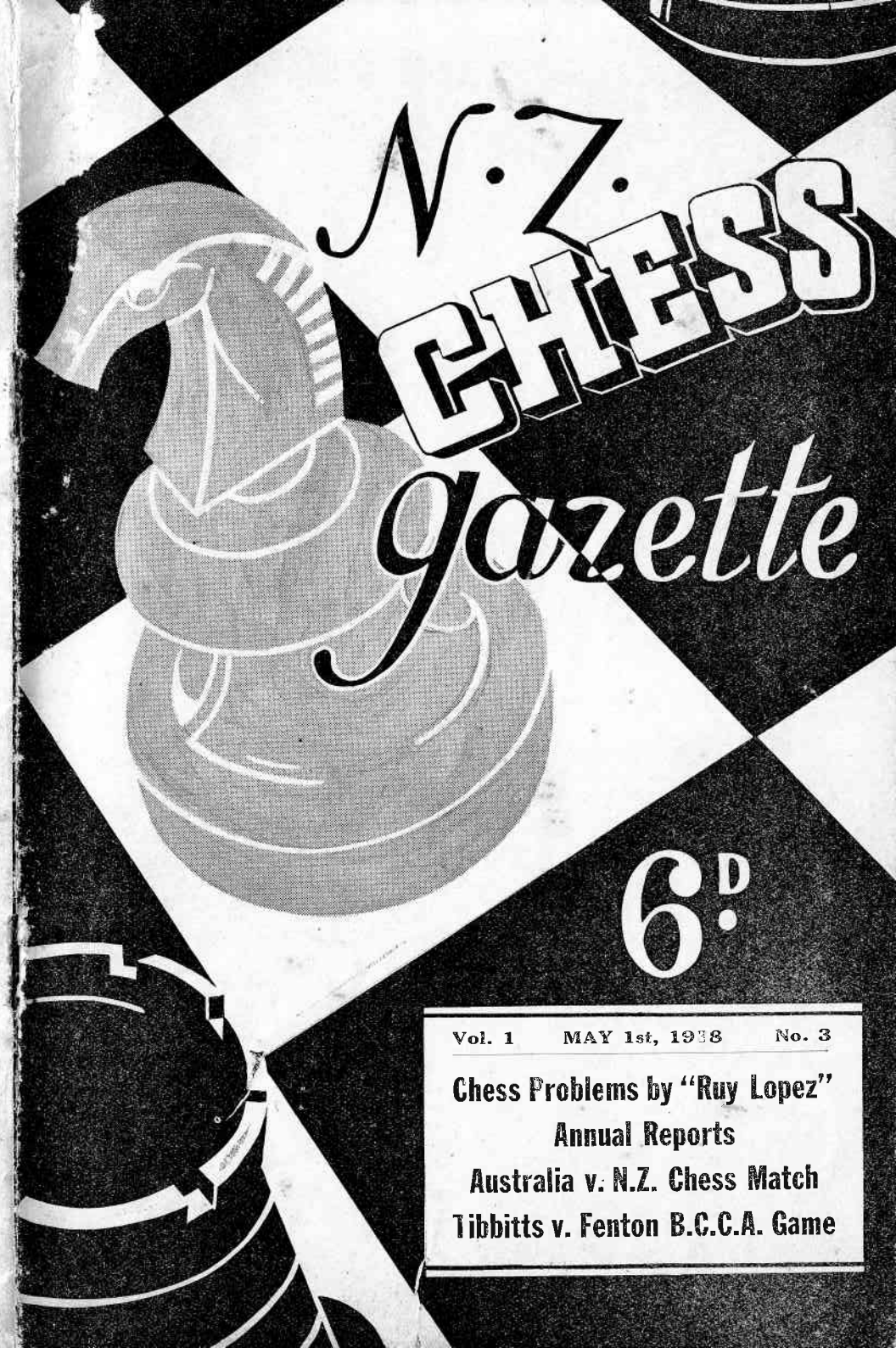


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EXCELSIOR

(To be sung with or without music.)

*The "Chess Gazette" is here at
last,*

*And Subs., we hope, are com-
ing fast.*

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the Bluff,*

*It aims to give us news
enough.*

*And even more. And
even more.*

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apart,*

*Which you'll admit is quite a
start.*

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grow,*

*Until there's twenty sheets or
so.*

*And even more. And
even more.*

*Besides the news and notes
from Clubs,*

*Are all the games, from
"cracks" and "dubs."*

*There's problems too, for those
who "prob."*

*In fact, the "Ed." has done a
job.*

*And even more. And
even more.*

—Talus.

CORRESPONDENCE CHESS. B.C.C.A. Annual Report.

The Annual Report has been presented to members of the New Zealand Unit. Correspondence Chess in New Zealand is now well established through the great efforts of the Hon. Sec, Mr. A. O. Gray, of Christchurch. He gives most of his time for the benefit of the members of the unit and this year the Annual Report compiled by himself shows that he has been working as hard as ever.

The winners of the Trophies Section have already been published in Our Gazette. Here are the winners of the Handicap Section and Best Games Competitions for 1937-38.

Handicap Section, 1937-38.

1st Prize: K. S. ALLEN (Silver King).

2nd Prize: W. T. H. SYMONS (Silver Queen).

3rd Prize: Mrs. C. M. GILLIES (Silver Queen).

4th Prize: E. C. COLE (Silver Bishop).

5th Prize: J. A. JACKSON (Silver Bishop or Knight).

6th Prize: C. B. EASTHER (Silver Knight).

Best Games Competition, 1937-38.

Judge: Mr. H. R. ABBOTT, Christchurch.

Trophies Tourney—

1st Prize: E. F. TIBBITTS, for his win against R. E. FENTON.

