

THE GRAVE.

(From Theophile Gautier.)

What is the Grave? A chamber, where the soul, In life's strange drama having played its rôle, Lays down its robes, as harlequins restore Their borrowed spangles when the masque is o'er!

Montreal. GEO. MURRAY.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Papers to hand. Thanks. E. D. W. Shubrooke, P.Q.—Correct solution received of problem No. 264. Student, Montreal.—Solution of Problem No. 264 received. Correct. H. & J. McO., Cote des Neiges.—Correct solutions received of Problem for Young Players Nos. 260 and 261. E. H.—Solution received of Problem for Young Players No. 261. Correct.

The late chess gathering in New York will have its good results in spite of the disagreeable circumstances which marked its termination, and which led to conflicting opinions respecting the conduct of two of the competitors in its Tourney. Where a number of individuals assemble together with a view to the consideration of a certain object, whether social or scientific, the effect in most cases is to disseminate information respecting it among many who may know little respecting it, either through want of opportunity, or through ignorance.

That chess is increasing the number of its votaries every day is very plain, and that there are hundreds who know nothing about it, even among intelligent persons, and many who would derive great delight from it were they acquainted with its nature and enabled to master its elementary principles, is also very evident. Anything, then, that may bring it before the public is likely to be beneficial, and in this respect a Congress of players at New York or elsewhere, is a subject of rejoicing. It is on this account we regret that the present condition of our Canadian Chess Association is of such an equivocal nature, but we trust that at the next meeting at Ottawa, measures may be taken which will lead all our Dominion chess-players to do as much as they can for the advancement of the noble game in Canada.

At New York the fifth American Chess Congress resolved itself into a new organization, and adopted the name of the Chess Association of the United States of America. A code of laws was adopted for the government of Tourneys in connection with the Association, these laws being based, to a great extent, upon the rules at present in use in Europe, with a few alterations. Among these may be noticed one which compels a player who has reached the royal line with a Pawn, to exchange it for any piece except the King. One or two important rules were also adopted in connection with correspondence play. All changes of this nature result, as a matter of course, from a desire to simplify chess matters to such an extent as to prevent disputes, not only during the progress of important contests, but also in the carrying on of the game in ordinary every day encounters.

It seems a pity that full particulars of these new rules and suggestions should not be placed within easy reach of players generally, but we suppose that detailed accounts of the doings of the late meeting will be found in the "Book of the Congress," which is to be published within three months after the close of the Tourney.

Mr. Grundy has been exhibiting his progress as a chessplayer at Toronto within the last week. He contended against a number of antagonists in a simultaneous encounter, two of whom only were able to defeat their formidable opponent.

Mr. Shaw's Correspondence Tourney is drawing to a conclusion, and is expected to be finished towards the end of April next. It course hitherto has been of a most satisfactory character.

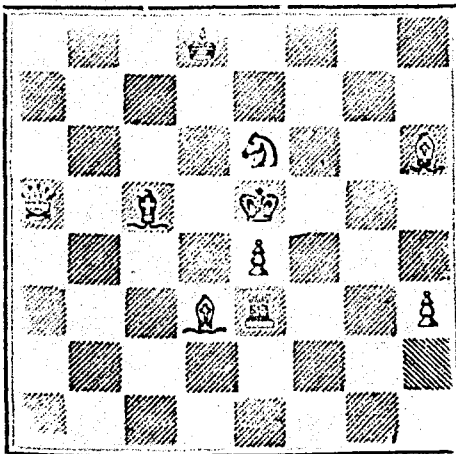
MINOR TOURNEY OF THE CONGRESS.

In the minor tourney of the late chess congress, N. Gedalia carried off the first prize of \$100; D. G. Baird and A. Eitlinger tied for the second prize, the value of which is \$60. When the tie is played, off the loser will take the third prize, value \$30. J. W. Baird and Mr. Tompkins also tie for fourth prize—\$20. We are pleased to state that these players came out of the contest with clean palms. No unsavory odors cling to them.—Hartford Times.

The prize winners in the Chessplayers' Chronicle Tourney, to which we formerly referred, are (1st Mr. J. H. Finlison, Huddersfield; (2nd Mr. W. Coates, Cheltenham; and (3rd) Mr. S. H. Thomas, London. These repeated successes stamp Mr. Finlison as a composer of the highest class.—Agr Argus and Express.

PROBLEM No. 266.

By A. E. Studd. BLACK.



WHITE

White to play and mate in two moves.

GAME 396TH.

A very pretty gamelet, in which the Rev. Mr. Wayte gives the odds of Pawn and move to a strong opponent. (Remove Black's K B P.)

- White.—(Mr. —) 1. P to K 4 2. P to Q 4 3. P takes P (a) 4. B to K (b) 5. Kt to K B 3 (c) 6. P to B 4 Black.—(Mr. Wayte.) 1. Kt to Q B 3 2. P to Q 4 3. Q takes P 4. B to B 4 5. Castles 6. Q to R 4 (ch)

- 7. Q to Q 2 (d) 8. Kt to R 3 9. Kt to K Kt 5 10. Kt to B 7 11. Q to K 2 12. K to Q sq 13. B takes Kt 14. K to B sq 15. P takes Kt (h) 7. Kt to Kt 5 8. Kt to K B 3 9. P to K R 3 (e) 10. Kt to K 5 11. Kt to B 7 (ch) 12. Kt takes Q P (f) 13. R takes B (ch) 14. Kt to B 6 (g) 15. Q takes P (ch) and White resigns.

NOTES.

- (a) We prefer P to K 5. (b) Kt to Q B 3 gives White something of an attack at the sacrifice of a Pawn. (c) Kt to Q B 3 would be more to the purpose. (d) B to Q 2 is better; not, however, that Black has any reason to fear that move, for after taking his Queen to Kt 3, he follows up with P to K 3, and she is all right. (e) An ingenious and evidently predetermined device. White has no good reply to it. (f) Taking the Rook would yield an advantage, but the text move is far superior. (g) Exceedingly pretty. Rarely do we get such a sparkling game at the odds of Pawn and move. (h) He has not even the option of selling his Queen dearly, for if Kt takes R, or Q to K sq, or Q to B 3, then mate in two moves.

SOLUTIONS

Solution of Problem No. 264

- WHITE. 1. P to K 4 2. R to Q 6 (ch) 3. Kt mates BLACK. 1. B takes P 2. K to B 4 There are other defences.

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 262.

- WHITE. 1. Q to R 6 2. Mates accordingly. BLACK. 1. Any move.

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 263

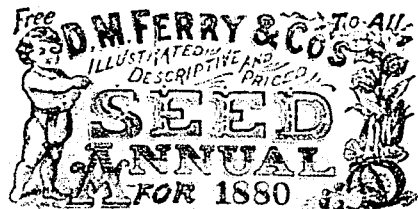
- WHITE. K at K B 6 Q at K 2 R at Q R 6 Pawns at K Kt 2 and Q B 3 BLACK. K at K 5 Kt at K 4 Pawn at K 6

White to play and mate in three moves.

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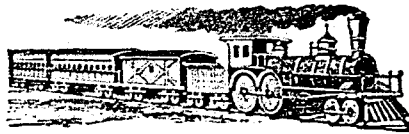
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