

Sports and Pastimes.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

Results at a Glance.

AUCKLAND.

Ponsonby 9 beat City 0.
 Farnell 9 beat Grafton 3.
 Varsity 8 beat Marist Bros. 0.

WELLINGTON.

Old Boys' 11 beat Petone 3.
 St. James' 3 beat Hutt 0.
 Ponake 20 beat Melrose 0.
 Wellington 11 beat Victoria College 5.
 Athletic 19 beat Southern 6.

CANTERBURY.

Albion 9 beat Sydenham 5.
 Linwood 12 beat Merivale 0.
 Christchurch 14 beat Marist Bros. 3.
 Old Boys' 24 beat Canterbury College 6.

OTAGO.

University 17, beat Union 7.
 Zingari 5, beat Pirates 0.
 Southern 17, beat Port 9.
 Dunedin 17, beat Kaikorai 3.
 Alhambra 0 beat Pirates 0.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Mānawatu 11 beat Horowhenua 8.

WANGANUI.

Pirates 9 beat Wanganui 4.

OTHER CENTRES.

Maniapoto 12 beat Hamilton 6.
 Kauhakura 8 beat Rotorua City 3.
 Rotorua Suburbs 9 beat Waikite 3.
 Waikite and Hamilton (juniors) a draw.
 Waikite 8 beat Waikite 0.
 Thames Suburbs and County a draw
 5 points each.
 Manuahi 6 beat Taumarunui 3.
 Courmandel 14 beat Karangahake 6.
 Whangarei 17 beat Maungakarama 0.

"All Blacks" Return.

In conversation with a "Wellington Times" representative, Mr. Meredith, manager, said that although numerous prominent Rugby players had been captured by the Northern Union League, the form of the younger players who had taken the places of those who had seceded was quite up to the standard set by the older players. The Northern Union game was certainly more spectacular; there were fewer players, and neither side could move until the half-back got the ball. The result was that the half-back got a clear break. The game did not make the same call on the men as Rugby, but it was more taking for the public.

Regarding the New Zealanders, they were mainly a forward team, magnificent in tackling. The style of play of the Australians, the three-two-three formation, always made it a forward game, giving the backs little opportunity. Francis, in particular, shone out prominently in the match in which the New Zealanders were beaten. He seemed to stand out all on his own, and for at least a quarter of an hour had the play all to himself. Rarely had such a fine exhibition of forward play been seen. The New Zealanders' back defence was very strong in this match, but the position was hopeless.

Right throughout the seven games played there was no unpleasantness—except two players "scrumpling"—which was, he thought, unusual in such a tour. The reason why reinforcements had to be telegraphed for was that four men were on the shelf after the Wellington match, and as they only took twenty players, it meant that no allowance could be made for accidents in the opening game of the tour in Sydney. At least two men might be disabled, and without the reinforcements it meant that in the next match they could not have put fifteen men in the field. As it happened, Roberts sprained an ankle in the first match, and he could not play in the two subsequent games, and the same fate befel Rhodes.

Mr. Meredith does not fear that the professional game will supersede the amateur game in New Zealand. The only point to consider was whether the three-two-three formation was not bet-

ter than the system followed in New Zealand. It had never been systematically tried here. Rugby in New South Wales had not suffered very much through the professional game, and play was improving. On all sides the visitors were treated with the utmost kindness.

ASSOCIATION.

AUCKLAND.

Corinthians and Ponsonby a draw—1 goal each.
 Caledonians 2 beat Carlton 0.
 North Shore 2 beat Y.M.C.A. 1.

HOCKEY.

AUCKLAND.

United 4 beat Ponsonby 0.
 Auckland 4 beat St. George's 3.
 University 8 beat Grafton 0.

SHIELD MATCH.

Wellington 6 beat Horowhenua 1.

LADIES' MATCHES.

Rangitira A (champions) 5 beat Moana 2.
 Rawhiti 2 beat Rangitira B 1.
 Kopana 8 beat Mokoia 0.
 Training College 5 beat Aotearoa 0.
 Arawa 9 beat Unitarian 0.

VOLUNTEER NOTES.

(By Rifleman.)

Gunner Year, of No. 3 G.A.V., has been awarded £2 10s by the Minister of Defence, as compensation for injuries received by him while at drill a short time back.

The attention of officers commanding companies is specially directed to that portion of the Artillery Training Circular (No. 5, 1910), requiring all officers' examinations to be carried out previous to the company's annual training camp.

Due to the low strength of the R.L. section of No. 3 Company the electricians and engine drivers of that company are required to parade for instruction with the electric light section of No. 2 Company on Monday evenings at 7.45 p.m.

