in the final. Following are additional results:—

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES.
FINAL.

Miss L. Powdrell and Miss A. Gray beat Miss K. M. Nunnelly and Miss K. Braithwaite, 6—2, 9—7. The losers did not offer much opposition in the first set, Miss Nunnelly in particular being off her game. The second set, however, was a most stubborn one, and was only decided after 16 games had been played. With the score at 4—2 in favour of Misses Powdrell and Gray, the opposing pair gradually crept up, principally through the steady play of Miss Braithwaite, and brought the score to 5 all, 6 all and 7 all, and then the winners ran out with the two last sets. Miss Powdrell played remarkably well on the back line, and had the lion's share of the work at times. In four games Miss Gray did not get a stroke.

MEN'S CHAMPION DOUBLES.
FINAL.

F. M. B. Fisher and J. C. Peacock beat A. F. Wilding and F. Wilding, 3—6, 6—2, 1—6, 6—3, 6—0. The play in this match was to a large extent a repetition of the play in the final of the N.Z. championship last week, except that Peacock and Fisher were more severe and accurate overhead. In the first set, which the Wildings won, it was noteworthy that both Peacock and Fisher lost their services, while the elder Wilding, whose service is comparatively simple, won his service game by following quickly to the net and volleying. In the second set Fisher was responsible for some very fine play, returning several balls that appeared unmakable. In the third set the Wildings went away with the lead, and won easily, 6—1, the veteran giving a fine exhibition of steady lobbing and net play. The fourth set was exciting, as the Wildings were now two sets to one; but the Wellington pair pulled themselves together, and played better than ever. Their service improved, and their overhead work was more severe; their returns in the first four games of the set being particularly brilliant. The elder Wilding was now tiring, and the champion, in trying to do more than his fair share of work, was heavily handicapped. Despite his plucky efforts, Fisher and Peacock won the set, 6—3; and in the fifth set the elder Wilding was hardly equal to the strain. The two Wellington men are extremely brilliant against anything soft, and they practically had their opponents at their mercy. The finish was thus rather tame, but the elder Wilding played up pluckily to the end, and the champion made frequent brilliant but unavailing efforts to beat back the attack. A. F. Wilding was, of course, to a large extent, handicapped by the comparative weakness of his partner, and neither his service nor his volleying were up to his best form. Of the winners, Fisher was, as usual, the more brilliant of the two, but Peacock's reverse smash, a particularly deadly stroke against lobs, was much in evidence. In Fisher and Peacock New Zealand possess two players of extraordinary ability, who only need practice against first-class men to become veritable champions themselves.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.
FINAL.

Miss Nunnelly beat Miss R. Wellwood, 6—3, 4—6, 6—3. In the first set Miss Wellwood started so well that she seemed likely to overwhelm her opponent, and led at 3—0. But Miss Nunnelly, who always starts slowly, then woke up, and drove and placed so brilliantly that she won the next six games and set, 6—3. In the second set Miss Wellwood mixed her game judiciously, and, by using her fine volleying powers, established the commanding lead of 4—0. Miss Nunnelly then passed her so cleverly that she was driven to the back of the court. Miss Nunnelly equalised at 4 all, but Miss Wellwood then took the two next games and set by hard driving and placing from side to side of the court. In the third set Miss Wellwood seemed to feel the effects of running in to the net, and was hardly so steady as before, and Miss Nunnelly, who was driving as hard as ever, gave her little chance. The last set went to Miss Nunnelly, 6—3, and Miss Wellwood is evidently not yet in the same rank as her opponent, but her fine service and her volleying powers, aided by her service off the ground strokes, should win her many championships in future.

LADIES' HANDICAP SINGLES.

In the semi-final, Miss Williams beat Miss Cock, 6—3, 6—2, and Miss Batham beat Miss Cooke, 6—3, 6—3. The final provided a good game between Miss Williams (owe 3-6) and Miss Batham, with the same handicap. Miss Williams won, the scores being 6—4, 6—4.

LADIES' HANDICAP DOUBLES.

