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

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Letter received. Many Thanks. Student, Montreal.—The position is incorrect. E. H., Montreal.—Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 188 received. Correct.

THE DOMINION CHESS ASSOCIATION TOURNEY.

The Tourney of the recent Dominion Chess Association Congress has not yet been brought to a conclusion, and we regret it for one or two reasons. In the first place, the freshness of the affair has worn off, and the friends of the game are losing their interest in the contest. In the second place, the true character of a Tourney consists, we conceive, in the encounters being carried on in the same locality, whatever may be their nature, and their connection and order so closely preserved, as to maintain, as far as possible, the uniformity of the whole proceedings.

We are aware, however, that these things were impracticable both as regards the Tourney of last year, and that of which we are now speaking, still, it would have been better had it been otherwise.

Another point to be noticed is this, that at a contest of this nature the competitors come, or ought to come, prepared for the work in hand, and anxious to give it both the energy which it requires, and also, the time necessary to ensure a fair prospect of success, but when the business of the contest is protracted, in such a way as to lead to more important matters presenting themselves for consideration, it is not surprising if the latter part of the contest should lack much of that vigour and correctness which characterized its inception. No blame can be attached to any one in the present Tourney. The regulations proposed at the opening meeting have been carried out, and the players, there can be no doubt, have given all the facilities in their power in order to shorten the match and bring it to a close, we cannot resist saying, however, that at the next Tourney such arrangements should be made as were found to answer so well for the late Paris Tourney, especially the regulation which seems to have brought the whole of the contest to a conclusion within the shortest possible time after its commencement.

We copy from Land and Water the following particulars connected with the Counties Chess Association Tourney, a contest which is annually looked upon with much interest by Chessplayers in England.

The first prize in the Challenge Cup Tournament of the Counties Chess Association was won by Mr. Thorold in the finest possible style, for of the twelve games played by him he won all save one, and that was drawn, so that his score was 11. The second prize was carried off by the Rev. C. E. Ranken, with a score of 7. Messrs. Jenkin and F. S. Ensor were 7 each, and they thus made a tie for the third and fourth prizes. The next in order was Professor Wayte, whose total was 6 points.

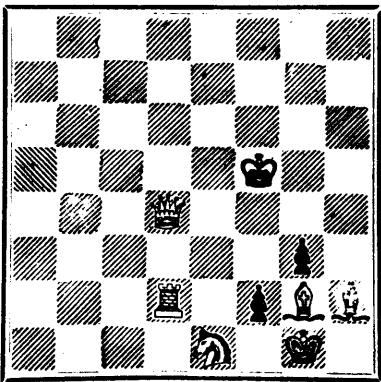
A Chess Club in connection with Edinburgh University has been lately organized. At present there are forty-three members, including three professors, and several medical men. The Club meets every Saturday evening, and the President is Mr. W. H. Shireff. —Huddersfield College Magazine.

The constitution of the Detroit Chess Association begins with the following preamble: "We deem the game of chess to be both moral and instructive; a discipline to the mind and a recreation for the body; a game whose influences are for good and against evil; whose literature is an honour to all in the world, and whose subtle combinations are an endless source of enjoyment to all lovers of intellectual pastimes." Its officers are: Don C. Rogers, President; Lyman A. Brant, Recording Secretary, and M. H. Allard, Treasurer. —Globe-Democrat, St. Louis, U.S.

PROBLEM No. 192.

By W. A. SHINKMAN.

BLACK.



WHITE

White to play and mate in two moves.

INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY GAME. GAME 295TH.

(From the Hartford (Conn.) Times.

Played in the International Correspondence Tourney between L. S. Atkinson, of Tilton, N.H., and Henry Waight, of England.

WHITE.—(Atkinson.) BLACK.—(Waight.)

- 1. P to K 4 2. K Kt to B 3 3. B to B 4 4. P to Q Kt 4 5. P to B 3 6. Castles 7. P to Q 4 8. P takes P (b) 9. Q to Q 3 10. Q to Q 5 11. B to R 3 12. P to Kt 3 (c) 13. Q Kt to Q 2 14. Q to Q 3 15. Kt to K 4 16. P takes P 17. Q to Q 5 18. Q to K B 5 19. Kt to Q 6 20. Q to K R 5 21. Q B to B 1 22. B to R 6 (ch) 23. Kt to R 4

And White announced mate in eight (8) moves.

