OUR CHESS COLUMN.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.-Papers to hand. Thanks.

Now that the chess players in Canada have begun the season of their heatlities over it e loard, and that the usual interest is exhibited in chess circles, inquiries are made as to what is being done by those upon whom has dovolved the management of the affairs of the Canadian Chess Association. Information as to where the Congress is to be held, and the time when it is to take place, will naturally be asked for by those who feel an interest in the Association.

On reference to the report of the last meeting at Ottawn, we find that it was decided to hold the next gathering of members at the city of Quebec at a date to be fixed by the President.

As regards other matters connected with the Congress, we shall be glad to hear that the Secretary has received instructions from the Committee of Management, and that a programme is in course of preparation.

We hear that the members of the Detroit Chess Cinb have challenged the players of the Toronto Club to a match by telegraph, to take place about the middle of this month. We have no doubt the challenge will be accepted, and we will do our best to publish the result

The following very interesting sketch of the chess champions during the last forty years is by Mars, the chess correspondent of the Dramatic News.

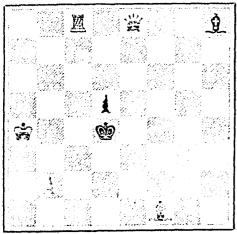
chess correspondent of the Dramatic News.

From 1843 to 1851 Stannton was the acknowledged champlon of the world. From 1851 to 1858 Anderssen, a Prussian, held that rank, but, during that period, Buckle was considered quite of equal strength, and would, no doubt, have tried conclusions with him had not his literary labours prevented him from giving the requisite time and attention to such a contest. From 1858 to the end of 1959 Paul Worphy proved himself invincible. In 1862 Anderssen once more grasped the sceptre, and held it until 1866, when Steinitz, an Austrian, wrested it from him. In the following year at Paris it passed into the hands of Kolisch, as Hungarian. Then for some years the champlonship remained in absyance. There was no king in those days unit, in 1873, Steinitz at Vienna, once more won the championship, and held it until 1878, when Mr. Zubertort, more a youthful Rossian than a German, won it at Paris; but in the opinion of many, forfelted it within a month by his refusal to accept Capt. Mackenna's challenge, and now, once more in this year of grace, the championship has passed into the hands of an Euglishman, Mr. Blackburne.

The College Chess Club has been dissolved, and thereby is confessed the failure of an experiment which, besides being well meant, seemed at one time to promise success. In these days of the higher education of women, chess, as a mental recreation, is sure to attract some of them, but how such aspirations are to be satisfied remains to be seen — Land and Water.

PROBLEM No. 354. By F. Healey.

BLACK.



WHILE

White to play and mate in three moves.

GAME 48000.

(From the Chessplayer's Chronicle.)

Black,-- (Mephisto.)

L. P to K 4

1. P to K 4 2. Kt to Q B 3 3. P takes P 4. B to B 4 5. Q fe B 3 6. K Kt to K 2 7. Castles (a) 8. P to Q 3 9. Q to R 3 10. P to B 3 11. R takes K

10. P to B 4
11. B takes Kt
12. P takes K P (b)
13. Q to B 3
14. Q to B 2
15. Kt to KtB 4

Played at Mephisto's Rooms, 15th October, 1881. (Scotch Gambit.)

White,--(Mr. Marriott.) 1. P to K 4
2. Kt to K B 3
3. P to Q 4
4. Kt takea P
5. B to K 3
6. P to Q B 3
7. B to Q K 5
8. Castles
9. P to B 4
10. Q to K 2
11. Q K to Q 2
12. P takes B
13. P to B 5
14. Kt takes P
15. P to B 6 (c) 1. P to K 4 15. P to B 6 (c)

15. P takes P
17. B to B 4 (ch) (d)
18. Q R to Q sq
19. K R to K B 3 (c)
20. B takes R (ah)
22. A takes R (ah)
23. C A

21. R takes R (oh)
22. Q to Q 3
23. K to R sq
24. Q to Q B 3
25. Q takes Kt
26. Kt to K Kt sq
27. R to K Kt sq
28. P to K R 3
29. Kt to K B sq
30. Q to B 3 (ch)
31. Q to B 3 (ch)
31. Q to B 3 (ch)
32. Q to Q 3
33. R takes B

15. Kt to KiB 4
16. Q takes P
17. Kt to R sq
18. B to Q 2
19. Q Kt takes P
20. Kt takes B
21. R takes R
22. Kt to B 6 (ch)
23. Kt to K 4
24. Kt takes B
25. B to B 3
26. Q takes Kt P
27. R to K sq
29. Q to K B 7
30. K to K to R 4
31. K to B sq
32. B takes P (ch)
33. Q takes Kt (ch) 33. Q takes Kt (ch) White resigns.

NOTES.

(a) The move of Kt to Q sq. introduced by Mr. Gunsberg in his match with Mr. Blackburne does not seem to find favour in Mephisto's views. (b) This is a dangerous move, which might lose the game.

(c) Rather premature; P to K Kt 4 here would, be admissible for White.

(d) This is waste of time; B takes Kt might have been better.
(s) P to Q 5 was the very obvious move for White.
(f) Black's last few moves brought matters to a fornible condusion. If White played merely to prolong the game for a possible, but not very probable, chance of drawing, then Q to Kt 3 (ch) would have been his proper move.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 353.

White. Black.

1. R to K B 2 2. R to K B 8 (ch)

1. B takes B (best)

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 351. White.

1. Q to K 3 2. Mates acc. i Any

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS No. 352. White. Kat Q3 Bat KB2 Pawne at K2 KKt3, QB5 and QKt3 K at Q Kt 5 Q at K Kt 5

White to play and mate in two moves.

A SCENE IN THE ORIO LEGISLATURE, EIGHTY YEARS AGO.—Michael Baldwin, the irrepressible and incorrigible, was no more dignified, abstemious, or moral in his position as Speaker of the first Ohio House of representatives than he all head he said for the first Ohio House of the presentatives. than he had been in former years, or lesser stations. He presided over the Chamber in 1803, 1804, and 1805. It is a matter of tradition that for his own pecuniary benefit, and for the entertainment of those among the legislators who had a penchant for gawing, he established in his rooms the game of "vingt-et-un," himself acting as banker and dealer, and as a matter of course winning more frequently than any of the others players. On one occasion, after much drinking, and a late sitting at the gambling table, Baldwin found himself in possession not only of all the money of his companions, but of many of their watches. In the morning the House of Representatives was found to be without a quorum; but Baldwin, accustomed to heavy drinking and late hours, was in his place back of the Speaker's desk. Rapping savagely with his gavel, he demanded the roll-call of the House, and then sent the Sergeant-at-arms out with orders to bring in the delinquent members. After an hour or so that functionary returned, followed by about a dozen members of the Ohio Legislature, whose blood-shot eyes, suffused faces, unsteady, shambling steps, and general air of stamefacedness indicated the late hours they had kept, and their heavy indulgences. With much austerity of manner, Baldwin reprimanded the tardy members, reminded them of the cost to which the infant State was subjected by payment of their per diems, and was proceeding to farther elaborate his censure on their late arrival and the consequent delay of legislation, when one of the delinquents, exasperated beyond control, cried out, "Hold on there, Mr. Speaker, hold on! How could we tell what time it was, when the Speaker of the House had all of our watches?" -- ALURED MATHEWS, in Harper's.

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