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CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL.

1879 (August)...	...	H. Hookham	...	Christchurch
1888-89	...	A. M. Ollivier	...	Christchurch
1889-90	...	H. Hookham	...	Christchurch
1890-91	...	R. J. Barnes	...	Wellington
1891-92	...	F. V. Siedeberg	...	Dunedin
1892-93	...	F. V. Siedeberg	...	Dunedin
1893-94	...	J. Edwards	...	Wellington
1894-95	...	W. Mackay	...	Wellington
1895-96	...	W. Meldrum	...	Rangitikei
1896-97	...	R. J. Barnes	...	Wellington
1897-98	...	R. J. Barnes	...	Wellington
1898-99	...	R. A. Cleland	...	Dunedin
1900 (Easter)	...	W. E. Mason	...	Wellington
1901 (Easter)	...	D. Forsyth	...	Dunedin
1901 (Christmas)	...	R. J. Barnes	...	Wellington
1902-03	...	J. C. Grierson	...	Auckland
1903-04	...	W. E. Mason	...	Wellington
1904-05	...	A. W. O. Davies	...	Wellington
1905-06	...	R. J. Barnes	...	Wellington
1906-07	...	W. S. Viner	...	Perth (W.A.)
1908 (Easter)	...	A. W. O. Davies	...	Wellington
1908-09	...	F. K. Kelling	...	Wellington
1909-10	...	J. Mason	...	Wellington
1910-11	...	W. E. Mason	...	Wellington
1911-12	...	W. E. Mason	...	Wellington
1912-13	...	J. C. Grierson	...	Auckland
1913-14	...	W. E. Mason	...	Wellington
1914-15	...	F. K. Kelling	...	Wellington
1916-17-18-19	Title vacant owing to the Great War			Wellington
1919-20	...	W. E. Mason	...	Wellington
1920-21	...	J. B. Dunlop	...	Oamaru
1921-22	...	J. B. Dunlop	...	Oamaru

THIRTIETH CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT, HELD AT DUNEDIN, XMAS, 1920.



Back Row: A. W. Gyles, F. K. Kelling, E. H. Severne, J. B. Dunlop (Champion), T. Fouhy, and D. Harris Hastings (Hon. Secretary).

Front Row: L. D. Coombs, R. A. Cleland (President N.Z.C.A.), W. E. Mason, and A. W. O Davies.

PREFACE.

The New Zealand Chess Association wished to publish a book last year dealing with the Thirtieth Championship Tournament, which commenced in Dunedin on Boxing Day, 1920. The affiliated clubs were accordingly invited to give the necessary support to the project. This was not forthcoming, and the idea had therefore to be reluctantly abandoned. When the Thirty-first Championship Tourney was being held in Auckland in January last, a general desire was expressed that the Association should issue a Congress Book dealing with both the Dunedin and the Auckland Congresses. The Association having last year decided that in future only the best Congress games shall be published, a calculation of the cost of publication was made on this basis. It was estimated that the cost of production would exceed the amount obtained from sales by at least £35, and a subscription list was accordingly opened, with a view to meeting the deficiency by donations. This appeal has been responded to by the following:—Messrs. R. H. Abbott, R. J. Barton, J. B. Dunlop, J. G. W. Dalrymple, B. G. Fox, T. Fouhy, A. W. Gyles, E. H. Howard, F. K. Kelling, H. G. Lee, C. Little, W. Mackay, W. Moore, E. J. Miles, C. C. Roberts, C. R. Sainsbury, E. H. Severne, B. Trathen, and the Canterbury Chess Club. As these offers just meet the estimated deficiency, it has been possible to issue this booklet, which will, it is hoped, be of more than ordinary historical interest to New Zealand chessists. The full scores of New Zealand's thirty-one Championship Congresses are now published for the first time, and in view of this some of the obituary notices that appeared in our last Congress Book (1920) are reprinted in this book, together with some new ones. The Dunedin

Congress consisted of 29 games, of which eleven are given in this book. The Auckland Congress comprised 91 games, of which eighteen are now published. It is greatly regretted that the very high cost of production does not allow of a larger number of games being given. The very able annotations of Messrs. W. E. Mason and W. Mackay will doubtless be as greatly appreciated as when their valued labours appeared in the books of the 1913-14 and 1914-15 Congresses.

This preface cannot be more fittingly closed than by putting on record the regret that is just now widespread in New Zealand Chess circles,—viz., regret that this booklet is not being edited by Mr. H. L. James, B.A., of Wellington. When editing the Association's earlier Congress Books, Mr. James,—who has well been described as "a man full of lore and doughty with the pen,"—disclosed himself the possessor of a "master-hand" that gained him fame in both hemispheres! The orders for his books that were coming to hand every now and then from Europe prior to the breaking out of the Great War were, of course, tributes to his masterly writings. It was hoped that his gifted pen would at this juncture have been once more at the disposal of the New Zealand Chess Association, but the double load of doing his daily work and also burning midnight oil on a Congress Book would be rather more than he could safely carry at present. The latest tribute to his skill comes from the Commonwealth. He has been asked to annotate about a dozen of the games played at the recent Australian Congress, so that the book of that tourney may include him as one of its contributors. All our readers will assuredly join in wishing Mr. James an early and complete restoration to vigorous health.

THE DUNEDIN CONGRESS.

The thirtieth tournament to decide the Chess Championship of New Zealand was held in Dunedin, commencing on 28th December, 1920. Mr. R. A. Cleland (President of the New Zealand Chess Association) presided at the formal opening. The Mayor (Mr. W. Begg) made a happy introductory speech, and then called on Sir Robert Stout, the Chief Justice of New Zealand, to declare the Congress open. Sir Robert Stout, who was largely instrumental in founding the Dunedin Chess Club in 1865, gave an address of very great historic interest, dealing first with the older generation of Otago Chess players, and then adding some most interesting reminiscences of the early history of Dunedin. In declaring the contest open, he expressed the hope that the competitors would have very pleasant games, and that the best player would win. (Loud applause.)

The play took place in the School of Art, Moray Place, which the Education Board had kindly placed at the disposal of the Committee. As there were only eight competitors, it was decided not to play more than one round a day. The competitors thus had their forenoons free, which enabled them to do more sight-seeing than usual. They visited, in turn, Port Chalmers, the Art Gallery, the Early Settlers' Museum (very interesting), the Public Gardens, and various seaside resorts. A visit was also paid to the grave of David Forsyth, an ex-champion, who was prominent in Scottish Chess circles before he came to New Zealand (vide "Obituaries"). His name will assuredly go down to posterity as the inventor of the well-known "Forsyth Notation." On the Sunday afternoon an excursion was made to Portobello. A dozen of the party climbed Harbour Cone (over 1000 feet high)

under the leadership of Mr. O. Balk (a former Otago champion who came near to annexing the Dominion Championship at the 1902-3 Congress). Those who preferred something less strenuous visited the Fish Hatcheries. Tea at the residence of Mr. R. A. Cleland (N.Z. Champion in 1899), and a social evening at Mr. Balk's rounded off an exceedingly pleasant day.

Now for a reference to the play. Each Island contributed four competitors. Wellington supplied the North Island quartette, viz., W. E. Mason, A. W. Gyles, T. Fouhy and F. K. Kelling. The South Island four were: J. B. Dunlop (Oamaru), E. H. Severne (Nelson), A. W. O. Davies and L. D. Coombs (both of Dunedin). The Wellingtonians were required by a long-established rule to play each other in the opening rounds. From Round 4 onwards they were continuously pitted against South Islanders. At the end of the fourth round W. E. Mason was leading, Messrs. Dunlop and Davies being one point behind. Later on "the two D's," as they were called, overtook Mason, and they finally tied for first place. The tie was played off on Wednesday, 5th January, 1921, when Dunlop defeated Davies in 50 moves, thereby securing the coveted championship. This is the first win ever scored by an Oamaru representative—and it is the first "South Island" win since that scored by the late Mr. David Forsyth, as long ago as Easter 1901! Small wonder, then, that the result was a very popular one throughout N.Z. Chess circles. Mr. Dunlop—then 34 years of age—also won the two special prizes attaching to this Congress, viz., (a) "Best Save" prize (donated by Rev. N. Friberg, then President of the Otago Chess Club, for the best "recovery") and (b) the Brilliancy Prize (donated by the Otago Chess Club). The former prize was gained by the splendid recovery made by the champion

when playing Mr. E. H. Severne (of Nelson) in the first round. Mr. Dunlop thoroughly deserved the many congratulations tendered him, and also the complimentary references made to his prowess when the Oamaruvians shortly afterwards held a social in his honour, and gave him a right royal welcome home. It should be added that Mr. Dunlop learnt chess when completing his dentistry studies in London. He won the Otago Club's Championship in 1910, and has held the Oamaru Championship from 1914 onwards. He looks very deeply into the complicated positions arising from time to time, and can be relied on to take prompt advantage of any slip made by an opponent. His moves are well-timed, and his play is at all times attractive. He is in every way a worthy champion. His inability to represent New Zealand at the Australian Congress (referred to in another part of this book) has naturally caused great disappointment throughout the Chess circles of the Dominion.

