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To Our Readers

Our opening move has been played, and we have had replies; but not enough of them! In starting off with twelve pages we took on a big hurdle, and we must have more subscribers to keep the Gazette going.

In our infancy we need careful feeding—subscriptions, news, etc. The response to our first issue has been fair, but by next month we want to be able to say that we are sure of keeping alive. Help us by informing your friends to send in their subscriptions to 124 Somerfield Street, Christchurch, the home of the N.Z. Chess Gazette.

The Gazette, we are pleased to say, has been well received in various N.Z. Chess Clubs—members say, "It's Splendid," "It's Excellent," and so on, but subscriptions tell the tale.

As we have only twelve pages for news, editorials are not wanted, so we close with the same as last month:—Send in your subscription for the Gazette, and know who's who and what's what in New Zealand Chess!

THE EDITOR.

CHESS ENTHUSIASTS.

In 1920 the Taumarunui C.C. and Ohura (Taranaki) C.C. played a telegraphic chess match. The following is from the "Book of the 29th Congress":

"A telegraphic match has just been played between Taumarunui and Ohura, the result of which is not yet available. Play was reluctantly broken off about 5.30 a.m., as it was time to get the cows in! This enthusiasm might be noted by those city players who think they are enthusiasts, but in reality have very shaky claims to the title!"

CORRESPONDENCE CHESS.

B.C.C.A. 1937-38 Results.

The following are the prize-winners:—
Trophies Tourney.

Class 1.

1st and Championship: S. HINDIN, Christchurch.
2nd: R. W. PARK, Henderson.

Class 2.

1st: F. L. LAWSON, Christchurch.
2nd: N. S. TRAVES, Timaru.

Class 3.

1st: E. H. HAIGH, Auckland.
2nd: A. R. FRAZER, Napier.

Class 4.

1st: J. A. JACKSON, Kerikeri.
2nd: F. W. KEAM, Tauranga.

At present the place winners in the Handicap Section and Best Games Competition are undecided.

Full lists of final placings will be published later.

B.C.C.A. PLAYERS IN ACTION.

A brevity, played at board 39, in the recent North Island v. South Island Correspondence Chess Match (final match result: South 88, North 74):—

Q.G.D.—Slav Defence.

White:	Black:
F. L. Lawson (Canterbury)	K. W. Campbell (Auckland)
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. N-KB3	P-K3
3. P-QB4	P-QB3
4. P-K3	N-KB3
5. N-QB3	P-B4?
6. B-Q3	BP x P
7. KP x P?	P x P
8. B x P	B-K2
9. B-KN5	O-O
10. O-O	QN-Q2
11. R-K1	P-KR3
12. B-R4	N-N3
13. B-QN3	KN-Q4
14. B x B	N x B

Of course, if 14. . . . Q x B, Black loses a piece.

15. Q-Q3	N (N3)-Q4
16. N x N	P x N?
17. R-K5	P-B3? ?
18. R x N!	Resigns (A).

(A) White wins in all variations if 18. . . . Q x R; 19. B x P ch! and if Black plays K-R1; 20. N-R4! again after 19. B x P ch if B-K3. White plays 20. R-K1! Take 19. B x P ch, R-B2 (best); 20. R-K1! if Q-Q1 or Q-Q2 is played by Black, 21. Q-N3! and White wins the R; say 21. Q-N3 if Q-B1; 22. B x R ch! Q x B; 23. R-K8 ch!! After 19. B x P, R-B2; 20. R-K1, Q-B1?; 21. Q-N3, B-Q2 (forced); 22. B x R ch, Q x B; 23. Q x NP, and White is three pawns up. A surprisingly strong position for White after his Rook sacrifice.

B.C.C.A. members and others please note:—In our first issue, in the B.C.C.A. Tourneys, Mr. R. W. Park, Henderson, is named as a Grade 1B competitor. As Mr. Park is one of N.Z.'s strongest players, this is obviously an error. Mr. Park was second in last year's Championship, and, of course, will be playing in the Championship this season.

B.C.C.A. TOURNEY RESULTS.
Handicap Tourney, 1938.

K. W. Campbell, Auckland (1) 1½; H. G. King, Henderson (1) ½; E. J. Haigh, Auckland (2) 1; Mrs. F. M. Burton, Russell (3) 0; W. S. Chaney, Auckland (4) 1; A. W. Henderson, Waharoa (4) 0.

(Games carried over from last year.)

SHADES OF THE PAST.

Our first subscriber, Mr. W. H. Buckett, was a competitor in the 28th N.Z. Chess Congress (held at Christchurch 1914-15).

