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To Our Readers

In launching our new Chess venture upon a practically unprepared Chess world, we do so looking into the future in full confidence that we need not fear an early checkmate.

Our little magazine (we intend to make it yours—we know you want it, and as your support comes along more strongly the number of pages will increase) is not only an endeavour to popularise Chess in New Zealand; nor is it an attempt to compete with and displace in Chessists' affections that fine publication the A.C.R.—it is a medium for bringing the Chess players of New Zealand into closer contact, one with the other and Club with Club. We make no apology because of our temerity in launching our magazine—we know that Auckland wants the Christchurch Chess news and that Wellington would like to keep an eye on both boards; we know the scattered players, unable to attend the Clubs, are keen to hear the gossip from the big Clubs, and we intend to be the eyes and ears for everyone. New Zealand Chess news will be covered, foreign Chess news featured, and problems shall not be forgotten. As the Editor can be in only one place at a time (it's not his maga-

sine, anyway!) we confidently appeal to Club secretaries and interested players to forward to THEIR magazine the news and views of the New Zealand Chess world. Whisper the news into the ear of the N.Z. Chess Gazette and the Gazette will broadcast the news from Auckland to the Bluff. We play the opening gambit—it's up to you—and you!—and you! to sweep the board.

Send in your subscription for the Gazette and know who's who and what's what in New Zealand Chess!

THE EDITOR.

CORRESPONDENCE CHESS.

By A. O. Gray, Hon. Sec. B.C.C.A.,
 N.Z. Unit.

It is only since June, 1934, that correspondence chess has been on an organized basis in New Zealand, and then the writer, after forming a section consisting of six players in a tourney for Overseas members run by the British Correspondence Chess Association, of which he had been a member for several years, undertook to form a branch of the Association in New Zealand, and was appointed Secretary.

Commencing with the very modest membership of seven, our numbers have increased year by year, until we now have nearly 100 and a good list of prospective members.

Of course, we have had back-sliders! Correspondence play is for the enthusiast only, there are rules to be observed, especially time limit rules, and such have no appeal for the "go as you please," "any old time will do" player.

Death, ill-health, and pressure of business have also robbed us of strong and popular members, but the gains each year have more than balanced the losses.

It will probably come as a surprise to some who perhaps look askance at correspondence chess and consider it too slow, to know that our members include no less than eight well-known Dominion Congress players, four of whom are the champions of their respective Clubs, including S. Hindin, the present New Zealand champion, and also the holder of our Correspondence championship. In passing, it will not be out of place to mention that chess history has been made by S. Hindin, who, by holding two national and a club title at one and the same time, has established a record that may, perhaps, be equalled at some time, but never beaten! Mrs. H. R. Abbott, the holder of the New Zealand women's title, is also one of our members.

Would players with such records take up correspondence play just for the fun of it, or for the prizes, the value of which is small? Certainly not. They take it up because correspondence play is the best training there is for serious over-the-board play, and because the time they have for making detailed analysis of the different positions cannot fail to improve their abilities in that respect when faced with a difficult position on the board, with a clock ticking away at their elbow. So no matter how strong you are at your club, correspondence chess will help to make you stronger still.

A postcard to the Hon. Secretary, 8 Antigua Street, Christchurch, S.I., will bring full details by return post. Why not post one right away, before you forget it!

COMPETITORS IN THE 1938-39 TROPHIES TOURNEY OF THE B.C.C.A.

Championship.

Mrs. H. R. Abbott, Christchurch.
H. R. Abbott, Christchurch.
F. H. Grant, Christchurch.
S. Hindin, Christchurch.
J. A. Hunter, Christchurch.
W. Lang, Dunedin.
E. A. Le Petit, Invercargill.
E. S. Rutherford, Stratford.
R. O. Scott, Wanganui.
E. F. Tibbits, Rotorua.

Class I.B.

K. W. Campbell, Auckland.
E. C. Cole, Douglas.
J. A. Cunningham, Dunedin.
C. B. Easther, Morrinsville.
R. W. Park, Henderson.
A. Howe, Auckland.
W. Jackson, Auckland.
H. G. King, Henderson.
J. Lang, Palmerston.
F. L. Lawson, Christchurch.
N. S. Traves, Timaru.

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W. H. Buckett, Christchurch.
J. B. Cumming, Timaru.
W. H. Gordon, Auckland.
E. J. Haigh, Auckland.
T. Jordan, Wellington.
C. S. Lawson, Inangahua Junc.
J. R. Trotter, Tauranga.

Class III.

