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## To our Readers

As we go to press it is November 30th! We guarantee to send your copies at least a week late but we are sure you will forgive one lapse this once. Pressure of work has kept our attention from Our Gazette but we promise to be "on time" from now on (unless we are late with January issue owing to wanting to print results of New Zealand 1938-39 Congress).

We have had numerous requests (at least 2) that we postpone this issue until we can print the entries for the Congress. At present we are unable to give the actual entries but if Readers are anxious to see the full reports of the Congress we will withhold our next publication until January 15th. So what about it Readers? Drop a line to the Editor and tell him your ideas, worries, etc.

We take this opportunity of sending

## The Season's Greetings to All!

THE EDITOR.

## **CORRESPONDENCE CHESS**

B.C.C.A. RESULTS.

TROPHIES TOURNEY.

## Championship.

R. W. Park 1, R. O. Scott 0.

S. Hindin 1, E. A. Le Petit 0.

E. F. Tibbitts 1, F. H. Grant 0.

E. F. Tibbitts ½, E. S. Rutherford ½.

E. F. Tibbitts 1, R. W. Park 0.

#### Class 1B.

K. W. Campbell 1, W. Jackson 0.

E. C. Cole 1, W. Jackson 0.

N. S. Traves 1, C. B. Easther 0.

C. B. Easther 1, E. C. Cole 0.

J. A. Cunningham 1, A. Howe 1.

A. Howe 1, J. Lang 1.

A. Howe 1, C. B. Easther 0.

## Class 2.

W. H. Buckett 1, J. R. Trotter 0.

J. R. Trotter 1, E. J. Haigh 1.

K. S. Allen 1, E. J. Haigh 0.

K. S. Allen 1, W. H. Buckett 1.

K. S. Allen 1, J. B. Cumming 0.

K. S. Allen 3, C. S. Lawson 3.

#### Class 3.

G. M. Wagstaff 1, W. R. Bradley 0.

F. G. Stables 1, F. W. Keam 0.

F. G. Stables 1, R. G. Wylie 0.

A. A. Sterry 1, F. G. Stables 0.

F. W. Keam 1. A. T. Scott 0.

#### Class 4A.

P. A. Mathieson 1, J. W. Gray 0.

Mrs. Milburn 1, C. Reekin 0.

I. B. Breidecker 1. Miss. Collinson 0.

Miss. Collinson 1, F. W. Jessett 0.

#### Class 4B.

D. Robertson 1, R. W. Smith 0.

W. Anderson 1, R. W. Smith 0.

C. D. Lash 1. A. W. Anderson 0.

E. Jackson 1, C. D. Lash 0.

## HANDICAP TOURNEY.

- J. Lang (1) 1, R. W. Park (1) 0.
- E. C. Cole (1) ½, R. W. Park (1) ½.
  J. Lang (1) 1, E. J. Haigh (2) 0.
- E. J. Haigh (2) 1, J. A. Jackson (3)
- G. M. Wagstaff (4) 2. E. Jackson (4)
- A. A. Sterry (3) 1 P. A. Mathieson (4) 0.
- D. Robertson (4) 1, C. Reekin (4) 0.
- E. Jackson (4) 1, E. J. Finn (4) 0.
- L. A. Jones (4)  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , J. H. Boyd (4)  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- J. H. Boyd (4) 1½, E. Jackson (4) ½.
- J. H. Boyd (4) 1, A. W. Anderson (4) 0.
- D. Robertson (4) 1, E. J. Finn (4) 0.
- A. A. Sterry (3) 1, A. W. Anderson (4) 0.
- W. R. Bradley (3) 1, D. Robertson (4) 0.

## Canterbury News

Full Results of Tournaments, 1937-38.

## MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP

		$\mathbf{P}$	W	L	D	Pt:
1.	S. Hindin	22	19	1	2	20
2.	H. R. Abbott	22	18	2	2	19
3.	L. J. Darwin	22	15	5	2	16
4.	Mrs. H. Abbott	22	14	7	1	143
5.	E. H. Hey	22	13	- 8	1	13
	W. A. Dobson	22	9	13	0	9
6.	A. O. Gray	22	9	13	0	9
7.	H. Kennedy	22	7	13	2	8
8.	E. Dalton	22	7	15	0	- 7
8.	C. W. Gray	22	7	15	0	7
9.	Rev. Friberg	22	4	16	2	- 5
	W. H. Joyce	22	4	18	0	4

#### INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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P	W	L	D	Pt.
18	12	6	0	12
16	11	5	0	11
18	9	6	3	$10^{\frac{1}{2}}$
17	- 9	7	1	$9\frac{1}{2}$
17	- 8	8	1	$8\frac{1}{2}$
18	7	9	2	8
17	7	-8	2	8
16	6	9	1	$6\frac{1}{2}$
14	6	7	- 1	$6\frac{1}{2}$
17	3	13	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$
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### JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

	P	W	$\mathbf{L}$	D	Pt.
1. A. E. Ault	16	11	4	1	$11\frac{1}{2}$
2. R. W. Smith	16	11	5	0	11
2. F. Newsome	16	11	5	0	11
3. L. Anderson	16	9	6	1	91
4. Miss Wilkinson	16	9	7	0	91
4. H. Alcock	16	9	7	$\alpha$	9
5. G. H. Atkinson	16	7	7	2	8
6. E. Harden	15	2	13	0	2
7. P. J. Bowes	15	0	15	0	0

## DRUMMOND CUP.

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## Napier News

The Club Championships are now concluded, the results being:—

Championship: Mr. L. W. Couch.

Minor Championship: Mr. W. Ewen.

Most Improved Player: Mr. J. Parker.

Congratulations are extended to these three chessists.

Our Readers will be interested to know of Mr. Couch's victory this season and also to hear that Mr. Couch is to be married on 17th December. We are sure that our readers, like ourselves wish Mr. Couch (and Mrs. to be) happiness and prosperity.

# What is the Educational Value of Chess?

N.Z. CHESS GAZETTE

(E. W. Bennett.)

General assertions on this point are more easily made than proved. It would, for example, be exceedingly difficult to prove that success in life, excess as a profesional chess player, has ever been due in any important degree to chess. The fact that many members of the learned professions play chess does not show that chess has assisted them to become learned, or vice versa; they were capable of both from the outset. Distinctions between cause and effect are necessary before wild inferences are indulged in.

In particular, a fallacious argument is commonly heard concerning the chess-in-schools movement, viz., that it trains the mind or the reasoning faculties or the like. To use such an argument is to classify oneself as ignorate of the principles of psychology and of education, and to arouse opposition on the part of those who are familiar with those matters. For the argument is nothing better than a glaring example of the universally discredited doctrine of formal training, well known to teachers and students, familiair in vari-

ous contexts in texbooks and lectures. It is quoted as an example of the fallacies of the past, or of the fallacies into which the layman falls if he ventures into subjects he does not understand; in every context the doctrine is mentioned only to be discredited. To urge it is to damage the prospects of the chess-in-schools movement.

If chess had the values claimed, the ducationists would have introduced in into schools long before chess players thought of that possibility. But they know that a sedentary and intellectual game cannot be admitted to the curriculum without displacing part of the normal curriculum-so that the argument, while claiming far too much, is unable to claim enough, for it would need to claim not only a value but a superior value for chess as a means of training. In any case the argument is not sincere, for those who use it are not interested in the training of minds, but in chess. The basis of the movement is the fact that chess is a jolly good game; let the argument stay at

## Chess in Wellington

CHAMPIONSHIP OF WELLINGTON.

A. W. GYLES WINS.

The scores to date are as follows:—

P W L D Pts.

A. W. Gyles . . 9 7 0 2 8

E. E. Hicks . . 9 3 1 5 5½

E. H. Severne . . 7 3 0 4 5

E. J. Dyer . . . 9 3 3 3 F. K. Kelling . . 9 4 4 1 F. Vincent . . 9 3 4 2 J. Morton . . 9 3 5 1 W J. Fairburn . . 9 3 6 0

W. J. Fairburn . . 9 3 6 0 H. J. Fuller . . 8 3 5 0 W. White . . 8 1 5 2

Mr. Gyles may be playing in the Australian Championship that opens in Sydney on Boxing Day. With such a fine score in the Championship of Wellington we are sure that he will be well up the list in Australia. Here's hoping he keeps at the top!

## WELLINGTON CHESS CLUB.

ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

TOURNEY, 1938-9.