Mr. Buckett came sixth in a field of thirteen. In the first round he beat E. H. Severne (5th), and in the second beat the Rev. C. E. Fox (3rd). In the third round Mr. Buckett lost to R. J. Barnes (102 moves!), and later on, in the Congress, he gave F. K. Kelling a hard run.

The following game, played in the second round is taken from the "Book of the 28th Congress" (edited and annotated by W. E. Mason and W. Mackay).

A good game by Mr. Buckett; quick development and vigorous attack. Black never recovers from a slip on his eighth move.

Centre Counter.

White:	Black:
W. H. Buckett.	C. E. Fox.
1. P-K4	P-Q4
2. P x P	Q x P
3. N-QB3	Q-Q1
4. P-Q4	P-KN3

This Fianchetto variation of the Centre Counter is very rarely played.

5. N-KB3 B-KN2
6. B-QB4

Or B-KB4, N-KB3; 7. Q-Q2, O-O; 8. B-B4, P-B3; 9. O-O, etc. (Tchigorin-Gunsberg).

6. . . . P-QB3
7. B-K3 N-KB3
8. O-O B-KN5

A blunder. Castles is required.
9. B x P ch K-B1
Better to take the Bishop, which retains command of the diagonal.
10. B-QN3 Q-Q3
11. Q-K2 QN-Q2
12. QR-Q1 P-K3
13. KR-K1 QR-K1
14. B-KN5 P-KR3
15. B-KR4 K-N1
16. B-KN3 Q-KB1

Black has a very difficult game. The text move is too cramping. K2 is a better square for the Queen, to be followed by K-R2 at the first opportunity.

17. P-KR3 B-KB4

B x N followed by N-Q4 looks more promising.

18. B-K5	P-KN4
19. P-KN4	B-KN3
20. B x N	N x B
21. N-K5	B-KB2
22. N x B	K x N
23. B x KP ch	K-K2
24. Q-K5	N-KN1
25. Q-QB7 ch	K-B3
26. N-K4 ch	K x B
27. N-Q6 dis. ch	K-B3
28. R x R	Resigns

Otago Activities

Contributed by W. Herbert,
Hon. Sec., O.C.C.

The Annual Report of the O.C.C. is to hand, and Club members should be pleased to have received such a satisfactory report. It discloses a sound state of affairs, and we hope that all N.Z. Chess Clubs' reports are as favourable as this one.

The Otago Chess Club has 71 members at present, and new members are enrolling every week.

The results of the various Club Competitions are as follows:—

Club Championship.

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Winner: W. Lang	7	0	1	7½
Runner-up:				
R. E. Williamson	5	3	0	5

B Grade Championship.

Winner: J. F. Lang	16	0	1	16½
Runner-up:				
Dr. E. Merrington	9	3	1	9½

Minor Handicap.

Winners: R. Weir	4	1	0	4
H. Hewitt	4	3	0	4

Mr. J. B. Dunlop, a member of the Club, was runner-up to Mr. S. Hindin, of Canterbury, in the recent Congress of the Championship of New Zealand, held in Dunedin. Messrs. W. Lang (Club Champion) and R. McDermid also competed.

The Club's younger members, Mr. J. F. Lang and Mr. D. Langley, came first and second respectively in the N.Z. Premier Reserves Tournament.

Mr. W. Herbert was Hon. Secretary of the Congress Committee. A great worker for the cause of Chess is Mr. Herbert.

The Otago Chess Club won the Bledisloe Cup in telegraphic matches played during the past season.

In the first round they beat a strong Canterbury team by 13-7! The final round, against Wellington, was won convincingly by 11½ to 8½.

Mr. C. Wreford Brown, the Manager of the English Association Football Team which visited N.Z. last year, visited the Club Rooms during his stay in Dunedin. He is a strong player, having competed in the British Championship. He played simultaneous chess games against eight Club members, taking White at every board. The following moves were played in all games:—

1. P-K4, P-K4
2. N-KB3 N-QB3
3. N x P, N x N
4. P-Q4

We do not know how the scores went, but the Otago Club players say that the unsound sacrifice gave White a very strong attack.

Tuition classes were carried on during the past season, under the control of Dr. E. W. Bennett, assisted by Messrs. R. McDermid and W. Lang.

The report mentions the great enthusiasm accorded to the Hungarian master, Lajos Steiner, and also regrets that Mr. G. Koshnitsky failed to visit New Zealand at Christmas.

As we pointed out last month, it's not too late yet.

FROM CHESS BOARD TO CHESS GAZETTE.

(Are Local Games Worthy of Publication?)