W. R. Bradley, Upper Hutt.
J. A. Jackson, Kerikeri.
F. W. Keam, Tauranga.
H. Rowbotham, Te Aroha.
A. T. Scott, Napier.
F. G. Stables, Auckland.
A. A. Sterry, Nelson.
T. W. Symons, Waharoa.
O. N. Thomson, Christchurch.
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Miss F. Collinson, Christchurch.
P. A. Mathieson, Dunedin.
Mrs. P. A. Milburn, Morrinsville.
F. W. Jessett, Oaro.
C. Reekin, Auckland.

Class IV.B.

A. W. Anderson, Waharoa.
W. Anderson, Waharoa.
L. R. Anthony, Whitiara.
T. C. Donovan, Burnham.
E. Jackson, Auckland.
W. O. Jensen, Te Aroha.
D. Robertson, Oaro.
R. W. Smith, Christchurch.

Providing they are received by March 26th, additional entries will be accepted for: Class II., 3 entries; Class III., 1 entry; Class IV.A., 4 entries; Class IV.B., 3 entries.

In addition to the above, about 40 members are competing in the Handicap Tourney, in which games can be arranged at any time, and a fair number in the Problem Composing and Solving Tourneys.

News from Napier

The Napier Chess Club, so its able young Secretary (there's a pat on the back, Allan!), Mr. A. T. Scott, informs us, closes during the summer months (the beaches must be a great attraction), but chess is still played. Great things are expected in the Club this season. Mr. G. H. Brown, the present champion, will have to look to his laurels.

Mr. John Mason, N.Z. Champion 1902, Mr. W. R. Aislabie, winner (equal with Mrs. H. R. Abbott, Christchurch) of Premier Reserves, 1937, and Mr. A. T. Scott, 2nd Napier Championship, 1936, are a trio who hope to extend Mr. Brown. What a shock they may get if he studies his chess books! (he has one of the largest chess libraries in N.Z.).

Private matches are all the rage at present (10 games). Brown 5½, Scott 4½ (that was close!); Brown 0, Scott 2 (they're at it again!); Brown 2, Aislabie 5! (3 to go. Looks as if—!).

By the way, we must mention Mr. A. R. Frazer, one of the Club's keen correspondence players. He won the B.C.C.A. N.Z. Unit's 4th Grade Championship in 1936, and in the 1937 season gained second place in the Grade 3 Trophies Tourney. Two medals in two seasons! (Keep it up, Mr. Frazer, the Editor of this Gazette has won three; we've got it in print at last!! Try and beat his record!)

A HAT TRICK IN CHESS TOURS!

In 1936 C. J. S. Purdy, Australian Champion, toured N.Z. In 1937 L. Steiner, Hungarian Champion, toured N.Z. What about 1938? Why not G. Koshnitsky, ex-champion of Australia and present Champion of New South Wales? A visit by Koshnitsky would be of great interest. Remember how disappointed we were when he failed to come over for our 1937-38 Congress?

We invite the various chess clubs in New Zealand to decide. Notify us of your opinions. Get to work, you wide-awake Secretaries! Now is the time to start the ball rolling.

Copy for our next number must be in hand by March 16th.

S. R. BURNS CHALLENGE CUP.

The fourth competition for the Dunedin "Evening Star" problem solving competition and the Burns Trophy has been won by Mr. W. A. Mirams, who solved all the 52 problems correctly. Messrs. J. A. Cunningham and E. A. Le Petit each missed one solution, and the present holder of the cup, Mr. A. Ellis, two. Previous winners of the Burns Challenge Cup were: J. A. Cunningham and R. McDermid, a tie; A. J. McDermott, J. A. Cunningham, and A. Ellis. Mr. Mirams, the winner, is well known as a capable problem solver and a chess enthusiast.

The next competition will commence on Saturday, March 5th.

Chess in Wellington

By F.K.K.

Chess is (and for many years has been) flourishing in Wellington, which replaced Christchurch as the headquarters of the New Zealand Chess Association when that body established a Council and adopted its present up-to-date constitution 39 years ago. There are at the present time twelve Chess Clubs in Greater Wellington, of which, however, three are at present inactive, viz., Wellington South C.C., Port Nicholson C.C., and Victoria University College C.C. The nine active Chess Clubs are the Wellington C.C., Wellington Working Men's Club's C.C., the Ngaio C.C., the Wadestown C.C., the Hutt Valley C.C., the Karori C.C., the Brooklyn F.B. C.C., the Miramar-Seatoun C.C., and the Shell C.C. These Clubs are all affiliated to the Wellington Chess League, which was formed in 1921 by Mr. S. Faulknor (the ex-champion of the Ngaio C.C.). The Wellington Chess Club (referred to locally as "the parent Club") was formed on 16th June, 1876, at a dinner held in the old Panama Hotel to celebrate an exciting 50-game match in which "The Town" defeated "The Civil Service" by one game (25½ to 24½). During the 62 years of its existence the Club has had sixteen different "habitations" and ten Presidents, viz., Messrs. George Hunter, M.H.R., Hon. John Ballance (who was Prime Minister of New Zealand when he died on 27th April, 1893, aged 54), Hon. John

