

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Papers and postal cards to hand. Many thanks. Correct solution received of Problem No. 248.

Student, Montreal.—Correct solution received of Problem No. 245.

T. S., St. Andrew's, Manitoba.—Correct solution received of Problem No. 244, also correct solution of Problem for Young Players No. 241.

R. F. M., Sherbrooke.—Correct solution received of Problem No. 247.

We have received the first number of the *Chess Monthly* of which we spoke a few weeks ago, and its appearance shows the care which has been taken to make it presentable and attractive as far as externals are concerned.

Internally, also, everything appears to have been done to make it attractive to the Chess student. The selection of games appears very judicious and the notes appended to each have been prepared in a very careful manner. The diagrams illustrating noteworthy positions will be found very useful.

We must confess to a partiality for endings from actual play as they possess that charm of reality which is to many so great a recommendation and in the present number there are some positions of peculiar interest from the fact that they are the results of play between some of the greatest names connected with the history of modern chess.

We have no doubt future numbers of the *Chess Monthly* will contain fuller accounts of chess and chess-players in different parts of the world.

The pursuit of the noble game is so widely spread at the present time that interesting particulars may be gathered from almost all countries, and in many cases from parts which have only recently grown into notice.

We heartily wish success to this new candidate for public favour, and we feel confident that it will meet with a large number of subscribers on both sides of the Atlantic.

We are sorry to notice that circumstances connected with the late meeting of the Canadian Chess Association have given rise to dissatisfaction on the part of several Chess-players of Ontario, and that there is some talk of the establishment, in that Province, of another body of a similar nature. We have not had time to enter into all the particulars which appear to have led to this contemplated measure, but hope next week to be in a position to make a few remarks on so unexpected a division in the ranks of Canadian Chess-players.

The "move question" was to a certain extent settled at the late chess meeting at Ottawa, that is, as far as Canada is concerned, but inasmuch as the same difficulty may arise elsewhere, it is well to hear the opinion of those who may be living in countries in which the ruling of Canadian players would not be recognized. We therefore insert the following extract from the *Argus and Express* which we feel sure will meet the views of some of our chess friends.

We are glad to be able to lay before our readers the following extract from a letter from the Rev. G. MacArthur, stating his views "on the move or no move question." Our pleasure would not, of course, have been lessened if the rev. gentlemen's views had coincided with our own; but still we are not sorry to publish both sides of the question.

"I do not think that the announcement by telegraph of Q R to Q 7 as a move, when the Book already stands at that square, can be reckoned an illegal move, although the question is one of very considerable difficulty. My opinion is based on such considerations as the following—

"1. I do not regard Q R to Q 7 as a move at all. It is precisely as if a piece had been touched on the board, and all that results from this is that the player is bound to move that piece. No doubt it was meant for a move, but it is impossible to conjecture from the statement of it what move was intended. That fact alone is, I think, sufficient to settle the question in so far as it depends on definitions of a move.

"2. The casualty in question appears to be provided for by the principle expressed in one of the rules for the 'Game by Correspondence,' given in Staunton's *Chess Praxis*—A move not intelligibly described incurs the penalty of sending no move on the day appointed. I can hardly conceive a better example than this of a 'move not intelligibly described.' If any time-penalty has been incurred by the delay let that be exacted, and if you will let the defaulters be mulcted in the cost of extra telegraphing. But that seems all that rigorous law demands.

"3. The discussion that has arisen undoubtedly shows that the point is one in regard to which there may be legitimate difference of opinion. The alleged illegality is not in any existing rule directly expressed, but it best depends on a process of inference. This then becomes closely a case where 'the accused is entitled to the benefit of the doubt,' and in my opinion it would be ungracious, if not uncharitable, to the opposite party to snatch at an equivocal advantage by insisting in this circumstance on the enforcement of a penalty.

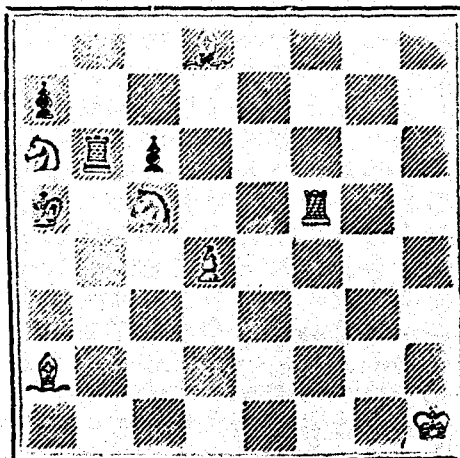
"On these grounds I rest the conclusion that the message telegraphed does not constitute an illegal move."

The match between Messrs. Barnes and Delmar is finished with the following results.—Delmar, 7; Barnes, 4; Drawn, 2. We are informed that another contest between the same parties may be expected very soon.

PROBLEM No. 245.

By J. Pierce, M.A.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

GAME 375TH.

The following fine specimen of Mephisto's skill was played in London some time ago. The mechanical player gave the odds of Q Kt to an amateur.

(Allgauer-Kieseritzki. Remove White's Q Kt.)

WHITE.—(Mephisto.)	BLACK.—(Amateur.)
1. P to K 4	1. P to K 4
2. P to K R 4	2. P takes P
3. Kt to K B 3	3. P to K R 4
4. P to K R 4	4. P to K 5
5. Kt to K 5	5. Kt to K B 3
6. B to R 4	6. P to Q 4
7. P takes P	7. B to Q 3
8. P to Q 4	8. Kt to R 4
9. Q to Q 3 (a)	9. Kt to Kt 6
10. B takes P	10. Kt takes R
11. Castles	11. Kt to B 7
12. Q to K 2	12. Castles
13. Q takes Kt	13. P to K B 4
14. B to R 6	14. R to B 3
15. B to K Kt 5	15. Kt to Q 2
16. R to K sq	16. P to K R 3
17. Q to B 4 (b)	17. P to B sq
18. B takes R	18. Q takes B
19. K to Kt sq	19. Kt to B sq
20. P to K Kt 3	20. B to Q 2
21. Kt takes P (c)	21. Q to Kt 2
22. Kt to K 5	22. K to R 2
23. B to Q 3	23. B takes Kt
24. P takes B	24. R to K sq
25. P to K 6	25. R to K 2
26. Q takes R P (ch)	26. K to R sq
27. R to K B sq	27. Kt takes P
28. P takes Kt	28. B takes P
29. Q to Q B 5	29. P to Kt 3
30. Q to B 6	30. Q to Kt sq
31. Q to B 3 (ch)	31. R to Kt 2
32. R to B 6	32. Q to K 5
33. R takes P (ch)	33. K to Kt sq
34. R takes B	34. Q to R 4
35. P to R 3	35. R takes P
36. R to R 7 (ch)	36. K takes B
37. R to K 7 (ch)	37. K to R 3
38. Q to K B 6 (ch)	38. R to Kt 3
39. Q to R 8 (mate)	

NOTES.

- (a) The first of a series of very skillful moves.
(b) Very subtle.
(c) Very finely played.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 247.

WHITE.	BLACK.
1. R to B sq	1. K takes B
2. R to R sq (ch)	2. K moves
3. Q mates	

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 245.

White.	Black.
1. Q to K R sq	1. Any move
2. Mate—accordingly	

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 246.

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

White to play and mate in three moves.



NOTICE.

THURSDAY, 6th NOVEMBER,

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G. LAMOTHE, P. M.

4th November, 1879.



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Ottawa, 25th October, 1879.

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