The average player seldom takes scores when playing chess. After a game, one, usually the winner, often says, "That was a great game! I wish I had taken scores." Now, why does he utter these words? Because the winner, in most cases, is so delighted with his brilliancy, that he feels that he would have liked to show the game to "Old Bill."

Therefore readers of the N.Z. Chess Gazette are advised to write their moves down on a score sheet from now on. Then, if you have a good game and win, think of seeing your name and game in print! There is no need to be shy! Send the game along to the Editor. (As a matter of fact, he has two games won by himself that he is itching to print! but yours will be of more interest.)

Now, later on, when your game is printed, certain players may say that your opponent, in their opinion, played

weak moves. Such may be the case, but even so, if we all played correct moves there would probably be a great number of drawn games. Take, for the sake of argument, two second grade players in a match game. At move eight or eighteen, the loser to be has played what is, in his opinion, at the moment of play, his best move. No matter if it isn't; that is beside the point. Now, after this, shall we say weak move, his game goes to pieces, and once again his king falls. This is where the pessimist comes to light with his usual, "It's not worth playing over," or "Fancy printing that."

However, take someone else's game. What about a game published in magazines and books, played at Carlsbad in 1911.

French Defence.

White :	Black :
A. Nimzowitsch.	S. Alapin.
1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. N-QB3	N-KB3
4. P x P	N x P
5. N-B3	P-QB4
6. N x N	Q x N
7. B-K3	P x P
8. N x P	P-QR3
9. B-K2	Q x NP??

To go pawn-hunting in the opening is a silly practice. Here, with Black's pieces utterly undeveloped, it is suicidal.

10. B-B3	Q-N3
11. Q-Q2	P-K4

To drive the knight from his commanding position and gain time for some measure of development. But White is so far ahead in this that he can afford :-

12. O-O-O!	P x N
13. B x QP	N-B3
14. B-B6!	

Any other Bishop move could have been answered by a developing move. Black, of course, must take—

14.	Q x B
15. KR-K1 ch	B-K2
16. B x N ch	K-B1
17. Q-Q8 ch	BxQ
18. R-K8 mate	

Now take one more game. Played at Vienna in 1910.

Caro Kann.

White :	Black :
R. Reti.	Dr. S. Tartakower.
1. P-K4	P-QB3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. N-QB3	P x P

4. N x P	N-B3
5. Q-Q3?	P-K4?

Queen to Q3 is, to say the least, of doubtful value, but not so bad that it can be thus summarily refuted. Correct was N x N, followed by N-Q2 and N-B3, with a good game. Note.—Why didn't Tartakower play these moves then? That's what the pessimist would say!

6. P x P	Q-R4 ch
7. B-Q2	Q x P (K4)
8. O-O-O	N x N??

Homer nods! or was he only obstinate in carrying through his (faulty) idea based on his 5th move?

9. Q-Q8 ch	K x Q
10. B-N5 ch	K moves
11. B or R mates as case may be.	

These two games are taken from "Every Game Checkmate." The question is, are they, compared to other wonderful games, worthy of publication? Weak and bad moves are pointed out in these two games, so even if your opponent has made weak moves, the game may be worth playing over.

Now, you beginners, upwards, send along your games. Give your ideas as to why you played certain moves—and your game may go down in history!

DONATIONS TO THE GAZETTE.

Mr. F. L. Lawson, Christchurch, and Mr. C. Lawson, Inangahua Junction, have kindly donated one guinea each towards the N.Z. Chess Gazette's Problem Competition, which commences within a few months.

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Canterbury News

On Friday, March 5th, at the Canterbury Chess Club, Mr. J. A. Hunter gave a very interesting lecture on the "Guioco Piano." Quite a number of variations were explained and played over on a large board attached to the wall (not the one where we fight with our backs to when we are a piece down).

About fifty members listened attentively to his remarks, and at the conclusion of the lecture Mr. Hunter was voted a hearty vote of thanks.

(Give us another lecture soon, Jim! One of the Club's members said to the Editor a few years ago that the "Guioco Piano" was dull. The Editor now awaits his chance to try one of the variations you explained, and guarantees to open his friend's eyes!)

Mr. H. T. Penrose, leader to date in the Drummond Cup, is a regular attendant at the Club. (Keep up your wins, H. T., the Cup would look better than ever on your mantelpiece!)

Many members of the C.C.C. are now keen on Correspondence Chess, and are playing in the B.C.C.A. Tourneys. The latest recruit to the B.C.C.A. ranks is Mr. S. Hollander.