NEW ZEALAND CHESS CONGRESS

Held at Dunedin 27th December, 1937 to 6th January, 1938



Back Row — A. E. TURNER, A. STERRY, H. HEWITT, K. ALLEN, H. McNABB, D. LYNCH,
(Premier Reserve Competitors)

J. A. HUNTER,

Second Row — W. LANG, I. H. BURRY, C. B. NEWICK, E. H. SEVERNE, C. P. BELTON,
J. S. M. LAWSON,

Director of Play.

Front Row — R. McDERMID, F. K. KELLING, W. HERBERT, J. J. MARLOW, Dr. E. MERRINGTON,
Hon. Secretary, President, Past President.

S. HINDIN,
Champion, 1938.

Absent — J. B. DUNLOP, E. A. ERSKINE.

Bryce (who represented Wanganui in Parliament, and was member of three successive Ministries), C. W. Benbow (1881 till his death in March, 1908), E. W. Petherick (the second white child born in Wellington, 1908-1913), W. F. Barrand (a foundation member, 1914-15), A. G. Fell (1915 till his death in February, 1917), C. W. Tanner (1917-18), W. Mackay (a former New Zealand champion, 1918 till his death in 1933), and F. K. Kelling (1933 to date). The Club adopted the Ladder system in 1898. A new rule allowing

a member to challenge any one of the five players immediately above him on the ladder has greatly increased the popularity of this form of contest. The Club's championship roll includes the names of Messrs. C. W. Benbow, A. I. Littlejohn, R. J. Barnes, W. E. Mason, A. W. O. Davies, A. W. Gyles, E. A. Hicks, F. K. Kelling, G. P. Anderson, W. Mackay, E. J. Dyer, and E. H. Severne. The Club has been markedly successful in its telegraphic matches against other centres, and has won the Club Championship of New Zealand

nine times since this competition was inaugurated in 1922. It is also interesting to recall that Wellington has provided the winner of 20 of New Zealand's 47 Championship Congresses. The chess section of the Wellington Working Men's Club and Literary Institute, which was put on an organised basis in 1888, is also affiliated to the New Zealand Chess Association. Its membership has been represented at 46 of New Zealand's 47 Congresses, and it has gained many Congress honours during the past five decades, thanks, in a large measure, to the splendid efforts of the late Mr. R. J. Barnes, who was the Club's champion for more than 30 years, and who held the New Zealand title five times, besides being runner-up for that title on no less than nine occasions. The Wellington South Club (1905), the Ngaio Club (1912), and the six younger Clubs referred to in the beginning of this article have all rendered very valuable services to the cause of chess in this centre, and they all have good performances to their credit in the various competitions promoted annually by the Wellington Chess League. To sum up, the outlook for chess is very bright in Wellington, where the running of ten Clubs, a local Chess League, and the New Zealand Association entails quite a lot of executive work in the course of each year. It may be added that an earlier Wellington Chess Club, which was founded by the late Mr. C. P. Powles in 1866, faded out of existence in the early "seventies."

WELLINGTON CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

The finals of the Wellington Club Championship in November, 1937, were E. H. Severne 5, W. White 4½, A. W. Gyles 4, J. L. Hardy 3½, F. K. Kelling 3½, A. T. Craven 3, G. P. Anderson 2½, and J. Morten 2.

Mr. Severne, the new champion, has built up a gratifying record of success in matches, tournaments and telegraphic play during the past 25 years. He has competed in 23 New Zealand championship tournaments, and has gained 15 prizes in this annual event. He has drawn no less than 31 of his last 51 Congress fixtures, and it is not surprising that he enjoys the reputation of being the hardest man in New Zealand

to beat. When competing for the Dominion title at Auckland last year he drew ten of his thirteen games, which broke the record for Australian and New Zealand Congresses. Through scoring too many draws against those on the lower rungs, he has more than once missed winning the coveted championship of New Zealand. This suggests that even the virtue of caution can be overdone. The difficulty is evidently to combine safety-first tactics successfully with a bold and enterprising style of play.

