

sheds, whirling down haystacks! People dropped on their knees; the cattle moaned and bellowed in their stalls.

"It surely is!" said the sexton, groping his way to the casement.

Then he gave a loud cry, for before him, clear to the other side of the green, was space.

"Alack, man! what is it?" cried his wife.

"The village oak is down! It's down! Woe, woe, then, to the Trevors!" he answered.

Woe, indeed!

The next morning broke calm and glorious. The wind sobbed gently, as if repentant for the havoc it had done; but gloom rested over the village, as the people grouped about the fallen monarch.

"Who'll tell the Squire?" whispered the sexton.

Who?

Stay! Who were these coming yonder?

Servants in the Trevor livery, hastily put on, and bearing something between them!

As they drew near the oak, the villagers gathered round; and the sexton, as usual, first.

It was a man, pale and still, they carried.

"The Squire!" cried the sexton, throwing up his arms.

It was so.

His horse, shivering and foam-flecked, had been found outside the stable-door that morning, riderless. The servants, alarmed, had started in search, and found Marmaduke Trevor dead on the road.

Which fell first, none knew; but the sexton always affirmed that it was the oak of the village.

E. W. P.

VARIETIES.

LONGFELLOW.—Longfellow, the poet, donies himself, it is said, to none of the numberless visitors who end their way to his home at Cambridge, and he is consequently overrun with them. Among these are persons he never heard of, and many who are not so agreeable as they might be. The poet's house is actually besieged on some days, and his friends wonder when he finds leisure to study and write. They try to persuade him to withhold himself in a measure from the general public; but he replies that it would be unkind not to see people who take the trouble to visit him. The very idea of being unkind to any human creature seems so monstrous that he cannot entertain it for a moment. He has the gift of sympathy to an unlimited degree, and his host of visitors enjoy the ample benefit of it.

AN ANTIQUARY.—The Paris papers announce the arrival in France, of Sir Richard Copt, whom Sir Charles Dilke has invited to pass a few days at the residence near Toulon, hired by the latter. Sir Richard Copt possesses one of the notable fortunes of Great Britain, and is distinguished by his taste for antiquities and historical objects. Some years ago he went to law with a dealer in curiosities, from whom he had purchased, for the sum of thirty thousand francs, a dagger said to be that with which King Henri III. of France was murdered. After an interview with the celebrated historian, Michelet, Sir Richard Copt saw reason to doubt the authenticity of this weapon, and his suit against the dealer is still pending. The *Evening Post* adds to the information above the interesting little detail that Sir Richard Copt has also succeeded in obtaining the six balls shot at Lord Montmorres.

A STRANGE SUIT.—A queer lawsuit will shortly come before the Paris courts. Some time after his marriage the Marquis appeared to be suffering from weakness of the brain, and on a simple certificate signed by a doctor he was shut up in a private lunatic asylum in the suburbs of Paris. He had been there nine years when he was at last helped to escape by his brother. The Marquis has reached the German frontier, and is now awaiting the result of the inquiry which has been instituted by his brother. The Marquis will then demand a separation in order to deprive his wife of the guardianship of his children and of the management of his fortune, of which she has become possessed owing to his sequestration. The case will probably call public attention to the ridiculous law which enables a man to be shut up in a lunatic asylum and his property to be sequestrated merely on the presentation of a certificate signed by a medical man.

LONGEVITY AND GREATNESS.—The following list of distinguished men, showing the age attained by each, is given by the Editor, and will be read with interest by those who are curious in such matters:

Tasso	51	Galileo	76
Virgil	52	Swift	78
Shakspeare	52	Roger Bacon	78
Moliere	53	Cornielle	78
Dante	56	Thucydides	80
Pope	56	Juvenal	80
Ovid	57	Young	80
Horace	57	Plato	81
Racine	59	Buffon	81
Demosthenes	59	Goethe	82
Lavater	60	West	82
Galvani	61	Franklin	84
Boccaccio	62	Metastasio	84
Fenelon	63	Herschell	84
Aristotle	63	Newton	85
Cuvier	64	Voltaire	85
Milton	66	Halley	86
Rousseau	66	Sophocles	90
Erasmus	69	Leuwenhoeck	92

Cervantes	60	Hans Sloan	93
Dryden	70	Whiston	95
Petrarch	70	Michael Angelo	96
Linnaeus	71	Titian	96
Locke	73	Herodias	100
Reanmur	75	Fontenelle	100

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Papers to hand. Many thanks. Student, Montreal.—Correct solution received of Problem No. 298.

J. H. H. & W. H., Chicago, U.S.—Correct solution received of Problem No. 300.

R., Hamilton.—Letter received. Thanks.