Misses E. Gorrie and Neville beat Misses Crowther and Barstow in the semi-final, 6—3, 3—6, 6—3, and Misses Bloomfield and Cumming beat Misses Gray and Winters, 6—6, 6—3, 6—2. The final was won by Misses E. Gorrie and Neville (owe 3-6 15), who defeated Misses Bloomfield and Cumming (receive 1-6 15), the scores being 6—4, 6—3.

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES.

The semi-final between Henderson and Heather and Sellar and Robson, was won by the former pair, 6—4, 5—6, 6—4, and this left the winners (whose handicap was owe 15 3-6) to meet T. R. Grigson and A. E. C. Brown (owe 15 4-6) in the final, which was won by Grigson and Brown, 6—2, 6—3.

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.

The final provided a keen contest between J. C. Peacock and Harold W. Brown, and the former won after a fine set match, which took nearly three hours to play, the scores being 6—1, 3—6, 4—6, 6—2, 6—3. The match was interesting all through, and the result was open up to the fourth set, the games being two all. The champion lasted better than his opponent, who, however, put up a game fight, and was warmly congratulated at the conclusion of the match.

Te Awamutu.

The Te Awamutu Lawn Tennis Club held a most successful tournament on Monday, January 3, for trophies presented by Mrs. Rickit and Mr. von Sturmer. Throughout the day the play was most exciting. The winners were Miss R. Mandeno and Mr. R. S. Galbraith. Mr. von Sturmer (vice-president), in an appropriate speech, made the presentations.

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Position No. 23.

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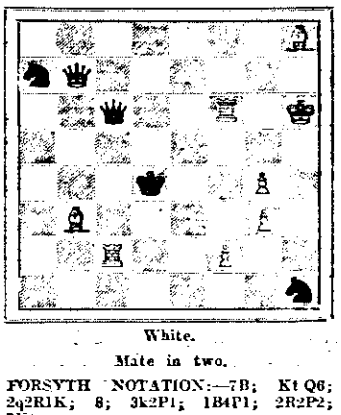
Black.



White.

Mate in two.

FORSYTH NOTATION:—7B; Kt Q6; 2q2R1K; 8; 3k2P1; 1B4P1; 2R2P2; 7Kt.

NEW ZEALAND CHESS CONGRESS.

The Auckland Chess Club, in conjunction with the Working Men's Club, are to be congratulated on the very successful management of the tournament for the chess championship of the Dominion, which was concluded on Saturday last. The hon. secretary of the Management Committee (Mr. Rudolph Barends), and the umpire (Mr. C. Little), were in constant attendance during the hours of play, and the competitors were unanimous in expressing satisfaction with these gentlemen for the highly creditable manner in which their arduous duties were carried out. Chess-players throughout New Zealand have Mr. J. A. Connell to thank for the excellent reports of the proceedings furnished to the daily papers.

A social evening was arranged for Thursday, with music items, speeches, and the presentation of prizes. The Rev. H. B. Wingfield, president of the Auckland Chess Club, was in the chair, having on his right his Worship the Mayor of Auckland (Mr. O. Grey). There was a good attendance, including a sprinkling of ladies. The musical items were not forthcoming, and this was a great disappointment—a disappointment, however, that was soon forgotten in the enjoyment of the many humorous speeches that followed. Mr. Jowitt spoke of the promising form shown by the younger players, Messrs. Hicks, Rutherford, Sainsbury, and Severne, Mr. Hicks' style being specially commended. Pretty button-holes were provided by Mrs. Grierson for competitors and members of the committee, for which the lady was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The prizes were presented by the Mayor to the winners as follows:—

Messrs. Grierson and Mason agreed to divide first and second prize-money (each received £15), and to play the tie for the title of champion only.

3rd prize, £5, Mr. A. W. O. Davies; 4th £3, Mr. R. J. Barnes; 5th, £2, divided between Messrs. James and Miles.

A trophy, presented by Mr. W. J. Ranger, for the best score against the prize-winners, went to Mr. C. R. Sainsbury.

The scores at the end of the last round were as follows:—

	Won.	Lost.
Grierson	8½	2½
Mason	8½	2½
Davies	6½	4½
Barnes	6	5
Miles	5½	5½
James	5½	5½
Rutherfurd	5	6
Sainsbury	4½	6½
Hicks	4½	6½
Freeman	4	7
Severne	4	7
Kelling	3½	7½

Game Played in the Seventh Round.