Mr. A. W. O. Davies, the runner-up, learnt the game in 1896, when 21 years of age. He belonged to the London Polytechnic Club before coming to New Zealand in the latter part of 1902. He has twice won the Dominion Championship, viz., at Oamaru 1904-5, and at Wellington in 1908 (Easter). He has been runner-up on three occasions, and has in turn held the Auckland, Wellington, and Otago Championships. His good showing in the recently concluded tourney for the Championship of Australia is referred to in another part of this book.

Mr. W. E. Mason, of Wellington, is well known throughout Australasia as New Zealand's record champion, having held the title no less than six times! His match record is a magnificent one. On this occasion he fell away towards the finish, owing to staleness, and was palpably below his true form in the last three rounds.

Mr. E. H. Severne, ex-champion of the Canterbury Chess Club, and now champion of Nelson, took the fourth prize with a tally of 4—3 (3 wins, 2 draws, and 2 losses). He was not as good as usual in following up initial advantages. In reality this very consistent prize-winner came much nearer to the Championship than his score indicates.

Mr. A. W. Gyles, of Wellington, for once missed a place in the prize-list,—a very unusual thing for him. Soon after the tourney opened he had a recurrence of malarial trouble,—a war legacy from Macedonia,—and this, of course, was a handicap. With his keen enthusiasm, and wide book-knowledge, he can be relied on to in future give performances in keeping with his fine showing in pre-war days.

Mr. T. Fouhy (Wellington) proved himself a tough opponent. His score includes draws against the Champion and E. H. Severne. He is to be congratulated on winning the special prize donated by Mr. F. Kummer, of Masterton, for the unplaced competitor making the best score against the prize-winners. Mr. Fouhy has for many years past been a very successful performer for the Wellington Club in its telegraphic matches.

Mr. Leslie D. Coombs, of Dunedin, at that time the Otago Club's champion, was under a double disadvantage. He was the only competitor making a first "Congress" appearance, and he entered the fray in a very travel-stained condition, having completed 1600 miles of travel only fourteen hours before the opening ceremony took place. It was, therefore, hardly to be expected that he would do himself justice on this occasion. He was the youngest of the competitors, being, it is understood, a few months younger than Messrs. Dunlop and Gyles.

Mr. F. K. Kelling, of Wellington, was the veteran of the party. He missed many opportunities, and was manifestly "off colour," finally occupying bottom place on the list. He thoroughly enjoyed the tourney, however, and left "good old Dunedin" hoping to make a better showing on some future occasion.

Of the sixteen games that had an inter-island aspect, the South Island scored $11\frac{1}{2}$ to the North's $4\frac{1}{2}$. The prizes were presented at a very enjoyable Smoke Concert held at the Otago Chess Club's rooms, when the usual toasts were honoured. Mr. Dunlop, the new Champion, advocated bringing a chess master to the Dominion to popularise the game, and to raise the standard of our play. Thanks were accorded to the ladies who provided afternoon tea during the Congress, viz., Mesdames Cleland, Hastings, Henderson, Lawson, Storie, and the Misses Watson. The visiting competitors presented framed copies of the Congress photo. to the Otago Chess Club, and also to the energetic Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. Harris Hastings, in appreciation of the many kindnesses received during their very pleasant stay in Dunedin. The tourney,—the full score of which will be found at the end of this book,—passed into history as a pronounced success, thanks to the good offices of the Otago Chess Club's Executive, viz., Messrs. R. A. Cleland (chairman), D. Harris Hastings (Hon. Secretary), W. H. Allen (Hon. Treasurer), O. Balk, H. H. Henderson, J. Crow, T. M. Gillies, S. S. Myers, J. J. Marlow, G. D. Wright, and J. H. F. Hamel.

THE AUCKLAND CONGRESS.

The thirty-first tourney to decide the Chess Championship of New Zealand was held in Auckland during the last Christmas-New Year holidays. It was in every way a decided success, thanks to the splendid services of the Auckland Club's Executive Committee, of which Mr. A. Wright was Chairman, and Mr. H. H. Smith was Hon. Secretary, and to the valued assistance given by the Auckland Working Men's Club, in whose large social hall the 91 games were played. The formal opening took place on Boxing Day, when Mr. R. H. Abbott (President of the New Zealand Chess Association) and Mr. A. Wright (acting-President of the Auckland Chess Club) made interesting speeches of welcome. Rev. A. Miller (Westport) and Messrs. J. A. Connell (Wellington) and F. K. Kelling (Wellington) replied on behalf of the competitors. Several speakers made feeling reference to the death of Mr. F. Harvey, President of the Auckland Chess Club, which occurred in June last (1921), and which is referred to under the heading of "Obituaries."

THE PLAY.

Mr. J. B. Dunlop retains the Championship.

There were fourteen competitors—nine from the North Island, and five from the South Island. At the last moment Mr. J. E. Stevens (Canterbury Chess Club) replaced Mr. Buchan (Otago Chess Club), the latter being unable to attend. The earlier rounds indicated that there would be a close finish between J. B. Dunlop (of Oamaru, the defender of the title), E. H. Severne (Nelson), A. W. Gyles (Wellington), and A. W. O. Davies (Dunedin). In the later rounds, Davies lost to Rev. A. Miller, and also to Dunlop, and these reverses put

him out of the running for first place. When Gyles lost to Davies in the final round, the issue was narrowed down to Dunlop and Severne, who were paired at the adjoining table. Severne, the Nelson champion, won the exchange (Rook for Knight), but afterwards needlessly gave up a Knight to release his Queen (which, as a matter of fact, could have been extricated from a tight corner without any sacrifice of material). Dunlop thus got two Knights for his lost rook. With this advantage in material, he had no difficulty in forcing the game, which he scored at 5 p.m. on Friday, 6th January. A round of applause from a large number of spectators greeted Dunlop's repetition of the triumph that he scored in Dunedin a year earlier. No player has won the New Zealand Championship three times in succession, so Dunlop will be making a record if he comes out first in the next Congress (which will probably open in Christchurch on Boxing Day). A brief outline of Dunlop's chess career will be found in the notes on the Dunedin Congress. On his return home, a social was held in his honour, the speakers including the Mayor of Oamaru and other prominent citizens. In his reply, Mr. Dunlop thanked the various speakers for their kind felicitations, and mentioned that the weather had been distressingly hot and enervating in Auckland. He had consequently not done himself justice in some of the games, but he thought that the climatic conditions had more or less affected all the competitors, and that the standard of play, as a whole, was scarcely up to the previous year's. Nevertheless, some really fine games had been played. (Applause.)

THE OTHER COMPETITORS.

Messrs. **A. W. Gyles** (Wellington South) and **E. H. Severne** (Nelson) shared second place, each being one point behind the Champion at the finish. Both

have several times come very near to winning the Championship, and it seems as if their turns must surely come ere long. Gyles was the only player to score a win from the Champion, a round of applause greeting this fine finish.

Mr. A. W. O. Davies (Otago C.C.), as was expected, also played some very fine chess. A brief reference to his prowess will be found in the notes on the Dunedin and Australian Congresses.