Positions at end of the section play, which reduced the number of competitors from 20 to 8, and automatically provided the results of the first three rounds of the finals, as shown below:—

Section A

Decat	JII - TI.			
	W	L	D	Pts
vles, A. W.	2	0	1	23
ncent. F.	1	1	1	14
ardy, J. L	1	2	0	- 1
ebling, J. K. L.	0	.1	2	1

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S	ectio	n B.			
Dyer, E. J.	Ι.,	3	0	0	
White, W.		1	_1	1	
Severne, E. H.		0	1	2	
Kelling F. K.		0	2	-1-1	

One of the members of the Wellington Chess Club, Mr. R. Wade, shows great promise in the Grand Old Game. Only 17 years of age our young friend

is opening the eyes of the older hands. Joining the club 8 months ago he started on rung 23, the lowest rung on the ladder. Now Mr. Wade has climbed up to rung 2!! This advance of 21 rungs in one season is a record for the Weilington Chess Club. Mr. Wade is well known in Dunedin Chess circles, having frequently visited the Otago Chess Club last year.

## Wanganui News

CHESS MATCH.

## Wanganui Defeats Raetihi.

Members of the Raetihi Chess Club paid a visit' to the Wanganui Chess and Draughts Club during the weekend to try their strength against the older club. After a very interesting afternoon's play Wanganui was successful by 9 points to 3.

The following is the result of play. Ractihi players being mentioned first in each instance:—O. D. Bell 0, v. R. O. Scott 2; L. Guthrie 2, v. A. J. Ratiff 0; K. C. Guthrie 0, v. K. James 2; B. H. Weldon 1, v. B. Beech 1; A. C. Bearsley 0, v. J. B. Harris 2; Mrs. D. S. Ogden 0, v. N. R. Lyth 2.

Cheers for R. O. Scott present Champion of Wanganui! Mr. Scott has completed his games in this year's championship and has the very fine score of 18 wins, 4 drawn games.

This is Mr. Scott's third successive tourney without a loss—a record as far as we can find out for the Wanganui Chess Club. The championship now depends on Mr. N. Cromarty. He has 7 games to play and has at present 13 points (1 loss, 2 drawn).

We pointed out in our last number that there was every likelihood of Mr. Cromarty defeating Mr. Scott! As we know Mr. Scott personally and write Mr. Cromarty occasionally it is difficult for us to cheer for one of these fine players; however both deserve credit for all they are doing for Chess so good luck to both!

## AGONY COLUMN.

December 1, 1938

Correspondents and readers are asked (urgently) to supply F.-H. Grant (Editor) of your own magazine with the following information, etc.—

(a) How can he make a profit of £1000 a year out of the mag?

- (b) Some reader (s) to send in four masterpiece games (their own) each month.
- (c) Other reader (s) to send in snappy articles and featurettes.
- (d) Suggestions wanted as to how Editor can turn out, a 16 pages mag. with no extra cost.

(e) Wanted urgently: Article on how to get a mate at every game (guaranteed or money refunded).

(f) Wanted ditto: Supply of nursery rhymes, poems, humorous sketches, and appreciative articles or N.Z.C.G.

Note:—Reader (s) who send in correct solution to (a) will receive three months free magazines (if any unsold

copies returned).

"Scotch," Dunedin, writes to ask us how to join a chess club without paying a sub. Editor suggests, picking a reputable and well established club and getting himself elected a life member. Another good method is to drop in to the local club every night as an onlooker and memorise the games played, or if that is impossible to take them down in shorthand and point out the mistakes through the columns of the daily paper.

"Worried," writes thus, "I always knock over my King and Queen with my sleeve. What can I do about this?" This difficulty can be overcome by placing the Royal Pair on KR1 and OR1. This will also obviate the painful necessity of castling thus gaining

a tempo

R.B.S., Taihape and L.C., Napier, write respectively, (a) "I notice you didn't publish my defence of "the School Teacher who Failed." Do you see what control of the press means! (b) "Be careful what you say about School Teachers, or you might be losing an indignant customer."

Editors Note:— Ex-Champion of World. Dr. Euwe, School Teacher! Champion of Taihape, R. B. Schulze, School Teacher!! Champion of Napier. L. Couch, School Teacher!!!

Famous Chess Editors: Lasker. Wood, Purdy and Grant!

## News from Auckland

About 80 chess fans were present at the Auckland Chess Club's Rooms when an Auckland West versus Auckland East Chess Match was played. The committee had a difficult time grading players but for all that some very even games were played throughout.

At the last meeting of the Club Committee a discussion took place over the advisability of arranging a League Tourney on the Wellington lines among the clubs. It was decided that the Secretary write to the various clubs asking for their views on the matter and to endeavour to arrange for the League to function next season.

Mr. C. B. Newick, our Auckland Correspondent, points out to us that the League Tourney suggestions was taken up interestedly through the mention of the Wellington League Results in the N.Z.C.G.!