This perplexity is nothing new. Ahab of old was in a quandary as to whether he should go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or whether he should forbear. It should be added that when Mr. Severne took third prize at the Auckland Congress of 1932-33 the two competitors who finished up ahead of him were oversea entrants. He would thus have been the Dominion champion for that year had New Zealand's reciprocal arrangement with Australia been terminated two years earlier. The play of the runner-up, Mr. W. White, showed a gratifying return to his best form. Messrs. A. W. Gyles and G. P. Anderson, two well-known ex-champions, finished strongly, but could not make up the ground lost in the early rounds. Mr. J. Morton, the Wadestown expert, also made a good late run, his draws against Messrs. Gyles and Severne being fine efforts. On the other hand, Mr. A. T. Craven, the senior Vice-President, made an excellent start but did not maintain the pace in the final stages. Mr. J. L. Hardy gave frequent evidence that his successes against Lajos Steiner, the Hungarian champion, who toured New Zealand in April last, were no mere "flashes in the pan."

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CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS.*

The cup presented annually to the winner of the champion of champions chess tournament has been retained for the 1938 season by the holder, Mr. F. K. Kelling, of the Working Men's Club.

The tournament resulted in a tie between Mr. Kelling and Mr. F. Vincent, of the Brooklyn Club. This necessitated a play-off, and after a prolonged game extending over four evenings, Mr. Kelling won.

The following are the championship points at the end of the tournament:—

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
F. K. Kelling (W.M.C.)	3	0	2	4
F. Vincent (Brooklyn)	3	0	2	4
G. P. Anderson (Wgtn.)	2	2	1	2½
E. E. Hicks (Ngaio)	2	1	1	2½
J. K. L. Webling (Shell)	1	3	—	1

Owing to illness (to which he later succumbed), Mr. E. V. Blazek (Hutt) was compelled to retire from the contest after completing one game.

*Under the auspices of the Wellington Chess League.

Otago Activities

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

As a result of a letter from the Editor to contribute something to his very worthy efforts in the publishing of a monthly Gazette, on Chess generally, for N.Z. chess players, he is, of course, keen to get some chess news and games from our Club, and I could not resist the temptation to allocate some of my limited time to respond to the request.

At the time of writing, the financial year of the Otago Chess Club is drawing to a close.

The Annual Meeting is to be held on Saturday, the 19th of March, when the annual balance sheet will be presented and election of officers will take place.

The local Club can look back on the year just concluded with happy memories, having at the beginning of the previous year launched out on taking over a new Club Room in Princes Street, in the centre of the city, and most accessible to most of our players. The Club, in taking over the new room, involved itself in a substantially increased liability, which had to result in a greater effort to increase the playing membership. This, I am pleased to

state, we succeeded in doing, and with a few additional activities, organised by various enthusiasts, the Club will come out, after meeting all its liabilities, with an increased credit balance over the previous period.

Our present room is most convenient and comfortable, with many amenities we previously never enjoyed.

It is now the unanimous wish of all our members that we continue in our present quarters, and the way that local chess is going ahead, we have every reason to feel that we are not going to look back.

It is surprising the large number of younger players who are joining up and becoming keen to make themselves proficient at the game, and the older players are now learning not to take our young friends too cheaply, otherwise they would soon know the result.

Although the results of the various competitions are not officially announced, it is a foregone conclusion that Mr. W. Lang, who can now be classed as our top board player, has won the Senior Championship, his score being 7 wins and a draw.

In our Junior competition, J. Lang, a cousin of the Otago champion, leads his section by scoring the magnificent result of 19 wins, 2 draws, and 1 loss. His nearest opponent in the same competition was Dr. E. Merrington, who finished with 12 wins, 1 draw, and 5 losses.

In the Handicap Tournament, the decision is between several players. The margins of wins and losses are incomplete—therefore the result is not available.

New Zealand chess players, as a whole, will be interested to learn that J. B. Dunlop, the ex-N.Z. Champion, is now attending the Club more regularly on playing nights, with a determination to wear some of the rust off his play. J. B. Dunlop is of the opinion that his weak play in the initial stages of the Dunedin Congress was due to want of practice. All seniors for next year's Club Championship are looking forward to our ex-champion competing and showing some of his old form.

The following game, played between Messrs. D. Lynch (the Hawke's Bay Champion) and W. Lang (the Otago Champion), Christmas Congress, 1937, has not been previously published, and although not an exciting one, is interesting from a positional point of view.

Christmas Congress Game

D. LYNCH v. W. LANG

(Annotated by W. Lang.)

Q. Pawn Game.

White :	Black :
D. Lynch.	W. Lang.
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-QB3	N-KB3
4. B-N5	QN-Q2
5. P-K3	P-B3
6. P x P	

White avoids the Cambridge Springs.

6.	KP x P
7. N-KB3	B-K2
8. Q-B2	O-O
9. B-K2	

The bishop was better placed at Q3.

9.	N-K1
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Black plans to exchange Bishops, play his Knights to B3 and Q3 respectively, and obtain a strong hold on his K5.