2nd Prize: F. L. LAWSON, for his win against T. JORDAN.

Handicap Tourney—

1st Prize: M. L. ROGERS, for his win against W. T. H. SYMONS.

2nd Prize: P. A. MATHIESON, for his win against H. R. MACDONALD.

The Mrs. C. M. Gillies Trophy—
F. W. KEAM, for his win against
P. A. MATHIESON.

NEW ZEALAND v. AUSTRALIA
CORRESPONDENCE MATCH.

NEW ZEALAND.

Table with columns: Bd., Name, and scores. Lists players like R. O. Scott, H. R. Abbott, J. A. Barnes, etc.

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AUSTRALIA.

Table with columns: Bd., Name, and scores. Lists players like F. A. Crowl, R. F. Condon, G. F. McIntosh, etc.

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B.C.C.A. CHAMPIONSHIP
TOURNEY, 1938

R. E. FENTON (Morrinsville) v.
E. F. TIBBITTS (Rotorua).

This game won the Best Game Prize in the 1937-8 Championship of the B.C.C.A. The opening is played well. In a very fine end game Mr. Tibbitts demonstrates that two Bishops are sufficiently strong to win against Bishop and Knight, because of

their much greater ability to strangle the opponent's passed pawns. (Annotated by Mr. Tibbitts.)

Sicilian Defence.

R. E. Fenton E. F. Tibbitts

White. Black. 1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. N-KB3 N-QB3 3. P-Q4 P x P 4. N x P N-B3 5. N-QB3 P-Q3 6. B-K2

White allows the Dragon Variation of the Sicilian Defence.

6. P-KN3 7. B-K3 B-N2 8. O-O O-O 9. Q-Q2 N-KN5 10. B x N B x B 11. P-B4

This seems an improvement on the "book move" 11. P-B3. It forces Black's reply B-Q2 just the same, and obtains a strong attack on the King side.

11. B-Q2 12. N x N P x N 13. P-B5 R-K1

Black's reply is practically forced. An exchange of Bishops would never do in this position.

14. R-B3 Q-R4

White's attack is becoming formidable. Black's Queen move eases the cramp and is a powerful aid on his King's Bishop's diagonal.

15. R(R1)-KB1 Q-K4 16. K-R1

Otherwise White cannot attack with his powerful Bishop without allowing exchange of Queens.

16. QR-N1 17. Q-B1 R-N2 18. B-R6 R(K1)-QN1 19. P-QN3 B-B3 20. P-KN4 R-K1

Black cannot play P-Q4! unless Rook moves, because of B-B4! winning exchange.

21. P-KR3 Q-R4 22. P x P RP x P

If 22. BP x P?; 23. P-N5! B x N; 24. R-B8 ch mates in two. Or 22. BP x P; 23. P-N5! Q x N; 24. P x B K-B2; 25. P x Pdis. ch K x P. 26. B-N5! K-K3; 27. R-B6ch wins.

23. N-K2 B-K3 24. N-N3 Q-K4 25. P-B4 P-Q4 26. BP x P P x P

Auckland Notes

AUCKLAND CHESS CLUB.

The Annual Meeting of the Auckland Chess Club was held on Thursday, April 7th. The membership roll at present shows 75 members, an increase over last year's number.

The 1937-8 Championships resulted as follows:—

Club Championship:
Winner: Mr. C. B. Newick.
Runner-up: Mr. D. I. Jones.

The winner, Mr. Newick, is one of the youngest members of the club. Intermediate:

Winner: Mr. F. G. Stables.
Runner-up: Mr. D. Jack and Mr. A. T. Fletcher (tie).

The winner, Mr. Stables, won all his games.

Open Handicap:
Winner: Mr. D. I. Jones.
Runner-up: Mr. A. T. Fletcher.

The winner, Mr. Jones, also won the Brilliancy Prize. Summer Cup:

Winner: Mr. N. Barclay.
Runner-up: Mr. I. McIntosh.

The winner, Mr. Barclay, is well known as the Papatoetoe Champion.

Mr. I. Burry was congratulated on his performance in the Dunedin Congress, on winning the prize for the Best Game, and also the prize for the Best Recovery.

The Club was successful in the annual match played in Hamilton against a team comprised of members from the Hamilton, Morrinsville and Te Aroha Clubs.

Mr. D. Jack was the Instructor of the Chess Classes held during the year. Mr. Jack presented the Club with a fine board for the inscription of the names of the Club Champions.

Mr. F. K. Kelling, of Wellington, was, on the proposal of Mr. A. B. Dallow, elected a Life Member of the Auckland Chess Club. The motion was carried by acclamation.

The Club decided to accept a challenge from the sports committee of the tourist cruiser, Reliance, to play

27. B-B4 Q-Q5 28. R-Q1 R-QB1 29. R (B3)-Q3 R x Q 30. R x Q B x R 31. B x R B-K4 32. P x P R-Q2 33. N-K2 R x P 34. R x R B x R ch 35. K-N1

White offers a draw. Black refuses.

35. P-B4 36. N-B4 B-KB2 37. B-K3 B-N1 38. N-Q3 P-K4

Black's problem is, unless he advances P-K4 immediately, his passed pawns are blocked by 39. B-B4 and 40. N-K5. On the other hand, White might capture the QRP but let him! His Queen's side Pawns are useless against correct play.

59. P x P P x P 40. N-N4 B-Q3 41. N-R6 P-K5 42. B x P K-R2

Not 42. P-B5? because of 43. B-N8! forcing exchange of Bishops.

