

TO A FALLING LEAF.

O falling Leaf! in whirling flight
Thou leav'st thy native bough.
The hour of freshness, beauty, life,
For thee is ended now.
No more for thee the sunbeam's charm,
No more the Zephyr's breath,
For Summer's fleeting joys are o'er,
And Autumn brings thee death.

Ab! ne'er again shall wooing breeze
At morn thy rustle wake,
And ne'er at eve shall weary bird
His nest beside thee take.
Ah, cruel fate! a chilling blast
Now shakes the stately tree,
And scatters far and wide in death
Thy mates, O Leaf, and thee.

O dying Leaf! thou bring'st to me
Sad memories in thy flight,
Of cherished friends, of faces loved,
Of hopes once young and bright;
But destined all to feel the blast
That whirle such joys away,
And ever moans throughout the land
Its one sad note, Decay.

And what is man, presumptuous man,
But like to thee, O Leaf!
His pride, his pow'r to pass away,
His life a season brief,
A leaflet on the tree of Time!
But yesterday his birth!
And now comes Death with icy blast,
To whirl him to the earth.

Quebec.

E. A. SUTTON.

ALEXANDER BEGG, ESQ.,

COMMISSIONER FOR MANITOBA AT THE DOMINION EXHIBITION OF 1879.

Mr. Alexander Begg, with whose portrait we present our readers in this number, was born in Quebec, on the 19th July, 1840, and was educated partly in Aberdeen, Scotland, and partly in St. John's, P.Q. In 1867 Mr. Begg went to Manitoba: he can claim the credit of being the pioneer who laboured to establish the first commercial connection between the North-West and the rest of the Dominion. At that time trade was in its infancy, but since then it has grown gradually until it has attained a high degree of importance. Mr. Begg is a partner in the well-known and important firm of Bannatyne & Begg, which includes, besides himself, Mr. A. G. B. Bannatyne. Next to the Hudson's Bay Company, this firm is the largest trading firm in the North-West. During the Rebellion and previous to it, the subject of our sketch made a prominent stand for the people of the country, and strove perseveringly and successfully to secure representative Government for them, opposing the system contemplated by the Dominion in 1868 and 1869 for the government of Manitoba, foreseeing, as he did, that it left the way open to a great deal of trouble, inasmuch as under the proposed system the people would have but little voice, if any, in the selection of their public men. Mr. Begg is favourably known as an author, who has contributed to Canadian literature several works illustrative and descriptive of the North-West. "Dot it Down;" "The Creation of Manitoba;" "A Story of the Saskatchewan;" "Practical Guide to Manitoba;" "The North-West;" and "Ten Years in Winnipeg;" are all books which have obtained great popularity, owing to the concise and intelligent way in which their author has placed his valuable and experienced knowledge at the disposal of his many readers. To Mr. Begg's efforts is due the establishment of the first church in Winnipeg; he also built the first steamboat-landing, and was prominent in the agitation for the incorporation of the City of Winnipeg. Mr. Begg can also claim to be the first steamboat and express agent in Manitoba. About two years ago he was appointed Deputy-Treasurer; he also holds the appointment of Queen's Printer. Last winter, in company with the Hon. Messrs. Norquay and Royal, he visited Ottawa as a delegation from Manitoba for "Better Terms," and, as is known to our readers, this mission was rewarded with success. Mr. Begg has been identified with most of the institutions of the Province during the past twelve years, and occupies at present the post of Secretary to the Historical and Scientific Society of Manitoba. He has also been more or less connected with the press of the country since 1870, and has corresponded extensively with U. S. and Canadian newspapers about North-Western matters, on which he is an authority. Mr. Begg was chosen by the Government to represent it as its Commissioner for Manitoba at the Dominion Exhibition, and that he has entered into his task fully and with brilliant success, the unanimous encomiums of the whole press and of the public voice have pronounced in the affirmative. Believing aright that this would be an opportunity for the Province to demonstrate what it was capable of producing, he directed all his energies to bring about a happy result, which he accomplished, and upon which he was warmly congratulated by His Excellency the Governor-General and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise. He has been unceasing in his efforts to do all that could be done to place Manitoba prominently before the world. That he has done so, must be not only a satisfaction to himself, but a source of congratulation to the people who have left their interests at his hands. They could have had no better advocate or representative. Should time permit (Mr. Begg is being asked by Toronto, London, and other cities to show his splendid exhibit), he will lecture on Manitoba previous to returning, and it is to be hoped that Montreal, as well as Ottawa, will hear one so well acquainted with his subject. Mr. Begg was married in 1868 to

Catherine, daughter of Dr. Hamilton, of Hamilton, Ont., and formerly of the Orkneys. In the hurry of preparation we published the portrait and memoir of Mr. Begg last week, apart from the Manitoba Exhibit, but we repeat them here in connection with the same, through a sense of fitness, as Mr. Begg was really the soul of the magnificent display made by the Prairie Province.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Ottawa.—Letter received. Thanks.

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T. S., St. Andrews, Manitoba.—Correct solution received of Problem No. 241; also, of Problem for Young Players No. 237. The problem shall be inspected.

In our last Column we made mention of the annual meeting of the Canadian Chess Association on the 23rd ult., the commencement of the annual Tourney on the 24th, and at the same time we gave the results of the play at the close of the following day, Thursday, the 25th. We are now enabled to say that on Monday, the 29th, the whole of the games were finished, and the subjoined table will show the standing of each player at the termination of the contest.

Table with 7 columns: Player, White, Huriburt, Holt, Phillips, Henderson, Lambert, Total. Rows include Pope, White, Huriburt, Holt, Phillips, Henderson, Lambert.