The Church Rifle Club has adopted an excellent method of keeping the members in touch with each other during the off season. A series of progressive cakie parties and social evenings has been arranged, the inauguration of which took place last week.

Medals for long and efficient service will in time come have additional value because of their rarity. In the new scheme, when men will, at 25 years of age, be passed out of the forces into the reserve, there will be no long service, except in the case of officers, and consequently no medals, save perhaps the officers' decoration.

The chief object of having instruction in signalling efficiently carried out, the officer commanding the Auckland Division has ordered that the signallers of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Rifles were upon duty every Wednesday evening at the Drill Hall, every Wednesday evening at 7.45 p.m. for instruction by the R.N.Z.A. instructor.

The officer commanding the Auckland division requests officers commanding companies to furnish a return by the 15th inst. showing an estimate of the probable attendance of their respective companies at (1) an officers' and N.C. officers' class, to be held at North Head from 11th to 21st September, 1910, at a studio house at Fort Takapuna from 8th to 12th October.

What is to become of all the full-dress uniforms is an interesting question. It is practically certain that, after the close of the present year, they will not be used. The attitude of the department is that the clothing remains the property of the company. This was evidenced when the Waikite Mounted Rifles and the North Dunedin Rifles were upon duty last week, in possession of their uniforms all other equipment being called in. It will, therefore, presumably remain for the companies to do as they please with the uniforms.

The English Army Estimates for the year 1910-11 are criticized by Lieut.-Col. de Juge, in the "Militar Wochenblatt," the unofficial organ of the Prussian War Office. At the conclusion of the article the writer says: "It is hardly the business of foreigners to criticize exhaustively the remarks of the British War Minister and the applause, pregnant with hope, with which they have been received by the majority of his countrymen. While, however, acknowledgment must be unreservedly accorded to the services rendered by Mr. Haldane in improving the organization of the regular army, and in providing for a great military contingent intended to meet the extremely improbable eventuality of a foreign invasion, the real value of these creations should not be exaggerated. It is not a great military undertaking against a modern, great army, and outside England, especially as this expeditionary army is too cumbersome and too much dependent on recruiting considerations. The fact may be mentioned that the recruiting officers can even now supply only 80 per cent of the demand. Furthermore, the necessity of the Indian Army have to be taken into account."

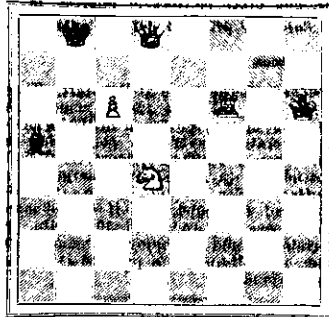
CHESS.

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Position No. 49.

By Henri Rinck.)

Black.



White.

White to play and draw.

Forsyth Notation: 1Kk1, 8, 2P2R1K, b7, 3Kt4, 8, 8, 8.

Victoria v. New South Wales.

Appended is a good game played in the late inter-State telegraph match—"Scotch Game."

New South Wales. Victoria.
 L. S. Crankthorp. H. E. Grant.

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| White. | Black. |
| 1. P-K4 | 1. P-K4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | 2. Kt-QB3 |
| 3. P-Q4 | 3. Pxp |
| 4. Kxp | 4. B-B4 |
| 5. B-K4 | 5. Q-B3 |
| 6. P-QB3 | 6. Kt-Kt2 |
| 7. B-QKt5 | 7. P-Q4 |
| 8. Kt-Kt1 | 8. P-Kt4 |
| 9. BxB | 9. PxB |
| 10. BxKt | 10. QxB |
| 11. QxP | 11. R-QKt |
| 12. Castles | 12. Castles |
| 13. R-K | 13. P-QR3 |
| 14. Q-Kt3 | 14. B-Kt2 |
| 15. Kt-Q2 | 15. Q-Kt4 |
| 16. QR-Q | 16. P-QB4 |
| 17. Kt-B | 17. P-QB5 |
| 18. Q-B2 | 18. P-B4 |
| 19. P-B3 | 19. Pxp |
| 20. Pxp | 20. R-B2 |
| 21. Kt-Kt3 | 21. QR-K |
| 22. Q-Q2 | 22. Q-Kt3 |
| 23. Q-K3 | 23. P-KR4 |
| 24. KR-B | 24. P-R5 |
| 25. RxB | 25. RxB |
| 26. Kt-B | 26. BxP |
| 27. Q-R3 | 27. Q-Kt4 |
| 28. R-K | 28. Q-B5 |
| 29. Q-K3 | 29. QxQch |
| 30. RxQ | 30. B-Kt2 |
| 31. Kt-Q2 | 31. P-Kt3 |
| 32. Kt-B3 | 32. BxKt |
| 33. PxB | 33. R-Kt2 |
| 34. K-B2 | 34. P-Kt4 |
| 35. R-K3 | 35. K-Kt3 |
| 36. P-KR3 | 36. R-B3 |
| 37. P-R4 | 37. R-Kt3 |
| 38. P-R5 | 38. R-Q3 |
| 39. K-K2 | 39. K-B3 |

Draw agreed to.