43. B-N8 B-K2 44. B-B4 K-N3 45. K-B2 K-R4 46. K-N3 B-B3 47. N-B5 B-R5 ch 48. K-N2 B-Q4 49. B-K3 B-N4 50. B-Q4 P-K6 dis. ch 51. K-B1 P-B5 52. N-Q3 P-B6 53. N-K1 B-N2 54. N x P

Unavoidable.

54. B x N 55. P-N4 K-R5 56. B-B3 K x P 57. B-K1 P-K7 ch 58. K-B2 B-R4 59. B-B3 B-R5ch 60. K-K3 K-N7 61. P-N5 K-B8 62. K-Q3 B-K8 63. B-B6 B-QR4 64. B-R4 B-QN3 65. Resigns.

a tourist team on Monday, April 11th. The challenge was received by cable.

The election of Officers resulted:—Patron, the Rev. H. B. Wingfield; President, Mr. R. E. Bayertz; Vice-Presidents, Mr. D. Jack and Mrs. E. Short; Secretary, Mr. L. J. Kiley; Assistant Secretary, Mr. F. G. Stables; Treasurer, Mr. A. L. Fletcher; Hon. Auditor, Mr. F. R. Jeffreys; Official Reporter, Mr. H. O. Browne.

The opening night of the new season was fixed for April 30th, when a lightning tourney, open to all players, whether members or not, will be played.

RELIANCE v. AUCKLAND.

Bd. Reliance. Auckland.
1. Mr. Eggerstert $\frac{1}{2}$, I. McIntosh $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Mr. Niemann 0, G. H. Edwards 1
3. Mr. Kruse 0, C. J. Taylor 1
4. Mr. Kouirecke $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Adkins $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Mr. Glockner 0, D. I. Jones 1
6. Mr. Gouillod $\frac{1}{2}$, A. B. Dallow $\frac{1}{2}$
7. Mr. Lielske 0, C. H. Black 1
8. Mr. Ramm 0, Mrs. E. Short 1
9. Mr. Schnur 0, C. B. Newick 1
Totals—Reliance, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; Auckland, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.

THE NEW LYNN CHESS CLUB.

On Wednesday, March 30th, the New Lynn Club received a visit from the Mt. Eden Club and a twelve-board match was played. The match resulted in a victory for Mt. Eden by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ —4 $\frac{1}{2}$. A very enjoyable evening was spent and the winning team went home feeling very pleased with themselves. (There is no truth in the rumour that Messrs. Johns, Park, Lees, Morris, Atkins, etc., of the New Lynn Club, are studying feverishly for a return match.)

The results of the 1937-8 season are as follows:—

Championship: L. F. Johns.
Runner-up: R. W. Park.
Carter's Handicap Cup: R. W. Park.
Park's Handicap Trophy: H. Lees.

Mr. Johns, who was a class two player, played good chess to win the Championship. He is only eighteen years of age so more should be heard of him.

Messrs. Park and Lees are class one players. They had hard games as they had to give big odds. Lower

class players in Morris, Keane and Atkins show promising form.

Prizes were given to the winners on Wednesday, April 6th, when the Auckland, Papatoetoe, Mt. Eden and Richmond Chess Clubs were invited to an "evening." A dance was held after the prize-giving ceremony. (The Editor says he can visualize "Bill" Park waltzing with one of the ladies—if he waltzes with ladies as well as he fought with the one during the Springbok-All Black match he must be an expert!! Wonder if the members of the New Lynn Club have ever heard the story?)

PAPATOETOE CHESS CLUB.

The Annual Meeting of the Papatoetoe Chess Club was held on March 17th, when there was a large attendance of members.

The President, Mr. G. Hodge, gave a full report of the past year's activities and thanked the Committee for their support during the season.

The balance sheet showed the Club to be in a very sound position, with a credit balance for the year, after increasing the assets and playing sets of the Club.

The election of Officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. G. Hodge; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. R. V. Closey; Sole Handicapper, Mr. J. M. Smith; Committee, Messrs. N. Barclay, G. A. Clark and F. Wells.

A vote of thanks was carried to the President, Mr. Hodge, and to Mr. J. Forrest, for the donation of trophies. Trophies were presented to Mr. Barclay, who was the winner of the President's Handicap Cup, and who also retained his position at the top of the ladder.

It was decided that Thursday be retained as the playing night. Supper and informal games opened the 1938 season.

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PROBLEMS

(By "Ruy Lopez.")

A chess problem may be said to be a position which can be reached in an actual game by a series of legal moves, from which a forced mate can be reached in a certain stipulated number of moves. The first move leading to the mate is called the "key" move, and there can only be one such key move. If there are more than one key move, or if such a key move leads to a mate in less than the number of moves stipulated, the problem is said to be "cooked," and is worthless.

Problems are, of course, artificially constructed to express an idea, or a combination of ideas, on the part of the composer (an idea is now termed a "theme"). The aim of the composer should not be to concoct a difficult Chinese puzzle, but to give pleasure by the beauty of his problem, i.e., it should have an elegant key, brilliant strategy, and pretty mates. To a keen solver a problem is the essence of the soul of a game of chess expressed in one position—but delicately hidden by one or two moves of actual play. Chess problems are the most concentrated form of chess strategy, and as such are obviously worthy of the consideration of any chess player. Admittedly, they are artificial, the position often being weird and bizarre, but the idea expressed in actual play, would win the brilliancy prize in any tourney.

Besides the pleasure one gets from solving, problems are a great help in increasing one's playing strength over the board by extending the powers of imagination, and cultivating the habit of analysis. If, when solving a problem, you use a board and men be careful not to move the pieces around, and then you are compelled to use that reasoning, analytical faculty which is so vital in solving.