Mr. Edwin Agnew Hicks (Wellington), after an indifferent start, made a fine recovery, scoring six wins and three draws in the last nine rounds,—a strong finish that gained him the fifth prize. His play was often marked by ingenuity, and occasionally by a resource in getting out of tight corners that was greatly admired by the spectators, who were present in large numbers. When in form he is a very strong candidate for championship honours. It will cause no surprise if three new names are engraved on the New Zealand Championship Rook in the next few years, viz., A. W. Gyles, E. A. Hicks, and E. H. Severne. (The Editor puts them in alphabetical order, leaving them to settle the actual order amongst themselves.)

Mr. F. K. Kelling (Wellington W.M. Club) made a good start, and then collapsed for several days. He recovered in time to finish up with four consecutive wins,—a “late run” that gained him the lowest place in the prize-list. He is evidently not superstitious, seeing that he was staying at the same place as when he came out bottom in the Auckland Congress of twelve years before, and he was wearing the same suit as when he came out bottom at the Dunedin Congress of a year ago. During the Congress he was medically advised to give up chess. Four months’ rest have, however, proved so beneficial that he hopes to still have a few match games per annum, substituting strict moderation for total

Prohibition. It is interesting to recall that the membership of the Wellington Working Men’s Club has been represented at these Congresses continuously from 1888 onwards, a fine record of “duty done.”

Mr. J. C. Grierson, twice Champion of New Zealand, and eleven times champion of Auckland, made a much-welcomed re-appearance, after an absence of seven years. Unfortunately, he did not reproduce the fine form shown in last year’s telegraphic matches, and consequently he failed to do justice to his great powers. He gave the impression of feeling the strain of an exceptionally heavy year of office work. His many friends hope to see him at his best in the next Congress, when a third win by him would be in arithmetical progression (1903, 1913, and 1923).

Messrs. **A. Pickett** (Auckland), **J. E. Stevens** (Christchurch), and **Rev. A. Miller** (Westport) all tied for the next place on the list. They were the most successful of the six competitors who were making a first appearance. Pickett (who was the Auckland Club’s champion in 1916), by reason of his wins from Hicks and Kelling, won Mr. F. Kummer’s special prize for the unplaced competitor making the best score against the prize-winners. In round 6 Pickett gave the Champion some anxious moments, as will be seen on playing over the game, which is included in this booklet. Rev. A. Miller was the Auckland Club’s champion in 1908. His best efforts were his wins from Messrs. Davies and Grierson, and his draw against Mr. Severne. He lost sundry points through playing too hastily, and this alone prevented him from taking a higher position, as he himself fully realises. Mr. J. E. Stevens represented Canterbury at short notice, and without preparation, when the withdrawal of Mr. J. Buchan (Otago) was announced. Nevertheless, he scored

heavily from the Auckland quartette. He is looking forward to the next Congress, and is giving the books some useful study by way of preparation. He has an enterprising style, and the right temperament, and should go a long way in the royal game. He performed well last year in the Canterbury Club's telegraphic matches.

Mr. C. C. Roberts (Auckland) improved as the tourney progressed. He is now getting better practice than when residing in Hamilton, and may be relied on to make an excellent showing in this year's fixtures. He has just challenged Mr. Grierson for the top rung on the Auckland Club's "ladder."

Dr. Howard (Taumarunui) was handicapped by lack of practice. He scored well against the non-prize-winners, but failed against the leaders. The experience gained in this his first Congress must be of great service to him in his future matches. It should be added that he, unfortunately, lost one game by default through a misunderstanding on his part as to when the fifth round was to be played. He was a member of the Otago Chess Club in the years 1900 and 1901.

Mr. H. V. Evans (Auckland W.M. Club), who came to New Zealand twelve years ago, was formerly a member of the strong North Manchester Chess Club. Strange to say, he lost two games by failing to keep within the time limit of eighteen moves per hour, viz., against Roberts in Round 3, and against Stevens in Round 9! On other occasions he was hustled for time, and it is safe to say that "clock trouble" kept him from occupying a higher place in the final list.

Mr. J. A. Connell (Wellington) was too much in the hands of his chemist to do himself justice. His win from Pickett and draws against the Champion and Rev. A. Miller were his best efforts, and they gave the impression that but for indifferent

health and lack of practice (through being a country member), he would have made a showing worthy of his wide knowledge of the grand old game, the interests of which he has had at heart for over half a century. At the last Wellington Congress he won Mr. Grantham's special prize for the best end-game, and when stationed at Nelson, some years ago, he annexed the first prize in a local tourney with the fine tally of 17 wins 1 loss. At different times he has promoted the cause of chess in Gisborne, Napier, Masterton, Wanganui, Nelson, Blenheim, and Timaru, besides which, while a resident of Wellington, he was for some years a "live" Hon. Secretary of the New Zealand Chess Association. Truly his services to the cause of chess in this Dominion are numerous.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

The openings most used were the Queen's Gambit declined (13 times), Queen's Pawn game (12), French Defence (9), Sicilian Defence (8), Ruy Lopez (7), and Centre-Counter (7).

The proportion of drawn games was higher than usual, the percentage figures for the last eight Congresses being as follow:—At Timaru (1910-11) 18.2, at Napier (1911-12) 27.3, at Nelson (1912-13) 14.7, at Auckland (1913-14) 14.3, at Christchurch (1914-15) 17.6, at Wellington (1919-20) 13.18, at Dunedin (1920-21) 13.79, and at Auckland (1921-22) 18.68.

During the progress of the contest (the full score-sheet of which will be found in Part II. of this book), an excellent photo. was taken of the competitors and officials, a copy of which is reproduced in this booklet, together with a copy of the photo. taken a year earlier at the Dunedin Congress.

The annual bowling fixture, "Chess Players v. Non-Chessists," ended in an easy win for the latter.

“ 'Twas not ever thus.” Here, as in the chess arena, the redoubtable R. J. Barnes, of Wellington, and G. F. Dodds, of Nelson, were greatly missed.

On New Year's Day, when the tourney was about half finished, the competitors and their friends greatly enjoyed a picnic in the Waitakere Ranges, as the guests of Mr. R. H. Abbott (President). Beauty spots were explored, and the panoramic view of Auckland city and harbour was much admired.

The prizes were presented at an exceedingly enjoyable social gathering in the Society of Arts Hall on the following Saturday evening. Warm appreciation was expressed by the visitors for the many kind hospitalities extended to them, and also for the excellent arrangements made by the Auckland Management Committee, to whom the N.Z. Chess Association, in due course, passed a hearty vote of thanks. The competitors presented Mr. C. Little, who acted as sole umpire right through the long tourney, with a framed copy of the Congress photo. Mr. Alfred Jowitt, a veteran Auckland Congress representative, who is climbing the eighties with a light step, contributed a humorous recitation to the good programme.

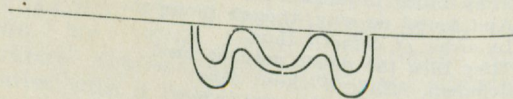
The great interest taken in the contest was evidenced by the gratifying attendances at the various sessions; also by the large number of telegrams, letters, photos., cartoons, etc., that graced the official notice-board. In this connection, it will not be out of place to conclude with the following little poem by Mr. Grierson, of Auckland, a well-known ex-champion, which he read at the prize-distribution social. It was composed hurriedly, with no idea of publication, but it admirably conveys to the reader some of the “life” of New Zealand's latest Congress.

Acclaim the Champion! Once again
Has daring Dunlop trounced his men,
Emerging first, and now anew,
The “Rook” will stand at Oamaru.
Close up to him come genial Gyles,
Good second through his feints and wiles,
And solid Severne—second too,
Whose play is always good and true—
Second so oft, 'tis hard to miss
The first and foremost place like this.
Then dashing Davies follows near,
Bold player, free from doubt or fear;
Fourth now, but often first and best,
Whose harassed victims know no rest.
And after him comes high-climb Hicks,
Who baffles all with subtle tricks;
Always aspiring, mounting still,
Will he get there? He surely will!
Low down for him, kind Kelling stands,
Applauded loudly on all hands,
For gallant fight to Siegers' rank,
When prospects looked so very blank.
Those six the winners, theirs the spoils,
The other eight caught in their toils;
“They also started,” but, alas!
Their opportunities let pass;
They failed to show sufficient skill,
And found no way, though theirs the will.
In order of demerit thus,
They face the music without fuss.
Grierson, Miller, Pickett, then
Roberts, Howard, Stevens, when
Next comes Evans, and to close,
Connell last, as each one knows,
But not least, with many gifts,
He, endowed, his name uplifts.
Just one word in hearty praise
Of the Umpire let me raise:
Firm, yet gentle, strong, yet suave,
In matters light, and matters grave;
“Little” only in his name,
He has always “played the game.”
And the Management right through,
Chairman and Committee too,
Deserve our thanks in hearty vein,
Now they cease to hold the rein.
In conclusion, let me add,
Words of thanks, both warm and glad,
For Mr. Abbott's generous deeds,

Which so well supplied our needs;
Words too feeble to convey
All the pleasures of the day.
And now to one and all I wish
Prosperous year, and added bliss;
May your wealth and wisdom swell,
Till a mighty tale they tell,
And your chess your welfare match
Till Saint Peter draws the latch.