THE SOLUTION.

- 24. Q R to K 1 24. B to B 2 or 4 (best) 25. R takes Kt 25. B takes Kt 26. Q to Kt 4 (ch) 26. K to B 2 27. Q to Kt 7 (ch) 27. K to K 1 28. Q takes R (ch) 28. K to K 2 or B 2 29. Q to Kt 7 (ch) 29. K to K 1 30. Q to Kt 8 (ch) 30. K to K 2 31. Kt to B 5 mate

NOTES BY S. LOYD.

(a) A very risky line of defence. 6 P to Q 3 is preferable. (b) We see no harm in the capture of this pawn, although a better move would have been 8 Q to B 2. (c) A better move than it looks, not so much for the purpose of guarding B 4 as preparing to play Kt to R 4 and advance Bishop's Pawn—which line of attack Black does well to prevent. (A wag at our elbow suggests that if White had played 12 P to K R 3, and if the game had proceeded as in the text, it would have given White a beautiful three-move problem on the 21st move.) (d) This move seems equivalent to giving the game into White's hands. The impetuosity of our youth would have induced us to attempt to turn the attack by playing 15 P to Q 3, which might have been followed by 16. P takes P 16. Kt to K B 5 17. P takes Kt 17. Kt takes P 18. Q to B 2 18. B to K B 4 and White has a most difficult game to defend.

(e) Apparently the only move to prevent the advance of Queen's Pawn. (f) These last three moves are an inexcusable waste of time.

CHESS IN AUSTRALIA.

GAME 296TH.

(From the Adelaide Observer.)

A CHESS BRILLIANT.

The following beautiful specimen of the late Mr. S. Tyrrell's skill was the second game of a match he fought on his first figuring in Adelaide chess, and when in the zenith of his play. The match began October 26th, 1867, and ended January 28th, 1868, when the score stood—Charlick, 7; Tyrrell, 2.

WHITE.—(Mr. S. Tyrrell.) BLACK.—(Mr. H. Charlick.)

(Muzio Gambit.)

- 1. P to K 4 1. P to K 4 2. P to K B 4 2. P takes P 3. Kt to K B 3 3. P to K Kt 4 4. B to B 4 4. P to Kt 5 5. P to Q 4

The match included four Muzios, each side winning two. This method of conducting the attack—known as Koch and Ghulam Kassim's—was a favourite with Mr. Tyrrell, and he wielded it with skill and vigour although it was not usually considered so strong as Castling. The latter line of attack is now exploded owing to the strength of the Paulsen Defence—Q to K B 4—and consequently the text-move and McDonnell's attack, Q Kt to B 3, are likely again to come in vogue.

- 6. Q takes P 5. P takes Kt 6. P to Q 4 7. B takes Q P 6. P to Q 4 8. Kt to B 3 7. Kt to K B 3 8. B to Q Kt 5 9. Castles 9. P to B 3 10. B takes K B P (ch)

A dashing stroke, leading to some remarkable situations.

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

Beautifully played. The finish is masterly and well worthy of the great Australian Problem Composer.

20. K to Q 2

If K to K 2, then follows B to B 6 (ch)

- 21. R to Q (ch) 21. K to B 2 22. Q to Q 6 (ch) 22. K to Kt 3 23. B to Q 4 (ch) 23. K to Kt 4 24. P to B 4 (ch) 24. K takes P 25. P to Kt 3 (ch) 25. K to Kt 4 26. R takes R 26. Q takes R

White mates in three moves. Time, 2 hours.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 190.

WHITE BLACK.

- 1. Q to R 6 1. Anything. 2. Mates acc.

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 188.

WHITE BLACK.

- 1. R takes P (ch) 1. K takes B 2. P to Q 8 becoming a Kt 2. K takes P 3. R to Q 4 mate

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 189.

WHITE BLACK.

- K at K 7 K at Q B 5 B at K B 5 Pawns at K B 5, Q 2 and Q B 3 B at Q B 3 Kt at K B 6 Kt at Q B 5 Pawns at K 2 Q 2 and K B 3

White to play and mate in two moves.

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