Some books and journals when dealing with the solution of a problem do not use the ordinary descriptive notation of the squares, but use the "Algebraic." This notation is

very exact, and in it the perpendicular lines of squares (the files) are named with the letters A—H, from left to right, always from the point of view of White, and the horizontal lines of squares (ranks) with numbers 1—8, from bottom to top, again always from the point of view of White. N is a common abbreviation for knight. Taking a usual knight move in an opening, Kt—KB3, in the algebraic notation this is given for White N—F3, and for Black N—F6.

Now, you budding Sherlock Holmes, hitch up your dressing gown, put aside the microscope, the test-tubes, the violin and the hypodermic needle, fill up the pipe with dark shag from the Turkish slipper on the mantelpiece, and work out the following:

No. 1 (by the late S. Lloyd).

White mates in 2 moves. Remember that in a problem the ordinary rules of play are observed, and that Black is always allowed to castle unless it is contrary to the rules of play.

No. 2.—What was Black's last move in this position?

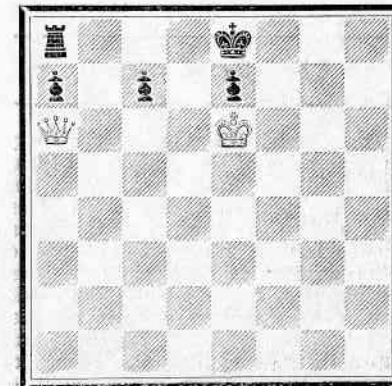
This problem and the next are not true "problems" but are given purely as an "aperitif" in the hope that they may lead the solver to take up problems proper.

No. 3.—White has checkmated Black. But how did he do it?

"You know my methods, Watson!"

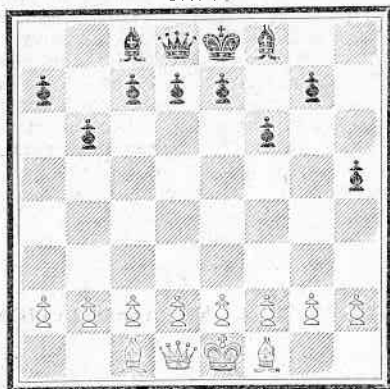
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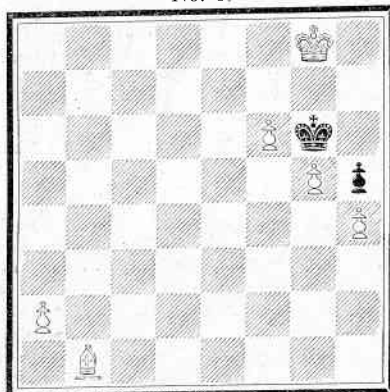
White Mates in Two.

No. 2.



What was Black's last move in this position?

No. 3.



White has Check-mated Black —but how did he do it?

Otago Chess

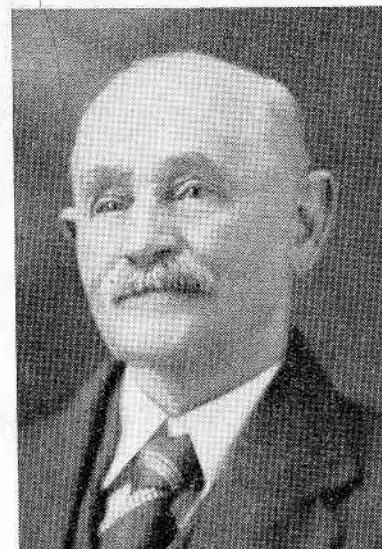
The official opening of the fifty-fourth season of the Otago Chess Club was held on Saturday, April 2nd, when the president, Dr. E. W. Bennett, was in the chair, and there was a considerably larger attendance of both members and visitors than there has been for many years. The chairman in his opening remarks referred to the satisfactory 1937-38 season, and stated that it had been an advance on previous years from every point of view. He pointed out that it was still

necessary, from a financial point of view, to obtain more members, and he hoped that all concerned would do their best to enrol their chess-playing friends. The mayor, the Rev. E. T. Cox, for the fourth time declared the season open, but instead of playing the usual P-Q 4, played Kt-B 3. In his short but interesting address he said he again had much pleasure in conveying the greetings of the city to the members of the club, and he hoped that they would have another successful year. He referred to the important part that games had in the community, and chess as a mental, not a physical, game, was of especial value, especially to the rising generation. After declaring the season open, he presented the following prizes:— Club championship: W. Lang 1, R. Williamson 2. Junior championship: J. F. Lang 1, Rev. Dr. Merrington 2. Minor championship: R. Weir 1, H. E. Hewitt 2. The mayor was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his attendance and short complimentary speeches were made by Messrs. O. Balk (patron), J. J. Marlow, D. Harris Hastings, W. Herbert, G. D. Wright, E. L. Evans, and Dr. Merrington.

After supper the usual opening match, President (Dr. E. W. Bennett) v. Vice-president (J. F. Lang) was played on 16 boards, and resulted in an easy win for the Vice-president's team. Details:—

President.	Vice-president.
Dr. E. Bennett ½	J. F. Lang ... ½
R. E. Williamson 0	W. Lang ... 1
O. Balk ... 1	R. M'Dermid ... 0
A. M'Dermott 1	W. H. Allen ... 0
G. H. Seddon ... 0	J. Lang, sen. 1
Dr. Reifer ... 0	G. D. Wright 1
A. E. Ward ... 1	E. F. Evans ... 0
P. Mathieson 0	A. C. Twose ... 1
H. Hewitt ... 0	B. R. Nees ... 1
M. Langley ... 0	A. Willocks ... 1
T. W. Jeans ... 1	A. C. Hall ... 0
J. Williamson ... 0	Dr. Merrington 1
V. Gascoigne ... 0	R. W. Lungley 1
C. J. M'Kayne 0	F. Marshall ... 1
— Thomson ... 0	J. S. M. Lawson 1

4½ 10½
—(The "Evening Star," 9/4/38)



Mr. D. HARRIS HASTINGS.