—J. C. Grierson.

N.Z. Chess Congress Social Gathering,
Auckland, January 6, 1922.





Back Row: A. Wright (Acting-Pres., Auckland C.C.); C. C. Roberts, F. K. Kelling, H. V. Evans, and Dr. E. H. Howard.
 Middle Row: C. Little (Umpire), A. Wakefield, J. C. Greaves, E. H. Severne, R. H. Abbott (Pres. N.Z.C.A.), N.

Selection of Games from Dunedin Congress.

No. 1.

Centre Counter.

White—Gyles.

Black—Kelling.

A fine game by White. Black's difficulties can all be traced to delay in developing his Queen's Knight.

1 P-K4	P-Q4	18 Q-B2	Q-Q5(3)
2 PxP	QxP	19 B-QR5	R-K1
3 Kt-QB3	Q-Q1	20 P-QKt3	Kt-R3
4 P-Q4	P-QB3	21 QR-Q1	Q-B4
5 Kt-KB3	B-Kt 5	22 B-B3	QxRP(4)
6 B-K2	Kt-KB3	23 B-K4!	RxB(5)
7 B-K3	P-K3	24 QxR	QxKtP
8 P-QR3	B-Q3	25 Q-K6ch	K-R1
9 P-KR3	BxKt	26 BxP!	QxP(6)
10 BxB	Castles (1)	27 BxPch!	KxB
11 Kt-K4	Kt-Q4	28 R-Q7ch	KtxR
12 B-Kt5	P-B3	29 QxQ	Kt(R3)-B4
13 KtxB	QxKt	30 R-Q1	P-QR4
14 B-Q2	R-Q1(2)	31 RxBtch	Kt-xR
15 Castles	P-K4	32 Q-Kt4ch	K-B3
16 PxP	QxKP	33 QxKt	Resigns
17 P-QB4	Kt-Kt3	Time 1hr.8min	1hr.44 min.

- (1) Better QKt-Q2 first.
- (2) The QKt should be developed via R3. If played to Q2 White wins the exchange by P-B4 and B-QKt4.
- (3) Still the Knight is undeveloped.
- (4) There is no time for this—R-K2, followed by QR-K1 is required.
- (5) Better to give up the rook's pawn and play QR-Q1; but Black expects to get a full equivalent in pawns for the sacrifice of the exchange. Black, however, has no time to capture pawns.
- (6) Clearly overlooking the effect of White's next two moves. Of course, if PxB, then QxP, ch., and R-Q4, etc.

No. 2.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

White—Dunlop.

Black—Severne.

The Champion, by a bad blunder, loses a piece; but his opponent's unenterprising play allows him to work up

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a winning attack. The ending secured for White the prize offered for the "best recovery."

1 P-Q4	P-Q4	18 Kt-KKt3	KR-K1
2 P-QB4	P-K3	19 Kt-B4? (1)	P-QKt4
3 Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3	20 Q-Kt3	PxKt
4 B-Kt5	B-K2	21 RxP	Kt-Q4
5 P-K3	QKt-Q2	22 Kt-B5	Q-Q2
6 B-Q3	Castles	23 Kt-Kt3	QR-Kt1
7 Kt-KB3	P-QKt3	24 Q-B2	Q-K3
8 QR-B1	B-Kt2	25 R-QB1	Kt-Kt3(2)
9 PxP	PxP	26 R-B5	Kt-Q4
10 Castles	Kt-K5	27 P-QR3	P-KB3(3)
11 BxB	QxB	28 Q-K2	B-R1(4)
12 Q-Kt3	QKt-B3	29 P-QKt4	R-Kt3
13 BxKt	PxB	30 Q-R5	P-QR3(5)
14 Kt-Q2	B-R3?	31 Kt-KB5	K-R2?
15 R-Q1	P-QB3	32 RxKt!	PxR(6)
16 Q-R4	B-Kt2	33 R-B7	R-Kt2
17 Kt-K2	P-KR3	34 QxPch and mates next move.	

- (1) A blunder which loses a piece.
- (2) The Knight is well enough where it is. B-R1, with a view to doubling the rooks, may be suggested.
- (3) Why not P-B4? Black is a piece up, and should force the game.
- (4) Losing valuable time. P-B4 and R-KB1 would be much better.
- (5) Playing White's game. R-Kt4 would require attention.
- (6) Fatal; the last of a series of weak moves. QxR would have left a playable game, though a pawn minus.

No. 3.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

White—Dunlop.

Black—Davies.

A fine game by the Champion, who with this secured the Brilliancy Prize offered by the Otago Chess Club.

1 P-Q4	P-Q4	7 B-Q3	PxP
2 P-QB4	P-K3	8 BxP	P-QKt3 (1)
3 Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3	9 Q-B2	B-Kt2
4 B-KKt5	Kt-Q2	10 B-Q3(2)	P-KR3
5 KKt-B3	B-K2	11 B-B4	R-QB1
6 P-K3	Castles	12 Castles	P-QB4

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13 Q-K2	BxKt?(3)	22 Kt-Kt5	Kt-KKt5(4)
15 QxB	PxP	23 QxP!(5)	QKt-B3(6)
14 PxP	Kt-Kt1	24 Q-R4	KR-Q1
16 QR-Q1	Kt-B3	25 R-Q3	B-B1
17 B-K5	Kt-QKt5	26 P-KR3	B-Kt2
18 B-Kt1	QKt-Q4	27 PxKt	K-B1
19 Kt-K4	Q-Q2	28 R-KB3	Kt-Q4
20 Q-Q3	P-KKt3	29 BxBch	Resigns
21 Q-R3	P-KR4	Time 1hr. 32 m.	1 hr. 58 m.

- (1) After Black's PxP, one would have expected P-QR3 or P-B4. The continuation adopted is comparatively weak.
- (2) Stronger appears to be QR-Q1 or Castles (QR).
- (3) This and the pawn exchange gives White a fine free game. As played, the isolated pawn is an advantage to him.
- (4) White is working up a dangerous attack. KtxKt would simplify the position.
- (5) A fine move. Black's game is lost.
- (6) If KKt-B3, then BxP.

No. 4.

Centre Counter.

White—Mason.

Black—Kelling.

A good game by White, with a brilliant finish.

1 P-K4	P-Q4	15 Q-KB2	R-KB1?(3)
2 PxP	QxP	16 Q-Kt3	BxB(4)
3 Kt-QB3	Q-Q1	17 KtxB	R-Kt1
4 P-Q4	Kt-KB3	18 Q-R3	P-KR3(5)
5 B-Q3	P-QB3	19 Q-R5	R-KB1
6 KKt-K2	B-Kt5	20 R-B2	Kt-Kt3
7 P-B3	B-R4	21 QR-KB1	B-Q1
8 Castles	P-K3	22 Q-KKt4	Kt-Q4
9 B-K3	B-Q3	23 QxPch !!	PxQ
10 Kt-K4	KtxKt(1)	24 RxRch	K-Q2
11 PxKt	Kt-Q2	25 R(B1)-B7ch	Kt-K2
12 P-K5	B-K2	26 Kt-B5ch	K-B1
13 Q-Q2	B-Kt3	27 KtxKP	Q-R4
14 Kt-B4	Q-B2(2)	28 RxBch	Resigns
		Time 52 min.	1hr. 35 min.

- (1) Weak. Playing his opponent's game. Better to retire the Bishop.