The Handicap Tourney play off between Mr. C. B. Newick and Mr. J. Adkins (2nd class), resulted in a win each.

The next win decides this tourney.

The Championship Results are one game short of completion. An important game between Mr. Barclay (a contender for 3rd place) v. Mr Dallow (a contender for the Mr. Jones Guinea for

the best score by a player not in first grade).

### THE SUMMER CUP.

The Auckland Summer and Suburban Cup Tourney has opened with the record field of 18 players. The contest will be very keen as among the contenders are D. I. Jones and C. B. Newick, both of whom have held the Cup twice and are ex-champions of the Club, C. J. Taylor, present champion, N. E. W. Barclay, Papatoetoe champion and present holder, I. R. McIntosh a first-class chess player and runner-up last year. R. W. Park, the Henderson Championship and G. Bundock, a Richmond player of note.

Mr. Bundock played a great draw with Mr. Taylor in the first game, Mr. Taylor having the white pieces. Scores will be published later.

The probable entries for the Congress from Auckland are C. J. Taylor, I. Burry and D. I. Jones.

Probable entries for the Minor R3, 22. B—R2 23, K—Tourney are L. J. Kileg and J. Adkins. 25, Q—N2, 26, K—R1.

### "CHESS WORDS AND TERMS."

This month we submit for the beneat of those who are requesting further "new" competitions a delightful little brain study, kindly sent to us by Mr. A. T. Scott, of Napier.

The clues numbered 1 to 10 have answers all relative to chess words and meanings. To give our readers a start we answer No. 1 for their benefit.

Write as follows:-No. 1 Tempo.

- 1. Something found in every piece of music.
- 2. Etched pheasants.
- 3. Letters, wood, iron and nails can all be dealt with this.
- 4. Wrestler and chess player.
- 5. They say he can do no wrong.
- 6. An American spelling of a common form of a "bill of exchange."
- 7. Henry VIII never put one into his duck.
- 3. An Edgar Wallace character.
- 9. Just 4/7ths sailor but higher rank.
- 10. The dirty rascal wishes he had one.

Write No. 2 to 10 and answer accordingly and send to Editor, 124 Somerfield St., Spreydon on or before December 20th.

The reader who sends in the correct or most nearly correct answer will receive a cash prize of five shillings.

## THE "NEW" COMPETITION RESULT.

The "new" competition printed in our November issue proved beyond doubt that chess players certainly are interested in unusual problems.

We had quite a large number of replies to this competition many of which we would like to print!

The first correct solution opened on the 16th was sent in by-

Mr. J. H. Boyd, Grey St., Hamilton. We take pleasure in sending the book prize to Mr. Boyd and assure him that although the book is not an expensive one it is well worth studying!

The solution to the problem is as fol-

1. B—B1 2. Q—N2, 3. K—R3, 4. B—R2. 5. R—N1. 6. Q—R1. 7. B—N2. 8. R—B1. 9. B—N1. 10. K—R2, 11. B—R3, 12. Q—N2, 13. K—R1, 14. B—R2. 15. R—N1, 16. Q—B1. 17. R—N2. 18. B—N1. 19. R—R2. 20. B—N2. 21. R—R3. 22. B—R2. 23. K—N1, 24. B—R1, 25. Q—N2. 26. K—R1

