunton and Lowenthal, and yet that only a few days ago he was a daily visitor at one of the London Chess Clubs.

In the last number of the Field we learn the results of Mr. Blackburne's recent contest played blindfold and simultaneously against eight of the strongest players of the Metropolitan Clubs. The fight took place at Moffet's Hotel, London, and was witnessed by a large assemblage of Chess celebrities, Mr. Bird, our recent visitor, being one of the number.

His ingenuity, however, and fertility of resource became apparent as the games proceeded, and he finally succeeded in scoring seven and drawing the other.

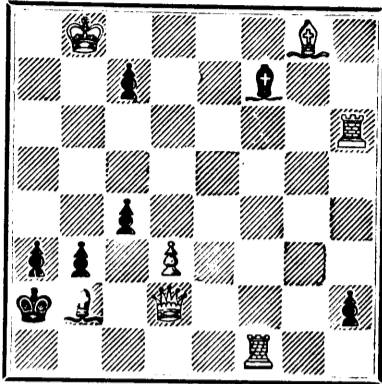
The end games in this encounter, we learn, were very excellent, and riveted the attention of the spectators. We hope to be able to publish some of these games in our Column in a few days.

We are informed, also, by the Field, that active preparations are being made for the Inter-University Chess Match, which is to take place on the 11th of the present month.

The players have been invited by the members of the St. George's Chess Club, London, to use their rooms for the match, and they have accepted the offer. This contest appears to gain importance every year, and is becoming one of the noticeable events of the season.

PROBLEM No. 169.

By J. HENDERSON, Montreal. BLACK.



WHITE

White to play and mate in three moves.

CHESS IN ENGLAND.

(From the Glasgow Evening News.) GAME 252ND.

The following brilliant Evans' Gambit was played last month at the Grimsby, (Eng.) Chess Club.

WHITE—(Mr. G. W. Kirke.) BLACK—(Mr. G. Smith.)

- 1. P to K 4 2. Kt to K B 3 3. B to B 4 4. P to Q Kt 4 5. P to Q B 3 6. Castles 7. P to Q 4 8. Q P takes P 9. Kt takes Kt 10. Q R to Kt sq 11. Q to Q 5 12. Q B to K Kt 5 13. Kt takes K B 14. Q R to K sq 15. Q R takes Kt (ch) 16. K R to K sq 17. R takes K P (ch) 18. R takes B (ch) 19. Q takes Q 20. R to K 7 (dbl. ch) 21. Q to Q Kt 5

From the 11th move White plays the game very skillfully.

CHESS IN AUSTRALIA.

(From the Adelaide Observer.) GAME 253RD.

This brilliant little game was played some time ago between the Treasurer and the Custodian of the Adelaide Chess Club.

- WHITE. Mr. R. M. Steele. BLACK. Mr. W. F. Bertram. Hampe or Vienna Opening. (Remove White's Queen's Rook.) 1. P to K 4 2. Kt to Q B 3 3. P to K B 4 4. P takes Q P 5. Kt to K 4 6. Kt to K B 3 7. B to Q B 4 (best) 8. Castles 9. Kt to Kt 3 10. B to B 7 (ch) 11. B to R 5 12. P to Q 4 13. Kt takes P 14. Kt takes P 15. Kt takes P 16. R takes Kt (a) 17. R takes B (ch) 18. Q to Kt 4 (ch) 19. P to B 4 (ch) 20. P to B 5 (ch) (b) 21. Q takes B 22. Q takes B P 23. Q to Q 7 (ch) 24. Q to Kt 4

Drawn by perpetual check.

NOTES.

- (a) Ingenious play. (b) Bad. Kt to B 7 (ch) wins.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 167.

We must withhold the solution of this difficult position until we have the author's permission to publish it. We have received no solution, as yet, from our correspondents.

Solution of Problem for Young Players, No. 165.

This problem requires four moves for its solution instead of three.

- WHITE. 1. Q to K 5 2. Q to K 2 (ch) 3. B to K sq (ch) 4. Q to Q B 4 mate

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS NO. 166

- WHITE. K at K Kt 6 Q at K R 3 Kt at Q B 5 Pawns at Q 3 K R 2 and Q Kt 5

White to play and mate in two moves.

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