Mr. D. Harris Hastings, Chess Editor of the Dunedin "Evening Star," can claim to be one of the oldest Chess players in the Dominion. He learnt his Chess in an English Public School and joined the Otago Chess Club in 1884, left it twice for business reasons, but has been a member since 1904. Mr. Harris Hastings has been twice President of the Club, the last time on the occasion of the Club's Jubilee in 1934, Hon. Secretary and a Member of the Committee until last year. He could never claim to be a strong player, but he was a regular attendant on club nights and for many years took part in the telegraphic matches, his first experience being against Ashburton, when he beat the then Member for the District and Speaker of the Lower House in a few moves. Mr. Harris Hastings still takes a keen interest in the business side of the Club's activities.

Apart from Chess he has been an active citizen in Dunedin. He is a Justice of the Peace and has held a number of public positions, including the Secretaryship of the New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition of 1889-90, which was held in Dunedin. He was in his younger days a keen footballer and athlete, and also owned and edited

one or two minor papers including "The Athlete" and "The N.Z. Masonic Journal." As a journalist he was on the staff of the "Evening Star" and "Evening Herald," and was local correspondent for several country papers. Mr. Harris Hastings has now retired from business and devotes his spare time to the garden and Chess, and is a member of one or two local committees.

CHESS.

NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly council meeting of the New Zealand Chess Association was held on Wednesday, March 23rd. Mr. A. T. Craven (Auckland) occupied the chair and the following delegates were also present:—J. C. McCrea (Hamilton), E. E. Hicks (Napier), J. L. Hardy (Hastings), A. E. Jessup (Wanganui), A. W. Gyles and R. C. Sim (Wellington C.C.), E. H. Severne (Nelson), F. K. Kelling (Canterbury C.C.), F. F. Grady (Oamaru), H. J. Cleland (Otago C.C.), and J. I. Goldsmith (Southland C.C.), Apologies were received from W. Kemble Welch (Palmerston North), and K. Beyer (Wellington W.M. Club and Literary Institute).

The report of the association's honorary treasurer, Mr. J. L. Hardy, showed that the finances are in a sound condition, and it is estimated that there will probably be a credit balance of about £3 on the year's operations.

The chairman presented an interim report on the negotiations for the regular weekly broadcasting of talks on chess, a matter that is still under attention.

The notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. E. E. Hicks, viz., "that the selection board be appointed by the club managing the congress, except that when a congress is held in a centre other than one of the four largest cities, the board shall be appointed in Wellington," provoked a lengthy discussion, as many of the delegates had a free hand on this question. The weight of opinion was in favour of the existing system under which the board is permanently located at headquarters. The motion was defeated by 31 votes to 12.

The possibility of a six weeks' tour of New Zealand being made, either in 1938 or 1939, by Mr. Koshnitsky, champion of New South Wales and an ex-champion of Australia and Queensland, was discussed. As Mr. Cleland (Otago delegate) is to visit Sydney, it was arranged that he should make inquiries there and advise the association as to the conditions Mr. Koshnitsky would require. The matter is to be gone into further at an emergency council meeting in about six weeks' time.

A letter from the Canterbury Chess Club contained the following paragraph:—"It appears that it is our turn to manage the 1938-39 congress. Before offering, however, we should like to know if any of the smaller centres is likely to desire the privilege. If so, we think it desirable that we should stand down this year, as we can take it at any time. Further, the last six congresses have been held in the main centres, and a change to one of the smaller districts would, we think, be appreciated by the majority of the competitors."

The location of the next annual congress has to be decided at the annual meeting in June. If this congress is allotted to a club not located in one of the four chief centres the remaining affiliated clubs will be invited to give specially generous support through the medium of the cus-

It was decided to ask clubs to make tomatary pre-tourney subscription list. nominations at an early date for the office of vice-president, as the elections will be held at the annual meeting. The incoming president will be the nominee of the club that undertakes the management of the next annual congress.

Clubs are strongly urged to acquire support for "The New Zealand Chess Gazette," a monthly magazine, the first number of which, edited by Mr. F. H. Grant, of Christchurch, has just made its appearance. It was pointed out that an attempt to provide New Zealand with a chess monthly of its own was made in 1887, when the "New Zealand Chess Chronicle" ran for only nine months and was then abandoned owing to lack of support. It is earnestly hoped that the apathy of 51 years ago will not

be in evidence on this occasion, but unless the required 200 subscribers are secured the editor will be compelled to cease publication.

It was decided to send felicitations to the Ngaio Chess Club on the occasion of its silver jubilee, with best wishes for a successful and prosperous future. The club has always had most capable executives, which for two decades have been very ably presided over by Mr. F. J. Brooker, a former hon. secretary of the Canterbury Chess Club. Eulogistic references were made to the valued contribution that the club has made to the cause of chess in the Dominion. Mr. E. E. Hicks (senior vice-president) returned thanks for this tribute to his Club, which he greatly appreciated.

A letter of greeting was read from Mr. Lajos Steiner, of Budapest, the Hungarian champion who made a successful tour of the Dominion a year ago. Delegates were pleased to learn that Mr. Steiner scored a triumph in Vienna in January by winning the twentieth annual Trebitsch Memorial tourney, for which there was a strong entry.

("Evening Post," 29/3/38.)

SHADES OF THE PAST.

Played in Napier Congress, 1932. Round Thirteen.

Q. Pawn Game.

White:	Black:
W. J. Fairburn	C. J. S. Parry
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. N-KB3	P-QB4
3. P x P	

Satisfactory, though not often played.

