

The Chess Board.

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Auckland Chess Club meets on Monday Thursday, and Saturday evenings, at No. 24, His Majesty's Arcade, Queen-street (2nd floor).

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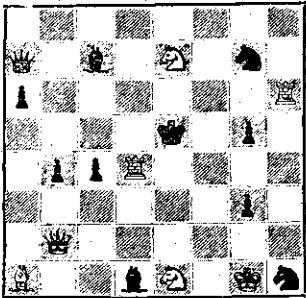
Hon. Secretaries of Chess Clubs are invited to furnish items of Club news. Unpublished games, containing special features, notes of critical positions occurring in actual play, and original problems (with diagram and analysis) are always acceptable.

Answers to Correspondents.

Problem No. 172.

By Dr. J. J. O'KEEFE, Kogarah, and Mr H. GADSEN, Newtown.
First prize in Main C. White's Third Australasian Problem Tourney.

Black, 11 men.



White, 7 men.

8. q1b1s1, p8, 4k1p1, 1ppR4, 6p1, 1q8, B2b1Ks.
White to play and mate in two moves.

Australasian Problems.

MR. ALAIN C. WHITE, the well-known problem enthusiast, has, for the third time, given prizes for competition amongst Australian and New Zealand composers. 63 entries were received. South Australia led the way with 22 entries; then followed New South Wales, 13; Western Australia, 12; Victoria, 9; New Zealand, 4; and Queensland, 3.

The judge (Mr J. D. Williams), of Port Pirie, S.A., says:—"I am pleased to be able to report that there has been a gratifying increase in the number of entries, and that the general quality is of a high order. In fact, there are so many problems of high quality that it was only by careful comparison that I have been able to place the leaders. Every State, with the exception of Tasmania, is represented, as is also New Zealand."

The awards were as follows:—
First prize, Dr. J. J. O'Keefe and H. Gadsen (New South Wales).

Second prize, W. B. Connelly (South Australia).

First hon. mention, F. T. Hawes (New South Wales).

Second hon. mention, Arthur Mosely (Queensland).

Third hon. mention, B. G. Fegan (New South Wales).

Fourth hon. mention, H. J. Tucker (South Australia).

The first prize-winner appears above.

Mr A. C. White again offers prizes for the best original two-movers by residents of Australia and New Zealand appearing in any chess column published in the above-mentioned countries. Problems to be eligible must be published under author's names, and during the year ending June 30, 1913. Joint authorship will be permitted. Judge, Mr J. D. Williams.

The Richmond Congress.

It seems to be generally conceded that the best game played in the championship section was the one between Rev. F. E. Hammond and Mr R. P. Michell. We give the score with notes from the "Field."

Queen's Pawn Opening.

White.	Black.
Hammond.	Michell.
1 P-Q4	P-Q4
2 P-K3	Kt-KB3 (a)
3 B-Q3	P-B4
4 P-QB3	P-K3
5 Kt-Q2	Kt-B3
6 P-KB4	B-Q3
7 Q-B3	B-Q2
8 Kt-B3	Q-Kt3 (b)
9 Q-Kt3 (c)	KR-Kt sq
10 Q-B3	P-KR3
11 Kt-B2	Castles
12 B-B2	K-Kt sq
13 Kt-Q3	B-K sq
14 P-QR4	PxP (d)
15 KPxP	Kt-Q2
16 P-QKt4	Q-B2
17 R-R2	P-B3
18 Kt-Kt3	Kt-K2
19 Kt (Q3)-B5	BxKt
20 KtPxP	P-K4
21 Castles	P-K5
22 Q-K2	P-R4
23 B-Q2	Kt-QB3
24 R-Kt2	K-R sq
25 B-Kt sq	Kt-B3
26 B-R2	B-B4
27 Q-K sq	KR-K sq
28 P-B4	P-K6 (e)
29 B-R5 (f)	P-QKt3
30 PxBP	RxBP
31 PxP	Kt (KB3)xP
32 Q-R4	P-K7 (g)
33 R-K sq	P-Kt3
34 B-Q2	Kt (Q4)-Kt5
35 B-Kt sq	Q-Q3
36 Q-B2	R-K3
37 P-R3	QR-K sq
38 P-Kt4	PxP
39 PxP	BxP
40 Q-Kt2	P-B4
41 P-R5	PxP
42 K-R2	Kt-Q4 (h)
43 KtP (i)	KtQBP
44 Kt-B4	Q-B4
45 QxKt ch	QxQ
46 B-K4	K-B2
47 BxQ	Kt-B6 ch
48 BxKt	BxB
49 B-K3 ch (j)	Resigns.

(a) 2. P-K3 generally shows the intention of building up the "Stonewall." Black could reply with P-K3, and if P-KB4, then also P-KB4—Stonewall against Stonewall. (One form of the Jowitt Opening—well-known in N.Z.—Ed.)

(b) Hardly the best place for the Queen. To make room for castling QR he could have played Q-K2, giving it more scope.

(c) With Black's Q at K2 this move would have been useless, as Black could have castled QR, when the KRtP could not have been captured.

(d) The alternative would be Kt-Q2; 15. P-R5, Q-B2, followed if feasible, by P-B4, Kt-B3 and K5.

(e) B-B2 might be considered, the Bishop being out of play at R4. White would have to attend to the Bishop's move.