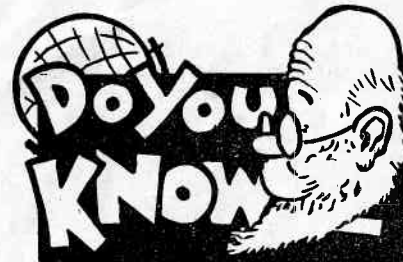
Results in the Canterbury Championships to date are:—

Championship.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.	
S. Hindin	..	6	6	0	0	6
W. D. Khouri	..	7	6	1	0	6
Mrs. Abbott	..	5	4	1	0	4
L. J. Darwin	..	5	4	1	0	4
E. H. Hey	..	5	4	1	0	4
H. R. Abbott	..	4	3	1	0	3
W. A. Dobson	..	8	2	5	1	2½
Rev. N. Friberg	..	6	2	4	0	2
H. Kennedy	..	6	2	4	0	2
J. A. Hunter	..	3	1	1	1	1½
E. Dalton	..	4	1	3	0	1
C. W. Gray	..	7	1	6	0	1
W. H. Joyce	..	5	1	4	0	1
A. O. Gray	..	5	0	5	0	0

Intermediate.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.	
O. N. Thomson	..	4	3	0	1	3½
C. S. Smith	..	3	3	0	0	3
S. Hollander	..	6	3	3	0	3



During a recent chess tournament, one of the players had to get up and walk about for some minutes on account of an attack of cramp. His opponent was heard to mutter that if there was going to be all this continual tearing about the place, he would resign.

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A knight by the name of Sir Muir,
Strove for a mate that was pure,
But to his surprise
His opponent got wise,
And beat him in two moves fewer!

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The first simultaneous chess display on board a ship was given by Dr. Savielly Tartakower on the "Massilia," in the Mediterranean, in 1931. He also gave the first simultaneous chess display in an aeroplane, between Budapest and Barcelona, in 1929.

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A knight by the name of Sir Pine
Exclaimed, "Aha, the game's mine."
His opponent said, "Pshaw!
It's not even a draw."
And announced a mate in nine!

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The N.Z. Chess Gazette is now the Official Organ of the B.C.C.A. (N.Z. Unit).

Games sent to the Gazette will be printed. We point out to the winner of any game that we expect the loser to give consent to publication. Now, winners, it's up to you.

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A chess player visited a friend's home for the usual three games, and halfway through the third game the host took a long time over a move, so to find out if he was in a trance, or had gone to sleep, the visitor asked, "How's the enemy?" Imagine his surprise when the host raised his head and replied, "She's gone to bed!"



MRS. H. R. ABBOTT,
N.Z. Lady Champion.

C. Hagar	..	6	2	2	2	3
J. H. Hobday	..	2	2	0	0	2
R. J. Penrose	..	4	2	2	0	2
E. A. Hadler	..	5	1	3	1	13½
F. J. Butler	..	2	1	0	0	1
G. G. Parkins	..	2	1	0	0	1
J. I. Mellish	..	3	1	2	0	1
Miss A. Willard-King	4	0	4	0	0	

Junior.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.	
F. Newsome	..	3	3	0	0	3
H. Alcock	..	2	2	0	0	2
R. W. Smith	..	2	2	0	0	2
L. Anderson	..	2	1	0	0	1
A. E. Ault	..	1	1	0	0	1
Miss K. Wilkinson	2	1	1	0	1	
E. Harden	..	1	0	1	0	0
A. W. Mackay	..	1	0	1	0	0
G. H. Atkinson	..	2	0	2	0	0
P. J. Bowes	..	3	0	3	0	0

The leaders in the Drummond Cup are :-

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.	
R. J. Penrose	..	18	11	5	2	12
W. D. Khouri	..	11	9	2	0	9
F. Newsome	..	16	9	7	0	9

TWO GUINEAS A MOVE.

In the year 1848 the Amsterdam Chess Club challenged the London Chess Club to a correspondence chess match, of one game, for one hundred guineas a side. The game lasted two years, and was won by London in 50 moves. Here is the game, fully annotated by the Chess Editor of the "Illustrated London News," January 12th, 1850 :-

Irregular Opening.

White :	Black :
Amsterdam	London
(Chess Club).	(Chess Club).
1. P-Q4	P-K3
2. P-QB4	P-KB4
3. N-QB3	N-KB3
4. P-K3	P-Q3
5. N-R3	B-K2
6. P-B3	P-B3

This appears to us a most objectionable move, and to have much retarded the development of the London game. They ought rather to have Castled.

7. N-B2 P-Q4

To prevent the advance of the adverse K's Pawn.

8. P-QR3

This was played, apparently, from apprehension of Black playing B-QN5. In White's place, we should have preferred bringing out the King's Bishop, or even advancing the King's Pawn, which leads to many striking variations.