- (2) Apparently intending Castles (QR) or P-QB4.
 (3) Black should Castle.
 (4) Weak. Best is Castles (QR).
 (5) Better is Kt-Bsq.

No. 5.

King's Gambit Declined.

White—Davies.

Black—Severne.

A keen struggle for position up to move 21, where Black wins a pawn, but failing to press his attack, gets a Bishop shut in, and is outplayed in the ending.

1 P-K4	P-K4	31 P-Kt5	PxP
2 P-KB4	B-B4	32 PxP	P-B3
3 Kt-KB3	P-Q3	33 P-Kt6	Kt-K4
4 Kt-QB3	KKt-B3	34 BxKt	BPxB(3)
5 B-B4	OKt-B3	35 K-K4	K-K2
6 P-Q3	B-KKt5	36 R-R1	K-B3
7 P-KR3	BxKt	37 R-R5	B-B2
8 QxB	Kt-Q5	38 Kt-B2	K-K2
9 Q-Q1(1)	P-QR3	39 Kt-Kt4	R-KKt1
10 P-B5	P-KR3	40 R-R7	K-Q1
11 P-KR4	Q-Q2	41 K-Q5	P-Q6(4)
12 R-B1	P-B3	42 K-K4	P-Q7
13 Kt-R4	B-R2	43 Kt-K3	B-R4
14 P-B3	P-QKt4	44 Kt-Q1	K-K2
15 PxKt	PxB	45 Kt-K3	K-B3
16 PxBP	PxP	46 R-R5	K-K2
17 Q-B3	Castles	47 K-B3	K-K1
18 K-Q1	P-B4	48 K-K2	K-Q2
19 P-QKt3	KR-K1	49 Kt-Q5	K-Q1
20 R-K1	Q-B3	50 P-R3	R-B1(5)
21 B-Q2	RxP	51 P-B6	K-Q2
22 K-B2	QR-K1	52 P-B7(6)	K-K3
23 Kt-Kt2	Q-R1(2)	53 R-R7	B-Q1
24 B-B4	RxR	54 RxP	P-Q8(Q)ch
25 QxQ	KR-K7ch	55 KxQ	B-B3
26 K-Q3	RxQ	56 R-Kt8	B-K2
27 KxR	R-K1ch	57 Kt-B7ch	K-B4
28 K-B3	B-Kt1	58 KtxP	P-K5
29 Kt-Q3	K-B1	59 Kt-B7	Resigns
30 P-KKt4	Kt-Q2		

- (1) At Hastings, Tchigorin played here against Pillsbury Q-Kt3, KtxPch; (10) K-Q1; KtxR, (11) QxP; K-Q2, and White won. Griffiths and White give R-KB1 instead of K-Q2, but the variation is unfavourable to Black. Black's best reply to Q-Kt3 is Q-K2.
 (2) Much better is P-Q4.
 (3) If QPxP (35) KtxBP; BQ3, Kt-K6ch, etc.
 (4) Weak. BR4 was worth consideration. One of many variations—B-R4 (42) KxP; P-K5 (43) KxP; P-K6 (44) R-R2; B-B6 (45) R-K2; RB1, etc.
 (5) He has no good move.
 (6) If PxP, then R-B7ch.

No. 6.

Queen's Pawn.

Black—Dunlop.

White—Coombs.

A good game: The Champion misses his way on move 47, and allows a won game to be drawn.

1 P-Q4	P-Q4	28 KtxBch	KtxKt
2 Kt-KB3	P-QB3	29 RxP	QxPch
3 P-QB4	Kt-KB3	30 QxQch	RxQ
4 Kt-QB3	P-K3	31 R-Kt3	R-QB5
5 B-KKt5	B-K2	32 B-R5	Kt-B5
6 P-K3 (1)	Kt-K5	33 B-B3	RxBP
7 BxB	QxB	34 P-R3	R-B7
8 KtxKt	PxKt	35 P-Kt3	R-B6
9 Kt-Q2	P-KB4	36 R-Kt4	Kt-Kt3
10 P-B5	Kt-Q2	37 B-Q1	P-K4
11 Q-R5ch	P-KKt3	38 R-QB4	RxR
12 Q-Q1(2)	Kt-B3	39 PxR	K-Kt2
13 B-K2	Q-B2	40 K-B2	K-B3
14 Kt-B4	Castles	41 B-B2	K-K3
15 Castles	Q-Kt2	42 BxKt	PxB
16 Q-Kt3(3)	Kt-Q4	43 P-Kt4	P-QKt4
17 P-KB3	PxP	44 PxP	PxP
18 RxP	R-Kt1	45 P-KR4	P-QR4
19 Kt-K5	B-Q2	46 K-K3	P-Kt5
20 P-QR3	B-K1	47 PxP	PxP?(5)
21 QR-KB1	K-R1	48 K-Q3	P-Kt6
22 Q-B2	P-KKt4	49 K-B3	P-K5
23 R-Kt3(4)	P-B5	50 KxP	K-K4
24 PxP	RxP	51 P-R5	PxP
25 RxR	KtxR	52 PxP	K-B4
26 B-B3	R-Q1	53 K-B3	Drawn
27 Q-K4	B-Kt3		

- (1) Q-B2 threatening P-K4, may be suggested here.
 (2) White's last two moves mean loss of time. Better was B-K2 and Kt-B4.

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- (3) Q-Q2 with P-QKt4, and an advance on the Queen's side may be suggested.
 (4) Apparently best is B-QB4.
 (5) P-R5 wins.

No. 7.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

White—Dunlop.

Black—Fouhy.

A good game on the part of Mr. Fouhy, though the Champion is not seen at his best.

1 P-Q4	P-Q4	20 QxQP	P-B3
2 P-QB4	P-QB3	21 QR-K1	Kt-Q2
3 Kt-QB3(1)	PxP	22 B-B4	PxP
4 P-K4(2)	P-QKt4	23 PxP	KKt-Kt3
5 P-KB4	P-K3	24 B-Kt3	RxRch
6 KtKB3	B-Kt5	25 RxR	R-KB1
7 B-Q2	Kt-KB3	26 RxRch	KtxR
8 Q-B2	B-Kt2	27 Kt-K4(4)	K-Kt2
9 B-K2	QKt-Q2	28 P-KR3	Q-R5
10 Castles	P-B4(3)	29 Q-K3	Q-K2
11 KtxP	BxB	30 Kt-B6	K-B2
12 KtxB	Castles	31 Kt-Kt4	QKt-Q2
13 Kt-Q6	Q-B2	32 Q-B3ch	K-Kt2
14 KKtxP	PxP	33 Q-Kt7(5)	Q-B4ch
15 KxB	QxKt	34 K-R2	P-KR4
16 P-K5	KKt-Q4	35 BxP	PxKt
17 Q-K4	QKt-Kt3	36 BxP	QxPch
18 B-Q3	P-Kt3	37 K-R1	Drawn
19 Kt-Q6	Q-K2		

- (1) More usual is Kt-KB3 or B-B4.
 (2) White could recover the pawn by (4) P-K3; P-QKt4, (5) KtxKtP and Q-B3, but apparently prefers development.
 (3) Probably a blunder. P-QR3 first was required.
 (4) P-QR4 may be suggested.
 (5) This allows Black to force the draw.

No. 8.

French Defence.

White—Gyles.

Black—Davies.

White attacks energetically, but gives a chance for a counter-attack, which Black conducts skilfully, and eventually wins one of the best games of the tourney.