White: E. Hicks; Black: E. J. Miles; Opening: King's B. Gambit.

White.	Black.
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. P-KB4	PxP
3. B-B4	Q-R5, ch
4. K-B	P-Q4
5. BxP	P-KKt4
6. Kt-QB3	P-QB3
7. Kt-B3	Q-R4
8. B-Kt3	B-KKt5
9. P-Q4	Kt-Q2
10. Q-Q3	Kt-K2
11. B-Q2	B-Kt2
12. Kt-K2	R-Q
13. B-Kt4	Kt-K4
14. KtxKt	BxKt
15. BxKt	KxB
16. P-B3	P-B6
17. Kt-Kt	PxP, ch
18. KxP	KR-B
19. R-KB	KB-B4
20. P-KR2	B-B
21. B-Q	Q-Kt3
22. B-Kt4	P-KR4
23. B-B5	BxB
24. PxB	Q-B3
25. Kt-B3	R-Q4
26. R-K, ch	K-Q2
27. P-B4	RxBP
28. R-K5	P-Kt5
29. RxR	PxKt, ch
30. KxP	Q-Kt3
31. KxB	R-KKt
32. R-K	Q-Q3, ch
33. R-K5	P-KB3
34. Q-R7, ch	Resigns

Grierson and Mason Tie.

In the play-off between Messrs. Grierson and Mason the former won the toss, and in reply to P—K4 Mason adopted the "French defence," the game, after a long struggle, resulting in a draw. In the second game, Mason played his favourite "Zukertort opening," in which Mr. Grierson who was clearly feeling the strain of constant play more than his opponent, failed to make the best moves, and resigned on the 49th move.

Mr. Grierson at once rose and called for three cheers for the new champion, and received a similar tribute himself. Mr. Grierson said this was his last attempt at winning the championship, and thought he would have liked to have wound up his attempts with a successful one, he was satisfied that his score in this contest had dispelled the idea that his former win was a fluke.

The Players.

Mr. John Mason, the winner, has been a very consistent performer. On two previous occasions he has tied for the championship, but lost in the play-off.

Mr. J. C. Grierson, the runner-up was champion of the Dominion about seven years ago, and has been the local champion for many years.

Mr. F. K. Kelling, last year's champion, did not show any of his true form, and it would be very unwise to estimate the standard of his play by his score on this occasion.

Mr. R. J. Barnes has taken part in twenty-one consecutives congresses. The last ocasion on which he won was in Auckland four years ago. Although his average of wins is by no means the best, his score is a good one, including, as it does, five championships.

E. H. Severne is "new blood," and he should improve his position at future contests, as the experience gained with his first attempt ought to stand him in good stead.

E. Hicks is also "new blood," and the same applies to him as to Mr. Severne.

The other players, Messrs. Freeman, Sainsbury, Rutherfurd, James, Miles and Davies, have all taken part at previous gatherings.

A feature of the recent tournament was the extremely close finish. Even when the last round was in progress no less than five players had a chance of winning.

Championship Roll.

The following shows the winners of the New Zealand chess championship since 1879:—

1879.—H. Hookham, Christchurch.
1888.—A. M. Ollivier.
1889.—H. Hookham.
1890.—Barnes.
1891.—F. V. Siedeberg.
1892.—F. V. Siedeberg.
1893.—J. Edwards (Wellington).
1894.—W. Mackay.
1895.—W. Meldrum (Rangitikei).
1896.—R. J. Barnes.
1897.—R. J. Barnes.
1898.—E. A. Cleland.
1900 (Easter).—W. E. Mason.
1901 (Easter).—D. Forsyth.
1901 (Christmas).—R. J. Barnes.
1902.—J. C. Grierson.
1903.—W. E. Mason.
1904.—A. W. O. Davies.
1905.—R. J. Barnes.
1906.—W. S. Viner (Perth, W.A.).
1908 (Easter).—A. W. O. Davis.
1908 (Christmas).—F. K. Kelling.

VOLUNTEER NOTES.

(By Rifleman.)