10. B x B	Q x B
11. O-O	QN-B3
12. N-Q2	N-Q3
13. KR-QN1	

White plans to advance his Q side pawns, a manoeuvre known as the "Carlsbad system."

13.	KR-K1
14. N-B1	B-B4
15. B-Q3	B x B
16. Q x B	N(B3)-K5
17. P-QN4	P-KB4
18. P-QR4	P-QR3
19. N x N	BP x N
20. Q-K2	Q-N4
21. N-N3	P-KN3

Black must prevent the exchange of Queens by 22. Q-R5

22. R-KB1	R-K2
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23. P-KB4 ?	
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This leaves a backward P on K3, which will be hard to defend.

23.	P x P e.p.
24. R x P	QR-K1
25. QR-K1	P-KR4

Black must dislodge the White Knight in order to occupy his K5.

26. Q-Q3	P-R5
27. N-B1	N-B4
28. R-K2	R-K5

Black threatens N x QP.

29. R(K2)-KB2	
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White must lose a pawn, and so decides to try his chances on the open file.

29.	N x KP
30. N x N	R x N
31. R x R	R x R
32. Q-Q2	Q-K2
33. R-B1	R-K7 ?

Black decides to simplify, thinking the Rook and pawn ending can be won. Probably better was 33. . . . K-N2, preventing the entry of the White Queen at R6, and saving a tempo in the end-game.

34. Q-R6	Q-K6 ch
35. Q x Q	R x Q
36. P-N5	R-QR6
37. P x BP	P x P
38. R-B6	R x RP ???

By this blunder, Black throws away his chance of a win. 38. . . . K-N2 would have retained for him his pawn plus.

39. R x P ch	K-B2
40. R x P	P-R4

And the ending was drawn after seven more moves.

Premier Tournament at Hastings

Played in the Premier Tournament at Hastings. The notes are by C. H. O'D. Alexander.

Ruy Lopez.

White :	Black :
Alexander.	Keres.
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. B-N5	P-QR3
4. B-R4	N-B3
5. O-O	B-K2
6. R-K1	P-QN4

7. B-N3	P-Q3
8. P-B3	O-O
9. P-KR3	N-QR4
10. B-B2	P-B4
11. P-Q4	Q-B2
12. QN-Q2	N-B3
13. P-Q5	N-QR4

13. . . . N-Q1 is more usual and probably better, but leads to a blocked type of position which Keres no doubt wished to avoid, as he needed to win to keep level with Reshevsky.

14. P-QN3
So as to meet P-B5 with P-QN4 or P-N5 with P-B4. White wishes to block the queen's side before attacking on the king's.

14. . . . B-Q2
15. N-B1 N-N2
16. P-B4
16. N-K3, P-B5; 17. P-QN4, P-QR4! with advantage.

16. . . . KR-N1
16. . . . P x P; 17. P x P, R-N1 is better. Now White can block queen's side.

17. N-K3 P x P
18. N x P (B5) B-KB1
18. . . . N-QR4; 19. KN x P!

19. P-QR4
To stop B-N4. Now White can retain a knight on QB4.

19. . . . N-QR4
20. KN-Q2 P-N3
21. P-KN4

Premature. White should first settle the queen's side by 21. N x N, Q x N; 22. N-B4, Q-Q1, and then 23. P-B4 and White has pressure on the KB file and on the weak QP.

21. . . . P-KR4!
Typical Keres, seizing a chance of counter attack.

22. N x N Q x N
23. Q-B3

The only move. Q-B6 and Q x KRP is threatened.

23. . . . N-R2
23. . . . P x P; 24. Q x N, Q-B6; 25. R-R2, Q x P; 26. N-B1 or 25. . . . B-R3, 26. R-Q1 is not quite good enough for Black, but a better line than the text was 23. . . . Q-Q1; 24. P-N5, N-R2; 25. P-R4, P-B3; 26. P x P, N x P, and Black has a good position.

24. R-B1
Unpinning the knight and preparing for P-KB4.

24. . . . Q-Q1
25. Q-N3 P x P
26. P x P Q-N4

Another excursion. If this is not played White plays N-B4 and P-B4 with a fine attack.

27. P-B3 Q-K6 ch

This is very risky, but Black has now rather a difficult position. If 27. . . . Q-B5; 28. Q-B2 followed by N-B4, Q-N3 and P-KB4.

28. K-N2 Q-B6
29. R-R2 B-K2

Nothing better. Black must make preparations to meet R-R1 and Q-R3.

30. N-N1
30. N-B4, R x P! 31. B x R, Q x B winning.

30. . . . Q-N5
31. R-KR1 N-B1
Forced. 32. Q-R3 is threatened.