1 P-K4	P-K3	4 B-KKt5	B-K2
2 P-Q4	P-Q4	5 P-K5	KKt-Q2
3 Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3	6 BxB	QxB

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7 Kt-Kt5	Kt-B1	42 R-Q2	P-R6
8 P-QB3	P-QR3	43 Q-B1	KR-Kt4
9 Kt-QR3	P-QB4	44 K-R3	Q-QKt2
10 Kt-B2	Kt-B3(1)	45 B-Kt4	Kt-Kt2
11 Kt-B3(2)	Kt-Kt3	46 B-B3	Kt-B4
12 B-K2	B-Q2	47 B-Kt4	R-B8
13 Q-Q2	Castles	48 BxKt	KtPxB
14 P-KR4	KR-B1	49 Q-K2	Kt-Kt3
15 P R5	Kt-B1	50 K-Kt3	KR-Kt8
16 P-KKt4	P-B5	51 R-B2	Q-Kt4
17 Kt-R4	P-QKt4	52 Q-Q2	RxR
18 P-Kt5	B-K1	53 QxR	R-R8
19 P-B4	P-Kt3	54 R-R1	Q-Kt8
20 Kt-K3	P-Kt5	55 QxQ	RxQ
21 B-Kt4(3)	KtPxBP	56 Kt-B2	R-Kt7
22 KtPxBP	KR-Kt1	57 R-R1	KtxBP
23 K-K2	R-R2	58 Kt-Q1	Kt-R4ch
24 QR-KKt1	QR-Kt2	59 K-B3	R-Kt2
25 Kt-Q1(4)	Q-R6	60 Kt-K3	K-B2
26 K-B3	Kt-Q1	61 Kt-B2	R-R2
27 PxP	BPxP	62 R-QKt1	K-Kt3
28 Kt-KKt2	B-R5	63 R-Kt6	Kt-Kt2
29 KKt-K3	R-Kt8	64 K-B4	R-K2
30 K-Kt3	R-R8	65 R-R6	Kt-R4ch
31 R-Kt2	QR-Kt8	66 K-B3	KxP
32 B-B3(5)	BxB	67 RxRP	Kt-B5
33 KtxB	Kt-B3	68 R-R8	P-R4
34 R-R3	Kt-K2	69 P-R4	P-R5
35 QR-R2	Kt-B4ch	70 P-R5	P-R6
36 K-Kt4	Q-B8	71 R-Kt8ch	Kt-Kt3
37 Q-KKt2	Q-R6(6)	72 P-R6	R-KR2
38 Q-R1	Q-K2	73 P-R7	P-R7
39 R-K2	Q-Q2	74 P-R8(Q)	P-R8(Q)ch
40 R-K1	P-QR4	75 K-K2	R-R7ch
41 R-R2	P-R5	76 Resigns.	

Time 2-56. 3-15.

- (1) All "book" so far.
 (2) Usual here is P-KB4.
 (3) Kt-Kt4 and B6 is the proper continuation here, and would give White a powerful game. The move adopted lets the attack slip.
 (4) The Knight, that should have been the keystone of a powerful attack, is now doomed to defence only.
 (5) Threatening KtxQP.
 (6) QxKt wins a piece.

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No. 9.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

White—Mason.

Black—Davies.

A game in which White, having secured the advantage in position, neglects to make a first necessary exchange, and thus loses a piece and the game.

1 P-Q4	P-Q4	15 Q-Q3	R-Q1
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	16 Q-K2(1)	B-Q2
3 P-B4	P-K3	17 Kt-K5	Kt-Q4
4 Kt-B3	P-B3	18 Q-R5	B-K1
5 P-K3	B-Q3	19 Q-B3	P-KKt3
6 B-Q3	QKt-Q2	20 QR-Q1	P-B4
7 Castles	Castles	21 B-Q2	B-B2
8 R-K1	R-K1	22 B-Kt3	R-K1
9 P-K4	PxKP	23 B-B3	QR-Q1
10 KtxP	KtxKt	24 R-K2	R-K2
11 BxKt	Kt-B3	25 QR-K1	KR-K1
12 B-B2	P-KR3	26 Q-Kt3	K-R2
13 B-K3	Q-B2	27 KtxKtP(2)	BxKt
14 P-B5	B-B1	28 Q-B3	Q-B2
			Resigns.

(1) Better was (16) Kt-K5 (threatening Kt-KKt4), P-KKt3; (17) P-QKt4, etc.

(2) BxKt first was necessary.

No. 10.

Sicilian Defence.

White—Gyles.

Black—Dunlop.

A Sicilian on the lines as developed in the Lasker-Schlechter match. A good game, played with spirit by both.

1 P-K4	P-QB4	13 P-KR3	Kt-B3
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	14 QB-KB4	K-R1
3 P-Q4	PxP	15 Q-Q2	Kt-R4
4 KtxP	Kt-KB3	16 B-R2	P-Q4
5 Kt-QB3	P-KKt3	17 QR-Q1	Kt-B3
6 B-QB4(1)	P-Q3(2)	18 P-B3	Kt-R4
7 Castles(3)	B-Kt2	19 Kt-R4	P-B5
8 KtxKt	PxKt	20 K-R1	Q-Q3
9 P-K5	Kt-Kt5	21 B-Kt1	Kt-Kt6ch
10 P-K6	P-KB4	22 K-R2	Kt-B4
11 B-Kt3(4)	B-QR3	23 Kt-B5	B-B1
12 R-K1	Castles	24 K-R1	Kt-Kt6ch

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25 K-R2	Kt-B4	37 Q-Q6	B-K5
26 K-R1	Kt-Kt6ch	38 P-B3(5)	BxKt
27 K-R2	Kt-B4	39 QxBP	B-K5
28 Q-R5	Kt-K6	40 BxQP	QR-B1
29 BxKt	PxB Dis.ch	41 Q-Kt7	QR-Kt1
30 K-R1	Q-B5	42 Q-B6	BxB
31 Kt-Q3	Q-Kt4	43 QxB	RxKtP
32 Q-B5	BxKP	44 P-B4	QxBP
33 RxP	B-B4	45 R-KB3	Q-Q7
34 R(Q1)-K1	Q-Kt6	46 RxB	QxRch
35 P-KB4	Q-R5	47 Resigns	
36 QxKP	B-B3		

(1) Better is (6) KtxKt; KtPxKt, (7) P-K5; Kt-Kt1 (2) Q-B3.

(2) Best appears to be Q-R4.

(3) White should proceed (7) KtxKt; PxKt (8) P-K5; Kt-Kt5 (9) B-B4, with the better game.

(4) In the Lasker-Schlechter match, Schlechter in this position played B-B4.

(5) A blunder which loses the game. Black threatened B-Q5 and QxRPch. Kt K5 saves the situation.

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No. 11.

Guioco Piano.

White: Evans.

Black: Howard.

A carefully played game.

1 P-K4	P-K4	11 B-Kt5	P-KB3
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	12 Q-Kt3	K-R1
3 B-B4	B-B4	13 B-KR4	B-Kt3
4 P-QB3	Kt-K2(1)	14 KtxB	RPxKt
5 P-Q4	PxP	15 P-Q5	Kt-K4
6 PxP	B-Kt5ch	16 KtxKt	QPxKt
7 Kt-KB3	P-Q3	17 P-KB3	B-R4
8 Castles (2)	Castles	18 R-B2	B-B2
9 B-KKt5	B-Kt5	19 Q-B2(3)	B-Kt3
10 Kt-Q5	B-QR4	20 P-QR3(4)	KtxP

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21 R-Q1	P-B3	42 K-Kt4	K-B2
22 BxP(5)	PxB	43 K-Kt3	R-R2
23 QxP	Kt-K2	44 K-B2	K-K3
24 RxQ	KtxQ	45 K-Kt3	K-B3
25 R-Q6	KR-B1	46 K-Kt4	B-Q2ch
26 R-B2	B-K1	47 K-Kt3	K-Kt3
27 P-KKt4	P-KR3	48 P-B4	PxPch
28 B-B2	P-QKt4	49 KxP	B-K3
26 P-KR4	Kt-Q1	50 P-K5	K-B2
30 KR-Q2	Kt-Kt2	51 K-K4	K-K2
31 QR-Q3	R-Q1	52 R-KKt3	K-K1
32 B-K3	RxR	53 R-Kt6	K-B2
33 RxR	K-Kt1	54 R-Kt3	P-Kt3
34 P-Kt5	RPxP	55 R-KB3ch	B-B4ch
35 PxP	PxP	56 K-Q5	K-K2
36 BxP	K-B2	57 B-Kt5ch	K-Q2
37 K-B2	R-R3	58 B-B1	R-B2
38 P-Kt4	Kt-Q3	59 B-B4	Kt-Kt3ch
39 R-QB3	Kt-QB5	60 K-Q4	R-B5ch
40 B-B1	K-K3	61 K-K3	Kt-Q4ch
41 K-Kt3	B-B3	62 Resigns	

- (1) Original, and not an improvement on the usual Kt-B3.
 (2) Stronger is (8) Kt-Kt5; P-Q4 (9) Pxl; KtxP (10) Castles.
 (3) Q-B3 may be suggested here.
 (4) An unfortunate slip, which loses a pawn.
 (5) A miscalculation. White apparently overlooks the effect of Black's 23rd move. Best seems (22) Q-Kt3; PxB (23) QxKt, etc.