1 won game.
0 lost.
½ drawn.

From the above it will be seen that Mr. Pope of Quebec, takes first prize; Mr. White and Dr. Huriburt, both of Ottawa, tie for the second and third prizes, and Mr. Holt of Quebec, and the Rev. T. D. Phillips, Ottawa, for the fourth and fifth prizes.

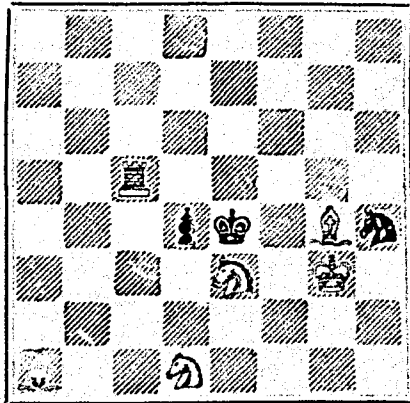
Mr. Shaw of Montreal, and Mr. Boncherville of Ottawa, entered their names as competitors, but the former after playing one game, which he won, was called away by important business, and the latter was not in the city at the beginning of the Tourney. Our space will not permit us to make many remarks on this, the eighth, meeting of the members of our Chess Association. We may say, however, that the general feeling among those present seemed to be that the holding of a Chess gathering in a city crowded with visitors anxious to enjoy all the pleasures of an attractive exhibition was not calculated to lead to the regular attendance of the players, and there can be no doubt of its influence in preventing the noble game from receiving that attention from the public which its scientific nature and antiquity so eminently claim for it.

The ninth meeting of the Association is to be held in Ottawa, and the following gentlemen have been elected as officers for the Congress year—President, T. Le Drot, Esq., Quebec; Vice-Presidents, T. Workman, Esq., Montreal; Dr. Ryall, Hamilton; Dr. Huriburt, Ottawa; Secretary, Rev. T. D. Phillips, Ottawa. Committee of Management, Messrs. G. Baker, J. B. Cherriman, F. X. Lambert, and S. Benoit, Ottawa; J. Barry and J. Henderson, Montreal; J. H. Gordon, Toronto, and E. Pope, Quebec.

PROBLEM No. 245.

(By Ben. R. Foster.)

BLACK.



WHITE

White to play and mate in two moves.

GAME 360TH.

(From Land and Water.)

CHESS IN LONDON.

The Twenty-first and last game between Messrs. Mason and Potter.

(Van't Kruijs Opening.)

Chess game record table with columns for White (Mr. Mason) and Black (Mr. Potter) moves.

- 18. Kt to B 2
19. Kt to K 4
20. Q to R 4 (b)
21. Q to R 3
22. Kt to B 2 (i)
23. B to Q 3
24. B takes Kt
25. Q R to Q sq
26. K R to K sq
27. P to Q 3 (k)
28. P takes P
29. Kt takes P (m)
30. B takes Kt
31. P to K 4
32. B to Kt 6 (n)
33. P to K 5
34. P takes P
35. P to K 6 (o)
36. Q to Kt 3 (q)
37. B to K 3
38. Q to Kt 5
39. B to Q 2
40. R to K B sq
41. R to Q Kt sq (r)
42. B takes P

White Resigns.

NOTES—(Condensed.)

- (a) Adopted by Dr. Zukertort against Mr. Potter under exactly similar circumstances, viz. that White had but to draw the game to win the match.
(b) Much in use by eminent experts, but to our mind it is an unsound continuation.
(c) B to K 2 is the safer course.
(d) This dubious-looking move is frequently played in such openings as the present.
(e) If either K sq or Q 2 were open to receive the K Kt, White could with advantage play B takes Kt.
(f) This mistake, for such it undoubtedly is, lands him into difficulties; but curiously enough it is from these difficulties that his after advantage springs.
(g) To have retired the Rook would have brought on a night of danger.
(h) There is much to be said for Kt to R 6, followed by P to K Kt 4.
(i) We rather favour B to Q 3 here.
(j) 25 Kt to Q 4 seems preferable. If then Kt takes Kt, 26 B takes Kt, P to Kt 4, 27 Q takes R P, P takes P, 28 Kt to R 3, P takes P, 29 P takes P, with manifest advantage.
(k) Too theoretical by a good deal. He should move P to Q 4.
(l) Black's opportunity having come, he seizes it by the hair.
(m) P takes P, hazardous as it may seem, is, we believe, superior.
(n) We prefer Q to K 3, and should consider B to R sq better than the text move.
(o) The advance is made without sufficient consideration.
(p) R to B 3 is scarcely satisfactory, on account of B to Q 4.
(q) If 36 Q to K 3, then Q to Q 4, 37 Q to R 6 (ch), K to Kt sq, 38 Q takes P (ch), K to Kt 2, and wins.
(r) To prevent the Bishop posting himself on B 3 at any time.
(s) Foreseeing the curious oversight which follows Q R to K sq is probably his best, but with that or any other move his game is obviously lost beyond redemption.

SOLUTIONS

Solution of Problem No. 243.

WHITE.

- 1. Q to Q 7
2. R to B 6
3. Q or B mates

BLACK.

- 1. Kt takes Kt
2. Anything

There are other defences.

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 241

White.

- 1. B to K Kt 2
2. R checks
3. R takes Kt mate

Black.

- 1. Kt to Kt 8
2. Kt takes R

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 212

WHITE.

- K at K 8
Q at Q 2
R at K 5
B at Q 4
B at K 6
Pawns at K R 4 and K Kt 6

BLACK.

- K at K 3
R at Q 6
R at Q B 8
Pawns at K Kt 2, K R 2 and 1.

White to play and mate in two moves.

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