32. B-Q2
Not at once 32. Q-R2, P-B3; 33. Q-R8 ch, K-B2; 34. R-R7 ch, N x R; 35. Q x N ch, K-K1; 36. Q-N8 ch, B-B1; 37. B-R6, K-K2; 38. Q-R7 ch, K-Q1; 39. B x B, P-B5! 40. R-N2, Q-K8, and at least a draw by perpetual check.

32. . . . Q-Q5
33. R-K1

This wins the queen, but now the line given in the previous note wins for White decisively as the Black Q does not protect the QP and White ends up with B x QP. Both players, however, were very short of time.

33. . . . P-B5
Forced. The queen is lost.

34. B-K3 P x P
35. B x Q P x R
36. B-R1
36. B-B3 is slightly better.

36. . . . P x N (Q)
37. R x Q R x R
38. B x R P-KN4

Essential to block the position. If 38. . . . B x P; 39. P-B4 breaking up the king's side. Now Black gets the advantage and White has to fight for a draw.

39. B-B2
39. Q-K1! was better. If 39. . . . B x RP?

40. Q-N4! B moves; 41. B x P.
39. . . . R-B1
40. Q-B2 N-N3
41. Q-Q2 K-N2

This natural move throws away his winning chances. He should play at once N-B5 ch and B-Q1 after which B-N3 cannot be prevented, except by P-R5 which lets in the other bishop on N4.

42. B-B3 N-B5 ch
43. K-B1 B-Q1

43. . . . R-KR1 draws at once, since it forces 44. K-N1, N-R6 ch; 45. K-B1, N-B5.

44. Q-K3 K-B3
Black is now at a standstill.

45. B-N3 R-N1
46. Q-R7 R x B
47. Q x B R-N8 ch
48. B-K1 B-R4
49. Q x QP ch K-N2
50. Q x P ch K-B1

Any other move leads to immediate perpetual check.
51. Q-R8 ch K-K2
52. Q-K5 ch Drawn
Neither side can try to win without losing.

English Opening

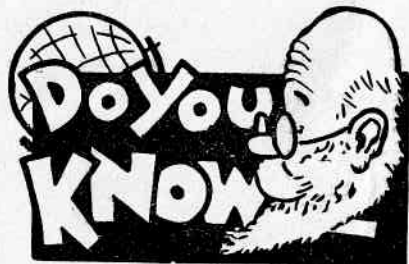
White.	Black.	14. B-B3	B-N5
Flohr.	G. A. Thomas.	15. Q-K1	B x B
1. P-QB4	N-KB3	16. Q x B	KR-Q1
2. P-Q4	P-K3	17. KR-Q1	P-QB4
3. P-KN3	P-Q4	18. Q-K3	Q-B3
4. B-N2	P-B3	19. Q-N5	Q x Q
5. Q-B2	QN-Q2	20. N x Q	B x B
6. N-KB3	B-Q3	21. K x B	P x P
7. O-O	O-O	22. R x P	P-KR3?
8. QN-Q2	Q-K2	23. QR-Q1	P x N
9. P-N3	P-QN3	24. R x N	KR-N1
10. B-N2	B-N2	25. R-K7	P-QR4
11. P-K4	N x P	26. R(Q1)-Q7	R-KB1
12. N x N	P x N	27. R-N7	R-R3
13. Q x P	B-R6	28. P-QR4	Resigns.

Q.P., Queen's Indian Defence

White:	Black:	18. N-B3	Q-B3
Reshevsky.	G. A. Thomas.	19. P-K5	Q-R3
1. P-Q4	N-KB3	If 19. . . . P x P; 20. P x P,	
2. P-QB4	P-K3	Q-K2; 21. N-K4 threatening 22.	
3. N-KB3	P-QN3	N x P! and White's attack soon be-	
4. P-KN3	B-N2	comes overwhelming.	
5. B-N2	B-N5 ch	20. P x P	P x P
6. B-Q2	B x B ch	21. N-K4	P-Q4
7. Q x B		22. N-Q6	B-R1
Better than 7. QN x B, as the QN		23. N-K5	N x N
will be better placed on QB3.		24. P x N	P x P
7. . . . P-Q3		25. Q x P	B x B
A continuation which is being ex-		26. K x B	P-B4
perimented with is 7. . . . N-K5		27. P x P e.p.	R x P
followed by . . . P-Q4.		28. N-B5!	R x N
8. O-O	QN-Q2	29. R x P	R-B7 ch
9. Q-B2	Q-B1	The only move to save the queen.	
A wasted move, as he plays . . .		30. K x R	Q x P ch
R-QN1 with the same object (protec-		31. K-B3	Resigns.
tion of the QB in the event of discov-			
ered attacks along the diagonal) later			
on.			
10. N-B3	O-O		
11. P-K4	P-QR3 (?)		
12. KR-K1	P-R3?		
Much too passive. 12. . . . P-K4			
blocks his own QB but at any rate			
contests the centre.			
13. P-N3	N-R2		
14. QR-Q1	R-N1		
15. N-KR4			
Now 15. . . . P-K4 would let in			
16. N-B5; and next move White sets			
the seal on his grip on the centre.			
15. . . . Q-Q1			
16. P-B4	P-KN4		
17. P x P	P x P		

One of the most interesting features of the Congress was the presence of Dr. Alekhine as a spectator from first to last. Now his old self in every way, he obliged more than once with an interesting speech, and rarely failed to be there, analysing, joking, criticising at the conclusion of an outstanding game.