E. D. W., Sherbrooke, P.Q.—Correct solution received of Problem No. 300.

The disputes which have occurred during the past few months in connection with chess matches and problem tournaments must have been very unpalatable to the true chessplayer, who would prefer to see matters relating to his favourite game glide along with the tranquillity which usually reigns when two contestants of about equal strength are carrying on a game in some quiet corner of a club room. If there is to be excitement, however, occasionally in connection with a pastime which is proverbially peaceful and undemonstrative, let it be of the nature of that which showed itself at the meeting which took place recently at the City of London Chess Club, and which was held by the members of that society for the purpose of celebrating the birthday of one of their players, as we learn from a recent number of *Land and Water*. Mr. C. Murton, the gentleman thus honoured by his confreres, completed his 90th year on the 20th of October, 1880. A large number of chess-players of the metropolis attended in order to congratulate the veteran player on the termination of another year of an unusually long life, and at the supper which formed part of the evening's entertainment, his health was drunk with enthusiasm.

In reply, Mr. Murton, in a clear and vigorous voice, thanked the members of the club, and took occasion to praise the game of chess as, not only an innocent amusement, but one which strengthened the mind, and led to many firm friendships. We are told, also, that during the evening Mr. Murton played two games of chess in which he showed he was still able to hold his own over the chequered board.

The following account of a chess match played a few days ago between Toronto and Hamilton, we copy from the *Toronto Mail* of the 4th inst. We are happy to see such an evidence of chess life and vigour in Ontario, and trust that something of the same nature will soon manifest itself in other parts of the Dominion.

CHESS.

TORONTO VS. HAMILTON—TORONTO VICTORIOUS.

A match between the Hamilton and Toronto Chess Clubs took place in this city at the Mechanics' Institute yesterday. In addition to the usual team the Hamiltonians availed themselves of the services of Leopold Schull, of Guelph, and the Torontos were equally fortunate in securing the help of Mr. W. Braithwaite, of Unionville. These gentlemen have recently been elected honorary members of the respective clubs. After a little delay, caused by the non-arrival of some of the contestants, play was commenced. The first game was won by Toronto, Mr. Gibson making Dr. Uxall on the thirty-third move. Mr. Schull was the next victor, and immediately before adjourning for lunch Mr. Taylor, of Hamilton, resigned his first game. After lunch, play was resumed, and after a few moves, Mr. Gordon secured his game from Mr. Robertson. Then followed Messrs. Gibson, Littlejohn, Stark, Hirschberg, and Phillips, all winning for Toronto, while Mr. Kiteon succeeded in vanquishing Mr. Northcote, making one more for Hamilton. Mr. Braithwaite was the next to announce a mate, against Mr. Schull, and the match was finished by Messrs. Robertson and Case, of Hamilton, winning their second games. Owing to want of time the second game between Messrs. Phillips and Judd was not commenced, and the last game between Messrs. Northcote and Kiteon was unfinished, and declared a draw by mutual consent. The following is the score:

Toronto.		Hamilton.	
Braithwaite	1	Schull	1
Gordon	1	Robertson	1
Stark	1	Stevens	0
Northcote	0	Kiteon	1
Gibson	2	Dr. Ryall	0
Littlejohn	2	Taylor	0
Phillips	1	Judd	0
Hirschberg	1	Case	1
Total	10 1/2	Total	4 1/2

NEW CHESS CLUB.—A number of young men, employed in law offices in this city, have formed themselves into a chess club, which has been named "The Victoria." Being all good players, they are considering the advisability of challenging the Montreal Club to play a friendly game.

The above which appeared in the *Montreal Daily Star* on the 11th inst., will be interesting to chessplayers of that city.

PROBLEM No. 303.

By A. Townsend, Newport, Monmouthshire W.

BLACK.

WHITE.

White to play and mate in two moves.

GAME 432ND.

Played by telegraph in Australia, on November 23rd, 1878.