9. B-K2 B-Q3

A commanding position for the Bishop.

10. P-B5

Imprudent play, since it afforded Black an opportunity of breaking up the Pawns on the Queen's side presently.

11. P-KB4 B-B2

Having compromised themselves by the premature advance of the Q.B.P., White were obliged to throw forward this Pawn.

12. P-QN4 QN-Q2
K-R1

An important step, in anticipation of White's Castling, in which case, by playing the KR to N1, and following that with P-KN4, Black would have got a fine attack on the King's quarters.

13. B-N2 R-QN1

The beginning of a combination, which results in Black winning a Pawn.

14. Q-B2 P-QN3
15. P x P

Queen to R4, attacking the two Pawns, would be useless, as Black might safely have answered by P-QN4 or P x P.

15. N x P

The correct play. Far better than taking either with the Bishop or Pawn.

16. QR-QB1

This, in the opinion of the London players, was an error, from the ill consequences of which their opponents could never extricate themselves. It appears to have been made in utter unconsciousness that Black would ever dare to play their N to B5.

16. N-B5!

A move like this, by which Black voluntarily subject themselves to the apparent disadvantage of a double Pawn and the weakening of their centre, must have been the result of a most profound and accurate calculation.

17. B x N P x B
18. QN-Q1 B-R3

To enable them to Castle, which they obviously could not do without losing the exchange.

19. N-Q4
20. O-O B-N4

Pawn to KN4 looks inviting, and will be found to lead to many interesting variations; if White, however, had made the proper reply (which is N-R3), the result would not greatly have been in Black's favour.

21. R-K1 P-QR4
22. N-N2 B-Q3
23. B-Q2

If they had played P x P, Black would have captured the QRP with their Bishop, secure of subsequently gaining the other Pawn.

23. P x P
24. P x P B x P
25. KN-Q1

To prevent P-B6.

25. Q-QR4

The depth and accuracy of Black's calculation, when at move 16 they played N-QB5, is strikingly shown in the fact that their doubled Pawn, though threatened by innumerable foes, remains invincible.

26. B x B Q x B
27. N-B2 N-N3
28. Q-B3 Q x Q

29. R x Q R-R1
30. R-B2 R-R7
31. KR-QB1 KR-R1
32. P-R3 KR-R6
33. P-K4 KR-K6
34. P x P P x P
35. QN-Q1 R x R
36. R x R R-K8 ch
37. K-R2 N-Q4
38. N-B3

This was well played, as it tempted Black to capture the KBP; in which case the game, in all probability, would have been drawn.

38. N x N
39. R x N K-N1
40. K-N3 K-B2
41. K-B3 K-K3
42. R-K3 ch

Indispensably necessary to preserve their Queen's Pawn.

42. R x R ch
43. K x R P-B6

The play of Black throughout the latter stages of the game could hardly be improved. How admirably timed is the advance of this little Pawn!

44. N-Q3 K-Q4
45. N-K5 P-R4

Black's object now is to compel their opponents to move either K or N. If the former stirs, the Pawn at once proceeds to Queen, and if the latter moves, the Black King marches to support the Pawn, and wins, of course, without trouble.

46. P-R4 B-R3
47. P-N3 B-N4
48. N-Q7

All other moves are now expended, and White are forced to play the King or Cavalier.

48. K-B5
49. N-B5 K-N5
50. N-K6 K-R6
Resigns

FURTHER NORTH STILL!

A new young chess wizard has just burst into the news. Not an Esthonian, but an Eskimo. Russian scientists wintering on Wrangel Island, in the Chutkhotsh Sea, taught some of the natives chess. One of the latter, Tayan by name, took to the game like a fish to water, and finished first above several strong players among the Russians in a tournament.

Auckland Notes

THE NEW LYNN CHESS CLUB.

This fine little (?) Chess Club was started in 1933. Two or three enthusiasts got together; and as chess players usually do, they made a success of their job. Taking a hall for their opening night, they invited the Auckland Chess Club to be present, and on April 13th, the local Mayor (Mr. Lawson) played 1 P-K4 and declared the Club open.

Since then the New Lynn Chess Club has never looked back, and at the end of last season astonished the Auckland Club by defeating their strong team by 11-7!

Mr. Johns, the President, is the live wire of the Club. He is, in the opinion of the members of the New Lynn C.C., the President supreme. Nothing is too small nor too big for him to attempt.

Messrs. Johns, Carter and Park have donated cups and prizes for annual competition, and from all accounts the members are keen to have the honour of winning at least one of them.

This Club has quite a few correspondence players in the B.C.C.A. Tourneys; Mr. R. W. Park came second in the Championship and Mr. E. J. Haigh won the Third Grade Trophies Tourney in the 1937-38 season.

