

THE EXILE'S VADEMECUM.

BY NED P. MAH.

Often sitting, blasé, lonely,
Single, wratched, solaced only
By my pipe;
Vainly striving to sleep snugly,
Tired of reading, cramped up, ugly
German type.

MUSICAL SOCIETIES.

How little do the general public think about the trials of a musical society leader! This apathy does not proceed from lack of feeling, but from lack of knowledge, for all musicians will admit that it is only those people who have studied music themselves (especially concerted music) who can appreciate the difficulties which beset the path of a conductor.

In many places, as everyone knows, musical societies are kept up with much ability and praiseworthy spirit. This occurs only where the leader is thoroughly well up in concerted music, with a true interest in his work, and where his word is law.

The same with church choirs: there are generally two or three choir members who consider themselves above attending practice. "Oh! I can read it all," say they—which you may be very sure they can't.

No organist should allow his choir to be upset in this way. Better have a few punctual and earnest singers than an ill-regulated many. Also there should be no favor shown. Any competent leader of a society or choir is—or ought to be—perfectly able to judge of the separate capabilities of his singers, and prominent parts should be given to those able to take them.

the "Crosus Choral Club," if he fail to give the part of "Elizah" and a few other trifles to ponderous Mr. Van Bassinboots—of the healthy old Dutch family—who is simply beyond believing that Sant'ey, Fornes, Lablache, or any one else ever came up or down to him—Van Bossinboots?

Now this is a pitiable state of affairs, and people who place any unfortunate man in such a position, are inexcusable.

Verily, the trials of a musical leader are manifold, and the audience which sees him at the local concerts, with his calm smile, his bland bow of greeting, his white-gloved hand raising on high the magic baton, the audience, I say, little knows the heart-burning to which he has been treated during the past few weeks.

Oh! no, the audience knows nothing of all this except those few who are au fait at some of the little ins and outs of a musical society, people who, understanding the intricacies of musical study themselves, can sympathize with the pains and miseries endured by so many musical conductors.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

All communications intended for this Column should be addressed to the Chess Editor, CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS, Montreal.

F. P., San Francisco, U.S.—Letter and problem received. Thanks.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Papers to hand. Thanks. Solutions to Problems Nos. 39 and 42 received. Both correct.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Chess Association in Montreal during the coming winter will, we trust, be well attended by players from all parts of the Dominion, and give evidence to our friends both at home and abroad, that the royal game is not neglected in Canada.

During the last season the only two events of importance which occurred, as far as the Province of Quebec was concerned, was the Congress of the Canadian Association which met at the city of Quebec under the auspices of the members of the chess club of that city, and the telegraphic match between the same players and the members of the Toronto Club.

We hope that the large gathering of players which will assemble in Montreal at the approaching Congress will not let so good an opportunity pass without making arrangements for future trials of skill between our existing clubs, as we invariably find that such encounters are never neglected in those localities where chess is in a flourishing condition.

We insert in our Column this week an account of the annual meeting of the Toronto Chess Club.

We congratulate the members on their report of the proceedings of last year, and have no doubt they will do their utmost to maintain their present efficient condition during the season just commenced.

TORONTO CHESS CLUB.

On Thursday evening this club was organized for the season 1882-3, when the following office-bearers were elected:—President, J. H. Gordon; Vice-President, G. Gibson; Secretary, A. C. Meyers; Auditor, W. M. Stark; Managing Committee—W. A. Littlejohn, C. W. Phillips, H. J. Coleman, Match Committee, J. H. Gordon, H. J. Rose, H. Northcote. The secretary's report proved the club to be in a flourishing condition financially, and records a victory in all the matches played last season with other clubs. The members list for the past year was 43, and the first meeting this year was signalized by the election of eight new members. Votes of thanks were passed to last year's officials, and also to Mr. H. P. Dwight for free use of the telegraph wires in two matches. To the Chess Editor of the Globe and the Sporting Editor of the Mail thanks were tendered for notices taken of the club's proceedings. And lastly as a slight token of appreciation for the kindness and courtesy displayed by the Secretary, Mr. A. C. Myers, in his relation to the members it was ordered that a copy of Beccantoni's Chess Magazine for the year be presented to him. The programme for the coming winter was discussed in such a hearty and harmonious spirit that we anticipate much vigorous work from the club this season, and let us hope a commensurate amount of success also.—Toronto Globe, Oct. 7th.