3.	P-K3
4. P-QN4	
4. P-K4 is better.	

4.	P-QR4
5. P-QB3	P-QN3
6. P-QR4	NP x P
7. P-N5	N-KB3
8. B-N5	QN-Q2
9. P-K3	P-R3
10. B-R4	B-N2
11. P-B4	P-N4

This seems very doubtful.

12. B-N3	B-N2
13. R-R3	

Out of line of fire of the Bishops.

13.	N-K5
14. QN-Q2	P-B4

15. N x N	QP x N
16. N-Q2	O-O
To avoid Q-R5 ch.	
17. B-Q6!	

Not waiting to be shut in by P-K4. The Bishop proves most irritating to Black's game.

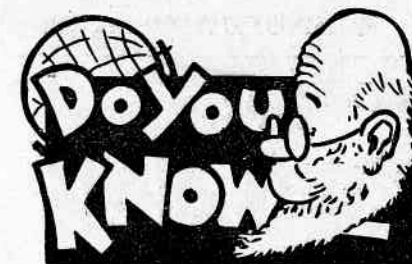
17.	R-K1
18. B-K2	
Bound for KR5.	
18.	P-K4
19. N-N3	Q-N3
20. R-R2	QR-B1
21. R-Q2	N-B3

The Bishop should be driven off by R-K3 and B-B1.

22. Q-R1	N-R2
Better to go back to Q2.	
23. O-O	R-K3
24. KR-Q1	P-N5
25. Q-B3	B-QR1
26. Q x RP	Q x Q
27. N x Q	N-B1
28. N-N3	N-Q2
29. P-R5	K-B2
30. P-N6	B-B1
31. B-B7	N-N1
32. B x N	R x B
33. R-Q7 ch.	K-K1
34. R-QB7	B-Q3
35. N x P	R-N3
36. N-R6!	

Nicely played.

36.	B x R
37. N x Bh.	K-K2
38. N x B	R x N
39. R-Q5	R x RP!?
Desperation but 39	R-K3.
40. B-Q1 leaves only a lingering death.	
40. R x R	R x P
41. R x P ch.	K-B3
42. R-N5	R-R3
43. P-B5	R-R7
44. R-N6 ch.	K-K4
45. B-B1	R-B7
46. P-B6	P-R4
47. P-N3	R-B4
48. R-N5	Resigns



The first Chess Match ever played by Correspondence was started in April, 1824, between the London and Edinburgh Clubs. The Scots won the match, which concluded in July, 1826.

A Knight by the name of Sir Trull Who found that his game was quite dull, Used his Queen to attack But he lost it alack, And swooning, he fractured his skull!

The first International Chess Tournament was played in 1575, in Madrid, at the Court of Philip the Second. The players were Ruy Lopez and Alfonso Ceron (Spain) and Giovanni Leonardo and Paulo Boi (Italy). Leonardo won.

It was the first meeting of the club after a contest with the players of a neighbouring town—the contest having been followed by the customary supper and social. "Captain," inquired an inquisitive member of the team, "how was it that you only drew your game? In the middle of my game you whispered that you had captured your adversary's Queen." "So I did," replied the Captain. "It was this way, I was looking round and found some of our fellows in difficulties, and wanting heartening up, so I told them that I had just captured my opponent's Queen. I did not think it necessary to tell them at the same time that he had captured mine!"

That there has been in Taranaki for many years a retired chess player who once played for England, and once beat Dr. Lasker, then Champion of the World.

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Canterbury News

Results in the Canterbury Championships to date are:—

CHAMPIONSHIP.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
S. Hinden	7	7	0	0	7
W. D. Kouri	8	7	1	0	7
Mrs. Abbott	7	6	1	0	6
H. R. Abbott	7	6	1	0	6
L. J. Darwin	8	5	2	1	5½
W. A. Dobson	12	4	7	1	4½
J. A. Hunter	7	4	2	1	4½
Rev. N. Friberg	11	4	7	0	4
C. W. Gray	13	4	9	0	4
E. H. Hey	7	4	3	0	4
A. O. Gray	10	3	7	0	3
W. H. Joyce	10	3	7	0	3
H. Kennedy	9	2	6	1	2½
E. Dalton	9	1	8	0	1

INTERMEDIATE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
S. Hollander	13	7	6	0	7
O. N. Thomson	6	5	0	1	5½
J. H. Hobday	7	5	1	1	5½
C. S. Smith	9	5	4	0	5
C. Hager	9	3	4	2	4
J. I. Mellish	8	4	4	0	4
E. A. Hadler	7	3	3	1	3½
G. G. Parkins	6	3	3	0	3
R. J. Penrose	7	2	4	1	2½
W. J. Butler	6	2	4	0	2
Miss A. Willard-					
King	6	0	6	0	0

JUNIOR.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
L. Anderson	8	6	2	0	6
F. Newsome	6	6	0	0	6
H. Alecock	5	4	1	0	4
A. E. Ault	6	4	2	0	4
R. W. Smith	5	4	1	0	4
C. H. Atkinson	4	2	2	0	2
Miss K. Wilkinson	6	2	4	0	2
P. J. Bowes	5	0	5	0	0
E. Harden	4	0	4	0	0
A. W. McKay	4	0	4	0	0

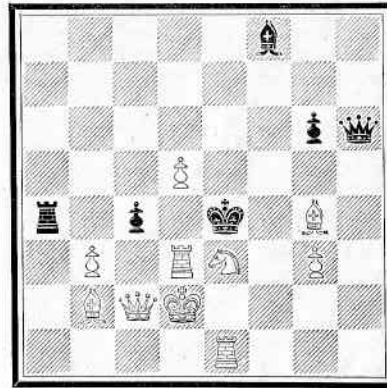
The leaders in the Drummond Cup are:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
R. J. Penrose	21	14	7	2	15
W. Newsome	21	11	10	0	11
S. Hollander	20	10	9	1	10½
W. D. Khouri	11	9	2	0	9

Mr. O. N. Thomson, Christchurch, Publicity Agent of the Canterbury Chess Club, has been transferred to Timaru as representative of the "Star-Sun" N.Z. Newspapers. (Now it is up to Mr. Thomson to revive the Timaru Chess Club.)