Notes.

In teaching chess to beginners it would be well, perhaps, not to follow the usual practice and confuse the learner with the intricate manipulation of 16 pieces to be deployed from the starting position. I give the following graduated exercises as the best course:

First manage two pieces, Q and K and K, proceeding from various positions till mate is given. Among other things will be learnt the significance of stalemate during the course of this first exercise.

Next let the beginner play Q and K against K and a minor piece. He should not be set Q and K against R and K till he has had practice with two R's and K against K and a minor piece.

considerably improved by Mr Haldane's expeditionary force, is still heavily to be considered as a serious factor in great military undertakings against a modern, great army, and outside England, especially as this expeditionary army is too cumbersome and too much dependent on recruiting considerations. The fact may be mentioned that the recruiting officers can even now supply only 80 per cent of the demand. Furthermore, the necessity of the Indian Army have to be taken into account."

After this he should conduct R and K against K alone. The mate of two B's or B and Kt against K should have no part in these lessons. A further group of exercises can then be given by setting up positions with various pieces, without Pawns, and giving him the advantage of a R at least.

Next a large number of mates in one should be set him, problems with several mates possible with pieces or Pawns.

Finally he should be given the ending of K and P against K. The object of this last exercise is to discover whether the learner's penetration is sufficient to indicate to him more or less clearly the conditions under which a Pawn may be carried to the eighth rank.

Only then should he be allowed to play a game from the commencement. He should be told what constitutes a good mobilisation; why the minor pieces and the two centre Pawns should be developed first, and not the Queen; why no piece should be moved twice when available in the opening, etc.

On the occasion of the late King Edward's visit to Norwich the Chess Club, which was situated in the line of his procession was beautifully decorated, and a shield with the following poem was conspicuously placed over the entrance, and attracted the admiration of the King:—

Genius of Chess! Immortal spirit, soar,
 Duke of Albany, the late King's young-
 est brother:
 Wafting thine incense sweet to every
 shore,
 From the Far East to our loved West-
 ern strand,
 By herald's voice proclaimed to every
 land;
 'Midst camp of war, or peaceful cottage
 lone,
 A harbinger of joy to every zone,
 With ah! how sweet! An altar unde-
 filed
 By founts of creed or lights of passion
 wild,
 Immortal chess! All-hallowed in the
 past,
 May the glad influence to all ages last,
 Reversed whosoever bard or poet sings,
 Pastime of Princes—cherished game of
 Kings:
 A refuge sweet from schoolboy's dreary
 page,
 Knubbing youth and renovating age.
 — C. Winter-Wood.

The Duke of Albany was a good player, and said in one of his speeches: "Is it not true that in life, as in chess, it is often the opening, and the opening only, which is under our own control?"

Solution to Position No. 49.

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| 1. P-B7 ch | QxP |
| 2. Kt-B6 ch | K-B |
| 3. R-B8 ch | K-Kt2 |
| 4. R-B7 | QxR |
| 5. Kt-Q8 ch | BxKt |
- Stalemate.

TO GROW HAIR ON A BALD HEAD.

(By A SPECIALIST.)

Thousands of people suffer from baldness and falling hair who, having tried nearly every advertised hair tonic and hair grower without results, have resigned themselves to baldness and its attendant discomforts. Yet their case is not hopeless; the following simple home prescription has made hair grow after years of baldness, and is also unequalled for restoring grey hair to its original colour, stopping hair from falling out, and for destroying the dandruff germ. It will not make the hair greasy, and can be put up by any chemist:—Hay Run 3oz, Lavana 6z Compound 1oz, Menthol Crystal 1 dram. If you wish it perfumed add half to one teaspoonful of French Fleur Perfume, which unites perfectly with the other ingredients. This preparation is highly recommended by physicians and specialists, and is absolutely harmless, as it contains none of the poisonous wood alcohol so frequently found in hair tonics. Do not apply to face or where hair is not desired.

Old Nurse (to newly married couple, after viewing the wedding presents)—Well, my dears, you ought to be very 'appy. There ain't a thing among 'em as a pawnbroker wouldn't be pleased to 'andle.