Euwe sent a message of good-will, which was read out at the opening ceremony, and Alekhine provided a diversion, ceremoniously cutting a splendid cake, brought from Amsterdam, decorated in icing with the final position in the conclusive game in his match against Euwe.



The first chess magazine was started in Paris in 1836, under the editorship of La Bourdonnais and Mery. It was called "La Palmede."

The first "N.Z. Chess Chronicle" was published July 26th, 1887 (a four-page issue). The editor was Mr. B. N. Manley, of Wellington.

A Knight by the name of Sir Cook, Picked a line of play from a book, But he groaned when the text Didn't state what came next, And he found he must lose a Rook!

The first newspaper chess column was printed in the "Liverpool Mercury" of July 9th, 1813.

Sir George Thomas has won the City of London Championship for the fourteenth time.

George Koltanowski has put up another record in playing 34 blindfold games simultaneously, and gained the world's record for this type of play.

Mr. W. Prewitt, Auburn, California, U.S.A., is the world's keenest correspondence player, and is mentioned in Ripley's "Believe It or Not." He corresponds with our Editor, and at one time he was playing 596 games!! The following came from America:—

A knight by the name of Sir Prewitt (I don't suppose that you knew it)
Has five hundred games—
They'd drive me insane!
How in the world does he do it?

The "British Chess Magazine" has entered on the fifty-ninth year of its publication.

The bishop suddenly became aware that he was an object of much interest to the daughter of the house, aged five, who eyed him closely. Finally, when they became better acquainted, he came to see the connection between the little girl's thoughts and actions

"Are you really a bishop?" she asked.

"Why, of course I am," the bishop answered.

"Well," said the little girl, whose father was not an ardent chess player, "you don't look like any bishop I've ever seen. I've watched ever since you came, and your head isn't split down the middle, and you don't walk cornerways."

OUR APRIL NUMBER

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4. S. FLOHR (Czecho-Slovakia)	½	½	½	*	0	1	6
R. FINE (U.S.A.)	½	½	½	½	*	1	6
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T. H. TYLOR (England)	0	0	½	0	½	*	3
9. W. A. FAIRHURST (Eng.)	0	0	0	0	0	½	1
A. R. B. THOMAS (Eng.)	0	0	0	0	0	½	1

Canterbury News

With 14 entries for the Championship, 11 for the Intermediate, 10 for the Junior, and over a score for the Drummond Cup (handicap system), the

Canterbury Chess Club events promise to be very interesting this year.

Double rounds will be played in all sections.

The table shows results to date in the Championship:—

	GRAY, C. W.	KENNEDY, H.	HEY, E. H.	HINDIN, S.	KHOURI, W. D.	DARWIN, L. J.	FRIBERG, Rev. N.	HUNTER, J. A.	ABBOTT, H. R.	JOYCE, W. H.	DALTON, E.	DOBSON, W. A.	GRAY, A. O.	ABBOTT, Mrs. H. R.
GRAY, C. W.	*	0	0	0	0									
KENNEDY, H.	1	*	0	0										0
HEY, E. H.	1	1	*	0										
HINDIN, S.	1			*								11	1	
KHOURI, W. D.		1			*						1	11	1	
DARWIN, L. J.						*					0	1		
FRIBERG, Rev. N.							*		0	0	1			
HUNTER, J. A.								*		1				0
ABBOTT, H. R.									*					
JOYCE, W. H.										*				
DALTON, E.											*			
DOBSON, W. A.												*		
GRAY, A. O.			0	0	0								*	
ABBOTT, Mrs. H. R.	1													*

Scores in the Intermediate and Junior Championships will be published later.

The leaders in the Drummond Cup to date are:—

	W.	L.	D.
Penrose, R. J.	12	4	1
Khouri, W. D.	8	1	0
Hollander, S.	7	7	1

In passing, we must mention E. H. Hey and C. W. Gray, the lightning experts of the Club. These young men are hard to beat in serious chess, but when it comes to lightning chess!—They play so fast that one gets dizzy watching the moves.