No. 12.

Centre Counter.

White: Dunlop.

Black: Grierson.

A game worthy of New Zealand's Champion. The attack is well conceived, and carried through with dash.

1 P-K4	P-Q4	14 P-KB4	KtxKt(6)
2 PxP	QxP	15 BPxKt	PxKt
3 Kt-QB3	Q-QR4	16 PxKt	BxP
4 P-QKt4(1)	QxP	17 B-R7ch(7)	KxB
5 R-QKt1	Q-Q3	18 Q-R5ch	K-Kt1
6 P-Q4	P-QB3	19 RxB(8)	P-K4
7 Kt-B3	P-K3(2)	20 BxP	Q-Q2
8 B-Q3	Kt-KB3	21 R-KKt3	QxPch
9 Castles	B-K2	22 B-K3	Q-R8ch
10 R-Kt3	Q-B2(3)	23 K-B2	P-K5
11 Kt-K5	Castles(4)	24 RxPch	KxR
12 Kt-K4	QKt-Q2(5)	25 Q-Kt5ch	Resigns
13 QKt-Kt5	P-KR3		Time

- (1) A gambit which cannot be advantageously declined.
 (2) Better first Kt-KB3, preventing Kt-K4.

- (3) Black cannot afford to lose time like this. Both QKt-Q2 and P-QKt3 should be played early.
 (4) It would have been safer to defer castling.
 (5) Better is (12) KtxKt; BxKt (13) P-KB4, etc.
 (6) RPxKt (15) PxP; KtxKt (16) PxKKt; BxP (17) PxKt QxP (18) Q-B3 would still leave black a difficult game. Probably Black's best was (14) P-QKt3.
 (7) Finishing off the game in admirable style.
 (8) R-R3 would be answered by BxQPch. and P-KB3.

No. 13.

English Opening.

White: Pickett.

Black: Kelling.

White makes the most of his opponent's early slip.

1 P-QB4	P-K3	26 Q-B3	P-KB3
2 Kt-QB3	P-Q4	27 P-QKt5	K-B2
3 Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	28 Q-Kt3	Kt-Q3
4 P-K3	P-QB4	29 B-Q4	Kt-B5
5 P-Q4	B-K2	30 P-QR4	R-QB1
6 P-QR3	Castles	31 Q-Q1	P-Kt3
7 PxBP	BxP	32 R-B2	Q-K2
8 P-QKt4	B-K2	33 Q-R1	R-QR1
9 P-B5(1)	P-QKt3(2)	34 R-QR2	Q-Q3
10 PxP	PxP?	35 Q-B3	P-KKt4
11 B-Kt2	B-Kt2	36 Q-B2	P-KKt5
12 B-Q3	B-Q3(3)	37 Q-Q1	P-B4
13 Kt-QKt5	R-K1	38 P-KR3	R-KKt1
14 KtxB	QxKt	39 PxP	RxB
15 B-K5	Q-Q1	40 B-B3	P-KR4
16 Castles	Kt-QB3	41 Q-Q4	Q-Q1?
17 B-Kt2	P-K4	42 P-R5	PxP
18 B-Kt5	P-K5	43 BxP	KtxB
19 Kt-Q4	Q-Q3	44 Q-R7ch	K-Kt 1
20 QR-B1	KR-KB1	45 QxKt	Q-QB1
21 KtxKt	BxKt	46 Q-R8	QxQ
22 BxB	RxB	47 RxQch	K-R2
23 RxR	QxR	48 P-Kt6	R-Kt2
24 Q-Q2	Kt-K1	49 R-R7	Resigns
25 R-QB1	Q-Kt2	Time 2-24	2-15

- (1) Not commendable. White should develop his pieces.
 (2) The best reply was P-QR4. As it is, White gets the better pawn position.
 (3) Weak. Should develop QKt-Q2.

No. 14.

White: Connell.

Ruy Lopez.

Black: Dunlop.

The feature of this game is the fine end play of Mr. Connell.

1 P-K4	P-K4	38 P-Q4	K-Kt3
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	39 K-K2(5)	K-B4
3 B-Kt5	P-QR3	40 K-R3	R-R1
4 B-R4	Kt-KB3	41 K-Kt2	K-Kt3
5 Kt-QB3	P-QKt4(1)	42 K-R3	K-R4
6 B-Kt3	P-Q3(2)	43 K-R2	K-Kt3
7 Castles	B-K2	44 K-Kt2	K-B4
8 R-K1	B-Kt5	45 K-R3	P-Kt5ch
9 R-K3(3)	Kt-Q5	46 K-Kt2	PxP
10 P-Q3	Kt-R4	47 KxP	K-Kt4
11 R-K1	Castles	48 K-Kt2	K-Kt5
12 Kt-Q5	P-QB3?	49 P-B3ch	K-R5
13 KxBch(4)	QxKt	50 K-B2	K-R6
14 B-Kt5	Q-Q2	51 K-K2	K-Kt6
15 K-R1	P-KR3	52 R-R1	P-R5(6)
16 B-K3	KtxB	53 R-Kt1ch	K-R7
17 RPxKt	Q-K3	54 K-B2	R-QKt1
18 KR-Kt1	Kt-B5	55 R-QR1	R-Kt7ch
19 BxKt	PxB	56 K-B1	K-Kt6
20 Q-KB1	P-QB4	57 RxB	KxP
21 P-B4	P-B4	58 R-R1	R-KR7
22 QR-K1	PxQBP	59 K-Kt1	K-Kt6
23 KPxB	QxP	60 R-QR8	R-QB7
24 KtPxP	QR-Kt1	61 R-KKt8ch	K-B6
25 Q-K2	Q-B3	62 R-KR8	R-B8ch
26 K-Kt1	KR-K1	63 K-R2	K-B7
27 Q-Q2	R-K2	64 R-R6	PxP
28 Q-B3	QxQ	65 PxP	RxB
29 PxQ	RxB	66 RxB	R-B2
30 RxB	BxKt	67 K-R3	R-KKt2
31 PxB	P-QR4	68 R-QR6	P-B6
32 R-R1	R-R2	69 P-Q5	K-K6
33 R-R4	K-B2	70 R-K6ch	K-B7
34 K-Kt2	P-Kt4	71 P-Q6	K-Kt8
35 P-R4	K-Kt3	72 R-K7	RxB
36 K-R3	K-R4	73 PxR	P-B7
37 PxP	PxP	74 P-K8(Q)	PB-8(Q)ch

Drawn

- (1) Black should now or on his next move develop his King's Bishop.
 (2) Allowing White the opportunity of playing Kt-Kt5, etc.
 (3) White should develop—e.g., P-Q3.
 (4) Worth consideration was KtxKt. If BxQ, then (14) KtxBP, Q-Q2 (15) KKtxBch.; K-R1 (16) RxB (with three minor pieces for the Queen). If now P-KKt3 then (17) P-QR4 R-K1 (18) PxP RxB (19) KtxR; QxKt (20) PxP, and White should win.

- (5) Of course if K-Kt4, Black would mate in two by R-R2 and R-R5.
 (6) Black misses the opportunity of playing K-Kt7. After a few moves White would be forced to give up the Bishop's pawn, leaving Black with two passed pawns.

No. 15.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

White: Davies.

Black: Hicks.

This game has many interesting features, including a well played and instructive ending.