Mr. Max Judd's defeat by the amateurs of St. Louis will not lessen his fame as a chess-player. It is no

easy thing for one who is not, in fact, a "first-rate" to give the Knight to the average amateur, and Mr. Judd's friends must not be discouraged by this disappointment. We assure them that their champion stands just as high as he ever did in the ranks of the players of the world.—Turf, Field and Farm.

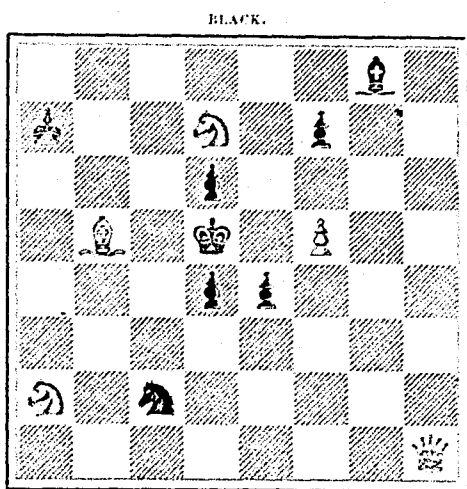
The New Orleans Chess Tournament with its thirteen contestants is exciting considerable attention among American players at the present time, and from the account of the play already published the contest seems to be a close one.

Mr. Blackmar is now at the head, followed closely by Mr. Wurm, and Mr. Edwards is not far behind. We shall endeavor to give the final results when they reach us.

Mr. Blackburne, we perceive, has been giving lately, in the North of England, some interesting exhibitions of simultaneous play. At Scarborough he defeated sixteen out of seventeen opponents. Mr. Chapman, one of the contestants, securing a draw. At Leeds, he engaged eighteen members of the local club, and lost to three of his opponents, Messrs. D. G. Mills, Shaw and G. E. Wainwright. His other antagonists were defeated.

PROBLEM No. 403.

By Fritz Peppers, San Francisco, Cal.



White to play and mate in two moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 401.

White. 1. Q to Q B sq. 2. K to K B 7. 3. Q mates. Black. 1. K takes Kt 2. Any.

GAME 50th.

Played in the recent Vienna Tourney between Messrs. Wittek and Mason.

(French Defence.)

WHITE.—(Wittek.) 1 P to K 4 2 P to Q 4 3 Q Kt to R 3 4 P takes P 5 K to B 3 6 B to Q 3 7 P to Q R 3 8 B to K 4 9 P to R 3 10 Castles 11 R to K sq 12 B to K Kt 5 13 Q to Q 2 14 B to K B sq 15 B to K 3 16 Q Kt to K 2 17 B to K B 4 18 Q to B sq 19 B takes B 20 K to K R 2 21 P to B 3 22 K to B sq 23 K to B 4 24 B to Q 3 25 Q to Q sq 26 K to K 2 27 K to K B sq 28 R P takes P 29 K takes Kt 30 Q to Q 2 31 P takes P 32 B to Kt 5 33 B takes R ch 34 Kt takes Q 35 K to B 3 36 P takes B 37 B to Q 7 38 B to B 5 39 R to K Kt sq ch 40 B takes P 41 R to K 2 42 K takes Kt 43 K to B 2 44 K to K 3 45 K to Q 3 46 K to K 2 47 P to Kt 3 48 B to Q 3 49 K to Q sq 50 K to B sq 51 P to Q R 4 52 P to Kt 4 53 R to B 5 54 P takes P 55 K to B 2 56 K to Kt 3 Resigns.

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