EARLY AUCKLAND CHESS.

It has been jocularly remarked that the Auckland Chess Club only has a birthday once in four years, as it was founded on the 29th of February, 1884, as the Grafton C.C. (The name was changed to Auckland Chess Club on 2nd April, 1885.) (An earlier Auckland C.C. was formed in 1871, but it is not known just when this Club faded out of existence.)

A telegraphic match between the Auckland C.C. and Otago C.C., played in February, 1876, resulted as follows:—Auckland 5½, Otago 3½. The "N.Z. Herald," in congratulating the Auckland team on its win, said that, "There are probably no others left in New Zealand to conquer. The victory will be gratifying to the whole province, and it will amply atone for the defeat of the Auckland footballers when they were searching for laurels down south." (The article terminated with a passing

reference to Auckland's victorious career on the cricket field, and on the rifle range.)

Three months later, a return match was played between the two provinces. It was won by Auckland, and was remarkable both for the large number of unfinished games, and the fact that they were never "washed up."

The result was summarised in a Northern paper as follows:—Games actually scored to Auckland, 1; games showing sure victory for Auckland, 7; games in favour of Otago, 1; even games, 2; drawn games, 1.

The chess column in the "Auckland Weekly News" was commenced on 9th July, 1870, and appeared for the last time on 10th May, 1917. It was edited with conspicuous ability throughout this long period of almost 47 years, for the first 40 years by the late Mr. Michael Connolly (who served in the printing office of the "N.Z. Herald" and "Weekly News" for nearly 54 years), and for the remaining seven years by the late Mr. Frederick Harvey (who was President of the Auckland Chess Club when he died on 4th June, 1921, aged 62 years).

The Auckland Chess Club to-day shows a great difference to the old days when the Club was founded by only six members! Our Editor, when in Auckland last football season, visited the Auckland Club, and considers that it is the finest Chess Club he has been in. (A very unusual event for our Editor happened in Auckland.) Visiting the Club, he was paired with Mr. I. H. Burry in a consolation game against Mr. McDonald, who assisted (!) Mr. Dallow. Our Ed. was very excited, and also very nervous, at the thought of playing with a well-known Congress player, and in three successive moves lost three pawns! He still pats himself on the back because when Mr. Burry looked askance at him, he said, "Oh, well, I'm giving you open files!" (They won!!)

ATTRACTIONS TO COME.

Articles of interest will appear shortly, written by Mr. R. O. Scott, Wanganui Champion; Mr. J. A. Hunter, ex-Canterbury Champion; and Mr. A. W. R. Saxby, Te Kauwhata, a New Zealand Chess writer of note.

News from Napier

In last month's Gazette we mentioned that Mr. J. Mason, of Napier, was N.Z. Champion in 1902. Mr. F. K. Kelling, of Wellington, has pointed out to us that Mr. Mason was N.Z. Champion in 1910 (not 1902, as stated; but what's eight years between friends?). Mr. Mason was Member of Parliament for Napier about ten years ago, and is the only N.Z. Chess Champion who has sat in Parliament.

Here are a few tit-bits from Mr. A. T. Scott, Assistant Secretary (last month we mentioned that he was Secretary. Apologies to Mr. G. H. Brown, Secretary of the Napier C.C.).

"Enclosed find 6/6, being one year's subscription from W. R. Aislabie. Don't get excited—he gave me the money before he had looked at the Gazette!!!" Editor's note:—Thank the Lord for that; he won't get it returned!

Comments from Napier notables:—Brown: "Excellent."

Aislabie: "I like to see N.Z. efforts to popularise chess."

Couch: "H'm!" (Wonder what he meant?)

Frazer: "Not bad."

Scott: "Yes, I agree that you did remarkably well!" (Thanks, Allan.) Your Editorial was good—except for 'Secretaries' spelt wrongly!!' (Printer's error!)

Mr. L. W. Couch has rejoined the Club after two years' absence, and is now playing a strong game.

Mr. A. R. Frazer, the B.C.C.A. expert, is now living in an almost inaccessible part of Napier, and may be missed from the Club.

Private matches: Results to date:—

Brown 2, Scott 2.

Brown 2, Bartle 3.

Aislabie 4, Bartle 1.

Aislabie 5½, Brown 2½.

Mr. A. T. Scott (he will persist in getting into print!) expects to win Class 3 Trophies Tourney of the B.C.C.A. this year. (This is to frighten other Class 3 players!)

Here is a game between Mr. A. T. Scott and Mr. G. H. Brown, Napier Champion, annotated by our Editor!! (Spare his blushes!) Note our Editor's style of describing a game! Headlines and all.