(f) A powerful move, difficult to meet. White's attack begins to accentuate itself.

(g) PxP. 33. QxB, Kt (Q4)-Kt5 might be suggested. Anyhow Black would have plenty of scope for defence and attack.

(h) In spite of the risky capture of the Pawn on the preceding move, he might perhaps have saved the game with 42. R-K6. It was too difficult a game to analyse at short notice as thoroughly as we should have wished.

(i) The beginning of a beautiful final combination.

(j) An end game of rare beauty.

Notes and News.

Marshall attended the B.C.F. Congress as an onlooker. He sent in an entry for the Major Open Tourney, but unfortunately the entry was received too late, as the pairing had all been arranged and printed. He intended to stay in London till November, but along came a challenge from Janowski to play a match of ten games at Biarritz. Naturally he could not resist this. The match has commenced, and the score by last mail stood: Janowski 1, Marshall 1. Immediately on the conclusion of this match he was to return to England, as he had made engagements for exhibitions of simultaneous play.

(A later report shows that Marshall won by 3 games to 2, with 3 draws.)

In connection with the Congress a monster lightning tourney was held in which 48 players took part. It was completed in 24 hours.

"The Cheltenham Examiner" announces that the whole of the necessary funds having been guaranteed, it may now be considered certain that the next B.C.F. Congress will be held at Cheltenham.

"It is always interesting reading (says the "Canterbury Times") when Leopold Hoffer gives his personal views of the great international chess tournaments. His presence at the event and his wide intimate acquaintance with the competing masters give him opportunities of hearing post-mortem analyses and discussions that must be of incalculable value in the preparation of his instructive analytical notes. And there is no doubt that the English reading chess public owes its acquaintance with the characteristics, traits, and idiosyncrasies of the European chess masters largely to the entertaining comments of the celebrated London chess editor."

The correspondence tournament instituted by "The British Chess Magazine" in November, 1908, has now concluded after a run of close on four years. Ninety-eight players entered. They competed in sections, the 16 winners of which took part in the final. Prizes were awarded to 11 who completed their games. The chief prizes went to Rev. E. Griffiths, Lewes, 13; the Hon. V. A. Farnell, Sittingbourne, 12; and Mr W. H. Gunston, Cambridge, 10. The principal prizes were: First, chess materials to the value of £5; second, "In Stata Quo" chess board, value £2; third, set of Staunton chessmen, value 25/. The competition was so much appreciated that the editor intends to start another at an early date.

Auckland Chess Club.

The annual match, Smokers v. Non-smokers, was played on Monday, 21st instant. Twenty-four members took part. The hon. secretary (Mr A. E. Layland) made all the necessary arrangements. Each pair played one game only. The Smokers won the toss, and had the move at the odd-numbered boards. After some two hours' play the match ended in a draw, each side scoring six wins. Following are the detailed scores:—

Board	Non-smokers.	Wins.	Smokers.	Wins.
1.	F. C. Ewen	0	J. C. Grierson	1
2.	A. W. O. Davies	0	E. J. Miles	1
3.	M. Freeman	1	Rev. A. Miller	0
4.	F. Harvey	1	F. W. Smith	0

5.	H. Sachs	0	E. Priestley	1
6.	A. E. Layland	1	J. M. Lennox	0
7.	E. Harland	1	F. Morgan	0
8.	H. Green	1	J. Sim	1
9.	G. A. Wilson	1	T. Coulthard	0
10.	A. Wright	0	J. Moir, jun.	1
11.	A. Rose	0	M. Horneman	1
12.	R. Putman	1	J. M. Smith	0

The score in the final round of the handicap tourney to 25th inst., stood thus:—Coulthard, 2 wins, no losses, 3 games to play; Moir, 2-1-2; Davies and Sim, 1-1-1-2; Wilson, 1-2-1-2; Myers, 0-2-3. The last round has to be played by 31st instant. We cannot see how the players are going to do it.

Solution of Problem No. 170.

(By R. G. Thomson.)
1. Kt-Q4.

The judge in the "Chess Amateur" Tourney—Mr E. J. Winter-Wood—says in his award: "In this problem each acceptance of the seven-fold Knight sacrifice produces a different mate. The key gives one of the captures by King, which is a fine point; and the 'four ensemble' is, I believe, new. . . . Murray Marble's first prize seven-fold bishop's sacrifice is a pretty companion to this fine problem."

In his personal notes on the prize-winners, the problem editor (Mr Philip H. Williams) says: "The hero of our first problem tourney was born at Aberdeen in 1861, and learned chess in 1884; he soon developed a keen interest in problems, winning his first prize for solutions in 1886. His first problem was published just 20 years ago; he has produced upwards of 300, including self-mates. He is a devotee of the English school of composition, and tries to do without duals. He has a long list of successes to his credit—not far off twenty, half of these being premier honours. . . . He has a place in the 'Chess Bouquet,' where his biography and selected problems appear amongst other well-known British composers. He finds the pursuit of chess to be an ever-faithful resource to him after a hard day's work in a manufacturing firm in Aberdeen."

The problem by Murray Marble referred to in the judge's award took first prize in La Strategia three years ago. In case any reader may care to see for himself how apt and just the judge's comment is, we give the problem: Q7, 0s1, KpR1, 3p1s1, 3k1r2, p1R4R, 4r2, B6q. —Mate in two. The key move is B-Kt.

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