Adelaide.		Moonta Mines.	
White.—(Mr. W. Melvin.)	Black.—(Mr. E. Fellowes.)	White.—(Mr. W. Melvin.)	Black.—(Mr. E. Fellowes.)
1. P to K 4	1. P to K 4	1. P to K 4	1. P to K 4
2. Kt to KB 3	2. Kt to QB 3	2. Kt to KB 3	2. Kt to QB 3
3. B to B 4	3. B to B 4	3. B to B 4	3. B to B 4
4. Castles	4. Kt to B 3	4. Castles	4. Kt to B 3
5. P to Q 3	5. Castles	5. P to Q 3	5. Castles
6. B to K R 5	6. P to Q 3	6. B to K R 5	6. P to Q 3
7. B takes Kt	7. Q takes B	7. B takes Kt	7. Q takes B
8. Kt to B 3	8. B to K 3	8. Kt to B 3	8. B to K 3
9. Kt to Q 5	9. B takes Kt	9. Kt to Q 5	9. B takes Kt
10. B takes B	10. Kt to K 3	10. B takes B	10. Kt to K 3
11. P to Q R 3	11. P to B 3	11. P to Q R 3	11. P to B 3
12. B to R 2	12. Kt to K 3	12. B to R 2	12. Kt to K 3
13. B takes Kt	13. P takes B	13. B takes Kt	13. P takes B
14. Q to K 2	14. Q R to K	14. Q to K 2	14. Q R to K
15. P to Q Kt 4	15. B to Kt 3	15. P to Q Kt 4	15. B to Kt 3
16. P to B 3	16. P to Q 4	16. P to B 3	16. P to Q 4
17. R to R 2 (Q R K)	17. P to Q R 3	17. R to R 2 (Q R K)	17. P to Q R 3
18. P takes P	18. K P takes P	18. P takes P	18. K P takes P
19. Q to Q 2	19. P to K 5	19. Q to Q 2	19. P to K 5
20. P takes P	20. P takes P	20. P takes P	20. P takes P
21. Q to Kt 5	21. P takes Kt	21. Q to Kt 5	21. P takes Kt
22. Q takes Q	22. R takes Q	22. Q takes Q	22. R takes Q
23. P to Kt 3	23. R to R 3	23. P to Kt 3	23. R to R 3
24. Q R to R	24. R to K 7	24. Q R to R	24. R to K 7
25. P to K R 4	25. R takes R	25. P to K R 4	25. R takes R
26. Q R to B	26. R to K 3	26. Q R to B	26. R to K 3
27. R takes R	27. P to B 4	27. R takes R	27. P to B 4
28. P to B 4	28. R to K 2	28. P to B 4	28. R to K 2
29. R to Kt	29. P takes P	29. R to Kt	29. P takes P
30. R to Kt 3	30. P takes P	30. R to Kt 3	30. P takes P
31. P takes P	31. P to Q R 4	31. P takes P	31. P to Q R 4
32. P to B 5	32. B to R 2	32. P to B 5	32. B to R 2
33. P takes P	33. B takes P	33. P takes P	33. B takes P
34. R takes K B P	34. R to Q B 2	34. R takes K B P	34. R to Q B 2
35. K to Kt 2	35. B to Kt 3	35. K to Kt 2	35. B to Kt 3
36. R to B 5	36. B takes P	36. R to B 5	36. B takes P
37. R to B 4	37. B takes P	37. R to B 4	37. B takes P
38. P to Kt 4	38. P to Kt 5	38. P to Kt 4	38. P to Kt 5
39. P to Kt 5	39. P to Kt 6	39. P to Kt 5	39. P to Kt 6
40. R to K 4	40. P to Kt 6	40. R to K 4	40. P to Kt 6
41. R to K 8 (ch)	41. K to B 2	41. R to K 8 (ch)	41. K to B 2
42. R to Q Kt 2	42. R to B 6	42. R to Q Kt 2	42. R to B 6
43. R to Kt 5	43. B to B 2	43. R to Kt 5	43. B to B 2
44. R to Kt 7	44. K to Kt 3	44. R to Kt 7	44. K to Kt 3
45. R to Kt 5	45. K to R 4	45. R to Kt 5	45. K to R 4
46. R to Kt 4	46. B to K 4	46. R to Kt 4	46. B to K 4
47. R to Kt 5	47. B to Q 5	47. R to Kt 5	47. B to Q 5
48. P to B 3	48. R to Q 6	48. P to B 3	48. R to Q 6
49. K to Kt 3	49. P to Kt 7	49. K to Kt 3	49. P to Kt 7

And White resigns.

SOLUTIONS

Solution of Problem No. 301

White.	Black.
1. Q to Q Kt sq	1. K takes R (a)
2. Q to K Kt sq (ch)	2. K moves.
3. B mates	(a) 1. K to Q 3, or Q B 3, or P to K 4.
	2. Anything

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 299

WHITE.	BLACK.
1. Q to K R 7	1. Any move
2. Mates acc.	

PROBLEM FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 300.

White.	Black.
K at K 7	K at Q 4
R at K B 7	R at K B 4
B at K Kt 6	R at K Kt 4
B at K B 5	B at K R 5
Kt at Q 2	Pawns at K B 5 and K Kt 6
Kt at Q 8	
Pawns at K 2, K Kt 2, and Q 4	

White to play and mate in two moves.

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