The No. 1 Company Auckland G.A.V. held their first parade of the year at the Drill Hall on Friday, when the election of Mr Moody as a lieutenant took place.

On Friday night the No. 2 Company G.A.V. went into annual training camp at Fort Cautley for sixteen days. This is expected to be the most successful camp that the company has held. This company has increased in nine months from 60 members to 157 members. During the last few months the company has been working hard at the guns. It has held several daylight parades, and the specialists have put in a lot of extra work. At the end of the camp it expects to be well up the list in efficiency and big gun shooting.

A very interesting match was fired at the Mareretu Rifle Club's range between 15 men of that club and 15 of the Otamatea Mounted Rifles. The ranges were 200, 500, and 600 yards. The weather was fine, but there was a very strong and unsteady wind blowing at the 600yds range, and consequently the scores at that range were very low. The result was as follows: Mareretu Rifle Club: 200yds, 300; 500yds, 261; 600yds, 195—total, 756. Otamatea Mounted Rifles: 200yds, 278; 500yds, 248; 600yds, 166—total, 692. Mareretu Club won by 63.

At the annual meeting of the Auckland Rifle Association held last week it was decided that the next shooting meeting be held on January 2nd and 3rd, 1911. Some of the visiting shootists spoke highly of the manner in which the late meeting had been run. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Patrons, Lieutenant-Colonel G. C. B. Wolfe and the Mayor (Mr C. D. Grey); vice-patron, Sir J. L. Campbell; president, Mr. H. Brett; management council, Captain W. H. Shepherd, Captain M. N. Atkinson, Lieutenant J. F. Atkinson, Lieutenant G. T. Kretschmar, Quartermaster-Sergeant W. J. Morgan, Colour-Sergeant J. M. McKerras, and Privates W. Cox, H. Parslow, and J. Anderson; secretary and treasurer, Captain John Potter; auditors, Captain G. J. Dormer and Lieutenant H. C. Cotton.

Auckland Rifle Association Meeting.

Taken as a whole the shooting at the Auckland Rifle Association's meeting, which has just been brought to a successful conclusion, was what is known amongst marksmen as "hot," that is, close scoring and high, and to this good result the weather, the good condition of the targets, and the able management of the Executive, all conduced. Several of the more expert shots used the newly introduced aperture sights, and these, according to Captain Potter, helped greatly to pile up some of the large scores.

That this meeting of the Association has been excellently managed is obviously shown by the high praise accorded by both visiting and local men. Lieut. A. Neilson, of the Danevirke Rifles, who gained top score in the championship aggregate, said to the "Star" representative that he found the Penrose range easily the best he had yet shot in, while the enforcement of the time limit had greatly expedited business, and, combined with the first rate marking, had helped more than anything to make the various competitions run smoothly. The wind, though it had blown strongly, had been very steady all through the matches, and had not interfered with the quality of the shooting. Capt. Bartrop, of the Manchester Rifles, Feilding, also praised the marking and the excellent management. "The meeting," said he, "was better than any he had attended, and the enforcement of the time limit had proved a good thing; there were very few challenges, and there was no time lost by competitors waiting for the wind."

Lieut. Willis, of the Taranaki Rifles, said: "I think those responsible for the management of the matches deserve all praise; the targets are in splendid condition, and the marking has been particularly accurate." "The time limit? Well, to some extent the time limit was resented by some of the competitors from my district, but they became accustomed to it towards the end of the meeting, and acknowledged its necessity." Rifleman Speck, of the Stratford Defence Rifle Club, said that he had attended a meeting of the Auckland Rifle Association four years ago, and thought it well conducted, but this present meeting was in every way superior. He thought, however, that the ease with which the matches were conducted was due rather to the smartness of the markers, than to the time limit system; unless the markers were particularly efficient, time limits were impossible to fix. The results attained at the ranges were excellent, but he was surprised to find that many old shooters of great ability had put up very small scores, but this he thought was due to the rifles "nickeling," which was absolutely detrimental to good shooting."

These opinions, gathered from one or two representative riflemen, merely serve to indicate the feeling of the company gathered at Penrose, and to have given such satisfaction, and to have earned such generous praise, indicates that the Executive of the Auckland Rifle Association has organising and administrative ability in no small degree.