Solutions are invited.

No. 3—A. E. LePetit

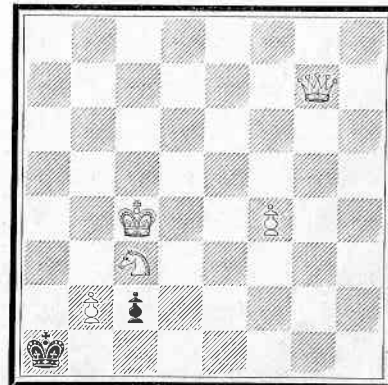


Mate in Two (10 v. 6).

Chess in Wellington

Twenty-two members of the Wellington Chess Club were present on the evening of Saturday, March 14th, when the sixty-second annual general meeting was held. Mr. F. K. Kelling (president) occupied the chair. An apology was received from Mr. F. Grady, who sent a donation of £1/1/- to the prize-fund. The annual report stated that the club now has 36 active, 12 honorary, two junior, and two life members. The need for new members was therefore still urgent. The annual tourney for the championship of the club attracted 20 entries, and ended in favour of Mr. E. H. Severne, a

No 4—G. Hume



Mate in Three (5 v. 2).

former Canterbury and Nelson champion, who thus gained Mr. Grady's prize. The second and third rungs on the ladder were won by Messrs. W. White and A. W. Gyles. Mr. A. H. Gilby had the distinction of winning both the B grade championship and the annual handicap event ("Petherick" tourney). The annual lightning tourney was won by Mr. J. Otto, closely followed by Messrs. McCrea and Jessup. Twenty-six ladder matches were contested during the year, of which the challengers won 14 and the defenders 12. The first ten rungs are held by Messrs. Severne, White, Gyles, G. P. Anderson, McCrea, Fairburn, Hardy, Kelling, Morton, and Craven in that order. The club's "Red" team (Messrs. Anderson, Gyles, Severne, McCrea, Craven, White, and Kitchingman) won the Wellington League's A grade teams tourney. In the annual telegraphic competition for the club championship of the Dominion the club won the North Island qualifying match (Wellington C.C. 12, Auckland C.C. 8), but lost the inter-island final to the Otago C.C. (8½-11½). The 47th tourney to decide the chess championship of New Zealand was held in Dunedin during the Christmas holidays, and was won by Mr. S. Hindin, the Canterbury champion. Two of the club's members, Messrs. Severne and Kelling, took part. The latter just managed to squeeze into the prize-list. Mr. Severne was handicapped by indisposition, and consequently his games did not reflect his playing strength.

Regret is expressed at the deaths of two highly-esteemed members, Messrs. H. J. Thompson and C. K. Duncan, and the loss sustained by R. G. Didsbury's making his home in Sydney, New South Wales. Appreciative reference is made to the visit of L. Steiner, the Hungarian champion, who has just scored a triumph in Vienna by winning the 20th Trebitsch Memorial Tourney, for which there was an imposing entry. With characteristic thoughtfulness Mr. Steiner has quite recently written from Budapest to several members of the Wellington executive, saying how much he appreciates the happy days spent in New Zealand.

The balance-sheet presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. J. Emery) shows the financial position to be

slightly better than it was a year ago. Sundry anonymous donations enabled the executive to carry on more effectively than would otherwise have been possible. The report and balance-sheet was adopted unanimously.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Patron, Sir Harold Beauchamp; president, Mr. F. K. Kelling; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. T. Craven, J. C. McCrea, A. W. Gyles, and R. C. Sim; hon. secretary, Mr. R. C. Glass; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. J. Emery; hon. auditor, Mr. J. K. L. Webbing; hon. librarian, Mr. W. White; hon. reporter, Mr. F. K. Kelling; management committee, Messrs. F. Grady, Hardy, Severne, Yarrell, and Dyer; match committee, Messrs. Severne, Hardy, and Emery; delegates to the New Zealand Chess Association, Messrs. Gyles and Sim; delegates to the Wellington Chess League, Messrs. Craven and Hardy; supper committee, Messrs. McCreath, Emery, and Yarrell. It was decided to nominate Mr. A. T. Craven as a North Island vice-president of the New Zealand Chess Association, and to make provision whereby drawn games will count in future ladder matches. The club's financial year is to end on January 31 in future, so that an earlier start may be made with the annual competitions. ("Evening Post," 22/3/38.)

On Saturday, April 2nd, the Wellington Chess Club opened its season with a sides match. There were no speeches and no ceremony of any kind. Sides were chosen by the two vice-presidents. Mr. Craven's team defeated Mr. Gyles' team by three games (9-6).

Craven defeated Gyles at board one. Severne defeated Dyer at board two. McCrea and Kelling drew at board three. White beat Otto at board four.

APRIL SOLUTIONS.

No. 1 (R. G. Thomson)—

1. Q—R1 PN7; 2. Q x P.
1. P—N5; 2. Q—Q4.
1. K—R4; 2. Q—R8.

No. 2 (H. Traxler)—

1. R—N5 N moves; 2. B—N7 ch.
1. K—R2; 2. B—N7.
1. B—R2 or B2; 2. B—N7 ch.

News from Napier

The Annual Meeting of the Napier Chess Club was held on Thursday, March 7th. The Annual Report states that the 1937 season may be considered one of the most satisfactory in the history of the Club.