Two Napier Knights in a Lively Duel. Scott defeats Brown and wins his Spurs.

A Four-Knights Game.

White: —Black:
A. T. Scott. G. H. Brown.

1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. N-QB3	N-KB3
4. B-QB4	N x P
5. O-O	N x N
6. QP x N	B-K2
7. Q-Q5	

The fair lady goes forth to threaten mate, and, of course, wins the Pawn back.

7.	O-O
8. N x P	N x N
9. Q x N	P-Q3
10. Q-N3	

And both men use their Bishops to advantage.

10.	B-K3
11. B-KR6	B-B3.
12. B-Q3	K-R1
13. B-K3	B-R5
14. Q-B4	P-KB4
15. P-KN3	B-K2
16. P-KR4	Q-K1
17. KR-K1	Q-N3
18. B-Q4	P-B4
19. B-K3	QR-Q1
20. B-Q2	P-Q4
21. Q-K3	R-B3
22. Q-N5	Q-B2

Of course, if 22. . . . Q x Q; 23. P x Q, R-N2; 24. B x P, B x B; 25. R x B, B x P; 26. R x QNP, and White only wins a poor wee Pawn with a drawish-looking game.

23. K-R2 R-R3!

This looks worse than it is. Black expects to win or pin White's Queen, but gets a nasty shock.

24. Q-B4	R x P ch?
25. P x R!	B-Q3
26. R-K5!	

A move overlooked by the Black player who weakens rapidly.

26.	Q-B3
27. QR-K1	P-B5
28. B-KB1	P-KR3
29. Q-KN3	Q-B2
30. B-B4	P-KN4
31. P x P	Q-R4 ch
32. Q x R3	B-KB2
33. Q x Q	B x Q
34. R x KBP	B x B ch

35. R x B, and the Black Knight of Napier resigned after a few more moves.

Overseas Chess

From the book of the Semmering-Baden Tournament, just published.

Sicilian. Deferred Wing Gambit.

White:	Black:
Keres.	Eliskases.
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. KN-B3	P-Q3

Played with the idea of avoiding the Richter attack: 2. . . . N-QB3; 3. P-Q4, P x P; 4. N x P, N-B3; 5. N-QB3, P-Q3; 6. B-KN5! Preventing 6. . . . P-KN3 through the threat of 7. B x N, which would force 7. . . . KP x B and leave the QP weak. Black plans to omit . . . N-QB3; from this chain of moves and thus get in . . . P-KN3 one important move earlier. But in moving P-Q3 so early, he lets in another possibility, as Keres immediately demonstrates.

3. P-QN4

On White's second move this is refuted by 2. . . . P x P; 3. P-QR3, P-Q4! After Black's second move in this game, however, this line would represent a clear loss of a move as Black's QP takes two moves to get to Q4. Black might well reply 3. . . . N-KB3 now.

3. . . .	P x P
4. P-Q4	N-KB3
5. B-Q3	P-Q4

This seems to achieve little here. 5. . . . P-K3 might have been better.

6. QN-Q2	P x P
7. N x P	QN-Q2
8. QN-N5!	

Avoiding exchanges which would ease Black's game and setting a little trap; for if 8. . . . P-KR3? 9. N-K6! Q-N3; 10. N x B preventing Black's O-O. If in this variation 9. . . . P x N?? then 10. B-N6 mate.

8. . . .	Q-B2
9. P-B4	

Again setting a trap for 9. . . . P x P e.p. would get Black into difficulties through 10. Q-N3, P-K3; 11. N x BP! K x N; 12. N-N5 ch, etc.

9. . . .	P-KR3
10. N-R3	P-KN4
11. N(R3)-N1	B-N2
12. N-K2	P-K4
13. N-N3	

Seven of White's last eight moves have been made with this knight! The excuse is the weakening pawn moves on the part of the opponent with which they have been associated: for instance, his 12th weakened his KB4 square, of which fact Keres in the subsequent course of the game makes deadly use.

13. . . .	O-O
14. O-O	P-K5
Better 14. . . .	P x P to free his QB4 square.

15. N x KP	N x N
16. B x N	Q x BP
17. B-Q3	Q-Q4
18. R-K1	P-N5

Apart from the weakness of his scattered king's side pawns Black stands quite well. The text-move only makes matters worse. It was essential to get his queen's side pieces into play, e.g., by 18. . . . N-B3. Possibly Black expected to be able to win the QP by this move, but

19. N-R4	N-N3
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Now he finds that 19. . . . Q x QP would leave on the spectacular reply 20. N-B5, Q x R; 21. Q x P, N-B4; 22. N x P ch, K-R1; 23. N x P ch!! K-N1; 24. N-R6 ch, K-R1; 25. Q-R5. If 24. . . . R x N; 25. Q-R5 ch, K-N1; 26. B-R7 ch, K-B1; 27. Q x N ch, etc.