Mr. S. Hindin, holder of N.Z. title and Canterbury Champion, is a hot favourite in the Championship this year, and we pick him for first place; but Mr. W. D. Khouri may have something to say about that!

Here is Mr. S. Hindin's win in Round 2 of the Championship (notes by the winner):—

Queen's Gambit Declined.

White:	Black:
A. O. Gray.	S. Hindin.
1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-KB3	P-Q4
4. B-N5	QN-Q2
5. N-B3	B-K2
6. P x P?	
7. P-K3	P x P
8. B-Q3	P-B3
9. B-R4	P-KR3
10. O-O	O-O
	N-K5
If: 10. N x N,	P x N!
Or if: 10. B x N,	B x B!
	Q x B
	QN-B3
	B-B4
	P-KN4

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| 15. N-K2 | N-Q2 |
| 16. R-B1 | K-R1 |
| 17. K-R1 | QR-K1 |

Preparing a possible sacrifice at a later stage by . . . N x P ch.

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| 18. Q-N3 | P-N5 |
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The above mentioned sacrifice was in fact now possible, after White's 18th move.

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| 18. | N x P ch |
| 19. R x N | Q x P |
| 20. B x B | Q x KR |
| 21. B x N | R x N |

And though exchange down, Black could probably exercise sufficient pressure for a win. However, Black chose the text move as a better alternative.

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| 19. P x P | B x P |
| 20. N (K2)-N1 | N-Q7! |

Another sacrifice, which White, however, declines.

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| If 21. N x N, | Q-R5 ch. |
| 22. N-R3, | B x N |

and probably winning at least the exchange.

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| 21. Q x NP | N x N! |
| Stronger than . . . | N x R. |
| 22. P-KN3 | Q-N4 |

Resigns.

WHAT HAS FATE IN STORE ?

In 1936 Mr. J. A. Hunter won the Canterbury Championship with the great score of 17 wins, 4 draws, 1 loss. One of the drawn games was with Mrs. H. R. Abbott, who also had the distinction of registering the win against the champion. In the Championship, Mrs. Abbott finished in sixth place.

In 1937 Mrs. Abbott was third, equal with Mr. Abbott. She drew her game with Mr. Hunter, who, strange to say, came sixth.

In 1938, in the current Championship, these two players were opponents in the first round. Mrs. Abbott won, and, what we are anxious to know, is, Will there be a lady champion at the end of the year? Here is the game played in the first round (annotated by the winner):—

Sicilian Defence.

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| White: | Black: |
| J. A. Hunter. | Mrs. H. R. Abbott. |
| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | P-K3 |

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| 3. P-Q4 | P x P |
| 4. N x P | N-KB3 |
| 5. N-QB3 | P-Q3 |
| 6. B-K2 | P-QR3 |
| 7. B-K3 | B-K2 |

So far, Pillsbury v. Mieses. White is ahead in development, but Black's position is safe and secure, and, as Steiner would say, "has opportunity to expand.

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| 8. Q-Q2 | P-QN4 |
| 9. P-KB3? | |

In restraining Black's Queen's Bishop, White has given scope to Black's King's Bishop.

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| 9. | B-N2 |
| 10. N-Q1? | O-O |
| 11. O-O | QN-Q2 |
| 12. N-B2 | P-Q4! |

Well timed. White has no choice but to take, allowing a dangerous knight to settle on Q4.

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| 13. P x P | N x P |
| 14. N-Q3 | N x B |
| 15. Q x N | |

And now a dangerous diagonal to the king is open.

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| 15. | Q-N3 |
| 16. P-QN4 | B-KB3 |
| 17. P-B3 | P-K4 |
| 18. N(Q4)-B5 | Q x Q ch |
| 19. N x Q | P-K5 |
| 20. P x P | KB x P |
| 21. QR-QB1 | B-Q7! |
| 22. R-B7 | B x N ch |
| 23. K-R1 | B-B1 |
| 24. B-N4 | N-B3 |
| 25. B x B | QR x B |
| 26. R x R | R x R |
| 27. P-K5 | N-N5 |

Threatening N-B7 ch, forcing the exchange.

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| 28. P-KR3 | R-Q1 |
| 29. P x N | R x N |
| 30. R-B3 | R-Q8 ch. |
| 31. K-R2 | B-Q5 |
| 32. P-N3 | B x P |
| 33. R-K3 | R-Q4 |
| 34. K-N2 | K-B1 |
| 35. K-B3 | K-K2 |
| 36. R-R3 | R-Q3 |

White's Rook is completely shut out.

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| 37. P-N5 | K-K3 |
| 38. R-K3 | K-Q4 |
| 39. R-K4 | R-QB3 |
| 40. R-K3 | R-B6 |

White resigns.

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