R x QKtP

## As Played in the British Championships

ti .			
Golombek	Reynolds	2. KKt—B3	P—Q4
White.	Black	3. P—B4	Р—К3
1. P—Q4	Kt—KB3	4. B—Kt5	B—Kt5ch
2. Kt—KB3	Р—К3	5. Kt—B3	P—B4
3. P—B4	P—QKt3	6. BP x P	
4. P—KKt3	B—Kt2	7. B x Kt	<b>Q</b> x P Px B
5. B—Kt2	Q—B1	8. P—QR3	B x Ktch
6. O—O	P—B4	9. P x B	Kt—B3
7. P x P	ВхР	10. P—K3	P x P
8. P—Kt3	Kt—B3	10. 1—K3 11. BP x P	KR—Kt1
9. B—Kt2	Q— $B2$	12. KR—Kt1	P—Kt3
10. Kt—B3	<b>0</b> — <b>0</b> — <b>0</b> (?)	13. Q—B2	P—B4!
11. P—K4	P—Q3	13. Q—B2 14. Kt—Q2	B—Kt2
12. P—QR3	P— $QR4$	15. B—B4	
13. Q—K2	Q— $K2$	16. P—Kt3	Q—Q3 K—K2
14. QR—Q1	P—KR4	17. Q—Q3	Kt—R4
15. QKt—Kt5	PK4	18. B—R6	B x B
<b>16</b> . B—B3	K-Kt1	19. Q x B	KR—QB1
17. R—QKt1	Ktx P	20. Q—Q3	R—B2
18. Q x Kt	Kt—Q5	21. P—Kt4	QR—QB1
19. Q—Q3	Р—К5	22. R—Kt3	R—B6
20. KR—K1!	РхQ	23. Q—Kt5	P—QR3!
21. R x Q	Kt x Ktch	24. Q x RP	P x P
22. B x Kt	$B \times B$	25. Q—Kt5	PB4
23. P—QKt4	PKR5	26. K—K2	R—B7
24. P x B	P x KtP	27. R—Q1	Kt-B5
25. P x KKtP	$QP \times P$	28. P—QR4	RKt7
26. B—K5eh	K—R1	29. Q—R6	R—B2
27. R—R7 mate.		30. P—K4	Q—Kt5
9 7 1 100 OCT		31. P x P	<b>K</b> t— <b>K</b> t
The game which		32. Q—R8	Kt—K5ch
British Championsh		33. K—B1	Kt x Reh
Queeen's G		34. RP x Kt	QB5ch
Golombek	Alexander	Resigns.	A—Docu
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Played in the British Cham- 29. K—K1 pionship.

## Queen's Gambit.

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Queen b on	***************************************
Reynolds White.	Sergeant. Black.
1. P—Q4	P—Q4
2. P—QB4	Р—К3
3. Kt—QB3	Kt—KB3
4. B—Kt5	<b>B</b> —K2
5. Kt—B3	0-0
6. P—K3	QKt-Q2
7. R—B1	P—B3
S. B—Q3	P—KR3
9. B—R4	PxP
10. B x P	P— $QKt4$
11. B—Q3	P—QR3
12. 0—0	P—B4
13. Kt—K4	РхР
14. Kt x P	B—Kt2
15. Kt x Ktch	Kt x Kt
16. Kt—B6	Вх Kt
17. R x B	Q— $Q4$
18. R—B7	KR—Q1
19. R x B	QxB
20. Q—B3	Q—K5
21. Q x Q	Kt x Q
22. P—B3	KtQ7
23. R—B1	QR—B1
24. KR—B7	$R \times R$
25. R x R	P <b>K</b> t4
26. B—Kt3	Kt—B5
27. P—K4	R— $Q8ch$

28. K-B2

	30. P—QR4	$R \times P$
	31. P x P	Kt x Kt
<i>.</i> .	32. R—B5	Kt—Q7
1	33. R—B3	P—QKt5
2 .	34. R—Q3	P-Kt6!

## Resigns.

## SOLUTION TO NOVEMBER PROBLEMS.

No. 7, 1, R-KN4, K-B2; 2, R-N7ch. 1. . . . . . , K-Q2; 2. R-N7.

No. 8. 1. B-K1, K x R (K4); 2 R-B5. 1. . . . . , K x R (B6); 2. R—Q4.

No. 9. 1. P-Q8-N.

if K—B3; 2. N (Q8)—B6 K-Q5; 2. N-K4.

if P-N5; 2. N-B6ch

if N moves 2. N-B6ch

#### SOLVERS POINTS TO DATE.

With nine problems submitted in our Solving Competition the leading solvers are as follows:-

H. Lees, R. E. Fenton, F. K. Kelling. N. S. Traves, N. Cromarty and W. J. Fairburn 9 points.

E. A. Le Petit and J. B. Cumming 8 points.

A. T. Scott, I. B. Breidecker and G. H. Brown 5 points.

R—Q7ch

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White Black KKt-B3 1. P—Q4

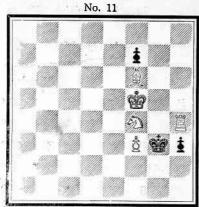
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## Problem Solving Competition

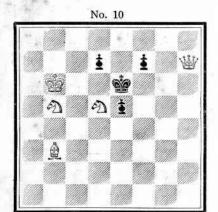
This month we endeavour to "break" the leaders by submitting three two-movers.

Solutions must be posted to reach the Editor, 124 Somerfield Street, Christchurch, not later than December 20th.

Key moves only are required.



Mate in Two (5 v. 3)



Mate in Two (5 v. 4)



Mate in Two (8 v. 6)