White's next move threatens, if 20. . . . Q x QP; 21. B-N2; and if 20. . . . P-QR4; 21. P-QR3.

20. R-N1	B-Q2
21. R-K4	KR-K1
22. R-B4	Q-Q3
23. B-Q2	N-Q4
24. R x NP!	B x R
25. Q x B	

Threatening 26. Q x B ch followed by N-B5 ch.

25. . . .	Q-KB3
26. N-B5	
Threatening B x RP.	
26. . . .	K-B1
27. N x B	Q x N
28. Q-R5	
Threatening both Q x N and B x RP.	
28. . . .	N-B3
29. Q-R4	P-KR4
30. R x P	QR-B1
31. P-KR3	

So as to free the Bishops. If White should play over-hastily, for instance, 31. B-B5? R-B8 ch; 32. B x R, R-K8 mate.

31. . . .	R-B2
32. R-N5	R-K3?
33. R x RP!	Resigns

For if 33. . . . N x R; 34. Q-Q8 ch, R-K1; 35. B-N4 ch, and mate is unavoidable. A gem of a game. ("Chess," 14th Jan., 1938.)

HASTINGS TOURNAMENT, 1937-38.
Played in the third round.

English Opening.

White:	Black:
Keres.	Mikenas.
1. P-QB4	N-KB3
2. N-QB3	P-Q4
3. P x P	N x P
4. N-B3	P-KN3
5. P-KN3	B-N2
6. B-N2	O-O
7. O-O	P-QB4
8. P-Q4	P x P
9. N x P	N x N
10. P x N	Q-B2
11. Q-N3	N-B3
12. N x N	P x N
13. B-B4	P-K4
14. B-K3	B-K3
15. P-QB4	P-KB4
16. QR-B1	QR-N1
17. Q-R4	R-N7
18. B x BP	P-B5
19. B x RP	R-B2
20. B-B5	R x RP
21. Q x R	Q x B
22. Q-R5	R-B2
23. Q-N5	B-R6
24. Q x Q	R x Q
25. B-N4	B x R
26. K x B	P x P
27. RP x P	K-B2
28. P-K4	P-KR4
29. K-K2	R-N3
30. B-Q2	R-N7
31. K-Q3	B-B1
32. P-B5	R-N1
33. B-K3	K-K3
34. R-QR1	R-Q1 ch
35. K-B4	R-QB1
36. R-R6 ch	K-B2
37. K-Q5	P-N4
38. P-B6	P-R5
39. P x P	P x P
40. K x P	P-R6
41. B-B4	B-B4
42. B-N3	K-N3
43. K-Q5	B-B1
44. K-K6	R-K1 ch
45. K-Q7	R-K2 ch
46. K-Q8	K-B2
47. P-B7	Resigns

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REVIEW OF THE A.C.R.

Our readers will realise that, owing to our publication date being the first of the month, that we have not received the A.C.R. of March. (Our copy has to be in the printers' hands early.)

If the March issue is as good as the February number, it will be well worth reading. The article on the game of chess by Cheilamungus is more in our Editor's line. (He enjoys amusing articles, and Cheilamungus, in his witty style, has our Editor chuckling), and the "solid" matter is "meat" to chess players.

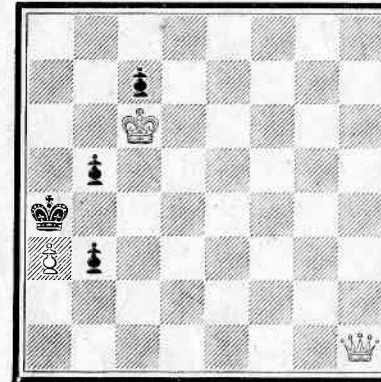
C. J. S. Purdy's "Secrets of the Chessboard" is well worth delving into, and the games section, overseas, Australian, etc., is again well up to the A.C.R.'s great standard.

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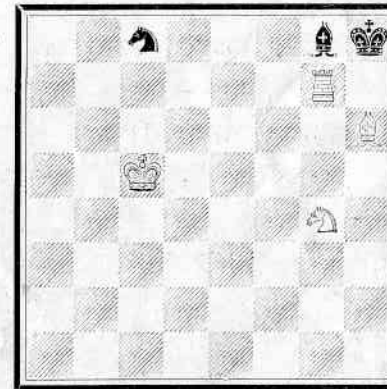
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