The election of officers results as follows:—

President, Mr. John Mason; Chairman of Committee and Club Captain, Mr. E. Blundell; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. G. H. Brown; Assistant Secretary, Mr. A. T. Scott; Committee, last year's Committee was re-elected en bloc. The Committee consists of Messrs. Aislabie, Bartle, Callaghan, with the Club Captain, Secretary and Assistant Secretary ex officio.

It was decided to make tentative application for the next Congress, subject to final decision at a further meeting to be held on 28th inst., at which representatives of the Gisborne, Hastings, Waipukurau and Palmerston North Chess Clubs are to be invited to be present.

It was also decided to support the proposed visit of Mr. G. Koshnitsky.

The Championship of the Club for 1937 was won by Mr. G. H. Brown with a score of 9½ out of a possible 10 points. Mr. J. Mason, who had resumed playing chess after an absence of many years from the game, was second with 8 points.

The Handicap competition was won by Mr. W. R. Aislabie with a score of 13½ points out of a possible 17. Mr. E. Bartle with 13 points was a close second.

The Styles Cup for the most improved player has been awarded to Mr. E. Bartle, whose improvement is evidenced by being second in the Handicap Competition and third in the Championship.

Several matches were played during the season with the Hastings Club, the results being very even. The annual match with the Gisborne Club for the Fischbach Rook, has now developed into a contest between Napier-Hastings and Gisborne-

Wairoa. Last year's match was won by the Napier-Hastings combination by a substantial margin, thus avenging the overwhelming defeat sustained the previous year.

Once again the district was represented at the N.Z. Championship Congress by Mr. D. Lynch, of Hastings, who after winning his Club Championship with a clean score, also won a match of 5 games with the Napier Champion by 3 games to 2. Mr. Lynch's position in the Dominion Championship was 8th equal out of 13, and although on paper this is not quite as good as his maiden effort the previous year, it is an extremely meritorious performance when it is remembered that he lost only 4 games, three of which were to former N.Z. Champions, while he drew his individual game with the present Champion. As the latter dropped only 2 points (one loss and two draws), this is an achievement to be proud of.

The private matches (still all the page) stand as follows:—

Brown 4, Bartle 4.
Brown 4, Scott 4.
Scott 3½, Frazer 3½.

OUR MAILBAG.

Mr. T. C. Donovan, Christchurch, inquires if we accept empty beer bottles in lieu of subscriptions. (No Sir! The Editor's back-yard is full of them already!).

Mr. J. A. Jackson, Kerikeri, promises us a short article on Chinese Chess. (That is good news J.A., make it 350 words. That will fill a column and save us brain-fag!)

Dr. E. W. Bennett, Dunedin, sends us several articles and informs us to use which we like best. (Great copy, Dr. Bennett. We intend to use the lot!)

OUR JUNE NUMBER

Will contain

CHINESE CHESS, by J. A. Jackson.

CHESS HINTS, by "Talus."

"Ruy Lopez" again appears.

Dr. E. W. Bennett (World Champion Knights Tourer) takes us on "The Knights' Tour."

"Standard of Chess in New Zealand." (A criticism by R. O. Scott, Wanganui.)

Waikare Chess Club Notes

(By H. H. Stayte, Hon. Secretary)

The Waikare Chess Club was formed at Te Kauwhata in July, 1937, and after a brief but enjoyable season, suspended hostilities in October, 1937. The first annual meeting was held on 7th April, 1938, when the following officers were elected:—

President, Mr. C. Ballantyne; Vice-presidents, Messrs. T. R. Ritchie and W. I. Harper; Club Captain, Mr. A. W. R. Saxby; Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. H. Stayte; Committee, Messrs. J. M. Gairdner, L. Gordon, and H. French.

A motion was passed recommending the Committee to consider the question of affiliation with the N.Z. Chess Association; the Club will doubtless affiliate in due course.

Some of our members come considerable distances to play, so our playing hours are naturally restricted; at the present time we play from 7.30 to 10 p.m. Probably owing to the fact that our members work harder, both mentally and physically, than players in other parts of N.Z., the supper that follows is greatly appreciated. The weary brain-cells and worn-out tissues are restored and repaired mainly with toasted buns, and on special occasions our worthy hostess, Mrs. Mac., turns on prawn sandwiches and cream cakes.

This being the land of grape vines, one member has suggested that the motto of the Club should be:—

"Sixteen men at a game of Chess, Yo! Ho! Ho! And a bottle of wine!"

The Committee has not considered the matter.

Our President, Mr. C. Ballantyne, is an excellent Chairman of Committee, possessing as he does a fund of plain common sense. He played chess at the Auckland C.C. somewhere about the 40's, and is the bane of some of our younger "bookish" players who feel that they ought to beat him, but somehow don't.

Mr. T. R. Ritchie is an indefatigable coach, and many of our players owe much to his patient efforts. The rumour that he got rid of the cat because its thumping round the house disturbed his concentration is quite groundless.

Mr. W. I. Harper is probably our most enthusiastic player, and is also addicted to what might be called "Social Correspondence Chess." He plays friendly games with misguided players in other parts of N.Z., and derives much pleasure in discussing the relative positions with local players. At the present time he is busy painting a little motto for his bedroom—"Too Many Cooks Spoil the Broth."

Mr. A. W. R. Saxby is a capable organiser, and was the only player in the Waikato to hold Lajos Steiner in a simultaneous display given at Hamilton. He kids himself that he is our best player, but wait and see!