1 P-Q4	P-K3	36 QxR	QxP
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	37 Kt-Q4	QxP
3 P-QB4	P-Q4	38 Q-QB1	P-R4
4 Kt-B3	P-QR3?	39 P-B3	RxR
5 B-Kt5	B-K2	40 PxR	B-Q4
6 P-K3(1)	PxP	41 P-Kt4	P-R5
7 BxP	P-Kt4	42 P-Kt5	K-Kt2
8 B-Q3	QKt-Q2	43 Q-KB4	Q-Kt8ch
9 R-QB1(2)	B-Kt2	44 K-B2	Q-KKt3
10 Q-K2	Castles	45 Kt-Kt5	B-Kt6
11 B-Kt1?	P-B4	46 K-K3	B-B7
12 PxP	KtxP	47 Q-Q4ch	K-Kt1
13 BxKt	BxB	48 Q-Q8ch	K-R2
14 P-K4	R-B1	49 P-Kt4	Q-Kt2
15 Castles	Kt-Q2	50 Kt-Q4	B-Kt8
16 KR-Q1	Q-K1	51 Q-R5	Q-Q2
17 R-Q3(3)	P-Kt5	52 P-B4	Q-QKt2
18 QR-Q1	Kt-B4	53 Q-K5	Q-Q2
19 P-K5	B-K2	54 Q-R5	Q-QKt2
20 R-K3	PxKt	55 Q-K5	Q-Q2
21 Kt-Q4	R-Q1(4)	56 QxP	QxQ
22 BxPch	K-R1	57 KtxQ	P-R6
23 Q-R5	B-Kt4	58 Kt-Q4	P-R7
24 QxB	P-B3	59 Kt-Kt3	K-Kt3
25 Q-R4	P-KKt4	60 Kt-R1	K-Kt2
26 Q-R6	Q-K2	61 P-B5	K-B2
27 B-Kt1ch	K-Kt1	62 K-Q4	K-K2
28 R-R3(5)	Q-Kt2	63 K-K5	B-Q6
29 Q-R5	K-Q2	64 P-Kt6	K-B1
30 KPxB	RxB	65 K-B6	B-K7
31 R-Kt3	Kt-K5	66 K-Kt5	K-Kt2
32 BxKt	BxB	67 P-B6ch	K-B1
33 RxB(6)	R-KKt3	68 K-B4	B-Q6
34 R-Kt3(7)	P-B7(8)	69 P-K7ch	K-B2
35 KtxP	RxBch	70 K-K5	B-Kt8(9)

- (1) White might now take advantage of Black's premature P-QR3 by playing (6) BxKt; BxB (7) PK4, etc.

- (2) Probably better would be (9) Q-K2 and (10) R-Q1 or (9) P-QR4, P-Kt5, (10) BxKt; KtxB (11) Kt-K4, etc.
 (3) This involves the loss of a piece. Better is Q-K3.
 (4) P-KKt3 was necessary.
 (5) (28) QKt6ch.; Q-Kt2 (29) QxQch.; KxQ (30) P-QKt4 wins.
 (6) White wins easily with Q-K8ch., etc.
 (7) White should exchange (34) RxR; BxR (35) Q-K2; RxKt36 RxR; QxR (37) PxP, etc.
 (8) PxP would leave White no resource. The end-game which follows is good chess, and very interesting.
 (9) A draw was agreed to on the 80th move.

No. 16.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

White: Davies.

Black: Dunlop.

The only example of this form of the opening in the Tourney. Contains a fine winning combination by Black.

1 P-Q4	P-QB4(1)	23 B-B3	KtxKR
2 P-Q5	P-KKt3	24 RxKt	KtxRP
3 Kt-KB3	P-Q3	25 Kt-K7ch	K-Kt2
4 B-Q2(2)	B-Kt2	26 Kt-Q5	Q-R5
5 B-B3	Kt-KB3	27 Q-R2(6)	Q-R3
6 P-K4	B-Kt5	28 K-Kt2	Kt-Kt4
7 QKt-Q2	Castles	29 Q-Kt3	KtxB
8 B-K2	QKt-Q2	30 KxKt	Q-Q7
9 P-KR3	BxKt	31 K-Kt2	Q-Q5
10 BxB	Kt-K1	32 Q-KB3	QR-K1
11 BxB	KtxB	33 R-K1	P-B4
12 P-KKt4(3)	P-K3	34 Q-Kt3	RxP
13 P-B4	Q-R4	35 RxR	QxRch
14 Castles	KPxP	36 P-B3	Q-Q5
15 Kt-Kt3	Q-Q1	37 Q-K1	P-B5
16 QxP	Kt-K4	38 P-Kt3	R-B4
17 B-Kt2	Kt-K3	39 Q-K7ch	R-B2
18 QR-Q1	Q-Kt4	40 Q-K8	P-KR4
19 Kt-R5	P-Kt3	41 Kt-K7	Q-B3
20 Kt-B6	Kt-B5	42 Q-Kt8ch	K-R3
21 QxQP	KtxKtP(4)	43 Kt-Q5	Q-Kt2(7) and wins
22 K-R1(5)	Kt-K6		

- (1) The Benoni Counter Gambit—White may transpose into the Sicilian by (2) P-K4.
 (2) This manoeuvre loses valuable time. Better is P-QB4 and Kt-B3.
 (3) Not justified by the position, and very weakening.

- (4) A surprise packet.
 (5) Interesting variations spring from (22) Kt-K7ch., K-Kt2 (23) Kt-Q5; Kt-K7ch, (24) K-R1; QR-Q1 (25) Q-B6, etc.
 (6) K-Kt2 threatening both R-R1 and Q-R2 seems stronger.
 (7) White resigned on his 58th move.

No. 17.

French Defence.

White: Gyles.

Black: Davies.

A good exposition of The French by Mr. Davies, with an instructive ending.

1 P-K4	P-K3	29 Kt R3	R-B7
2 P-Q4	P-Q4	30 RxP	RxKtP
3 Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3	31 R-Q3	R Kt8ch
4 B-KKt5	B-K2	32 K-Kt2	R-Kt7ch
5 P-K5	KKt-Q2	33 Kt-B2	B-B1
6 BxB	QxB	34 R-Kt3ch	K-R2
7 Kt-Kt5	Kt-B1	35 R-B6	B-K3
8 P-QB3	P-QR3	36 R-QR3	R-QR1
9 Kt-QR3	P-QB4	37 K-Kt3	P-QR4
10 P-KB4(1)	PxP	38 K-R4	R-KKt1
11 QxP	Kt-QB3	39 P-R3	P-R5
12 Q-Q2	Kt-Kt3	40 R-B4	R-Kt7
13 B-Q3	P-Kt4(2)	41 R(R3)KB3	RxP
14 Kt-B2	B-Kt2	42 Kt-Kt4	RxKtch!
15 Kt-B3	Q-B4	43 PxR	P-Kt5
16 QKt-Q4(3)	KtxKt	44 R-B2	RxR
17 PxKt	Q-Kt3	45 RxR	P-Kt6
18 Castles	Kt-K2	46 R-QKt2	B-Q2
19 R-QB1	P-B4	47 P-R3	B-Kt4
20 Q-KB2	Castles	48 PxP	KxP
21 B-Kt1	QR-B1	49 K-Kt4	K-Kt3
22 QR-Q1	Q-Q1	50 K-B4	K Kt2
23 P-KKt4	Q-Q2	51 K-K3	B-B5
24 P-B5(4)	PxP	52 R-Kt2ch	K-B1
25 PxP	KtxP	53 K-Q2	P-R6
26 Kt-Kt5(5)	P-Kt3	54 K-B3	P-Kt7
27 BxKt	QxB	55 R-Kt1	B Q6
28 QxQ	PxQ		Resigns.

- (1) Griffiths and White continue here (10) Kt-B2; Kt-B3 (11) P-KB4 B-Q2.
 (2) B-Q2 and P-KB3, with pressure on the KP, may be suggested here.

- (3) The resulting exchange leaves White with a weak Queen's pawn. Better was P-QR4.
 (4) Too precipitate. Kt-R4 first would have given White a very promising attack.
 (5) And now the Knight might more profitably go to K square, Q3 and B5 gaining time for a direct attack.

No. 18.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

White: Grierson.

Black: Hicks.

A good specimen of Mr. Hicks' treatment of the Queen's Pawn game.

1 P-Q4	P-K3	21 P-K4	P-Kt4
2 P-B4	Kt-KB3	22 B-Kt3	KtxRP
3 Kt-QB3	P-Q4	23 B-K5	Kt-B5
4 B-Kt5	QKt-Q2	24 BxKtch	BxB
5 Kt-B3	B-K2	25 Kt-QR2	Kt-Q7
6 P-K3	P-QR3	26 KR-K1	KtxB
7 B-Q3(1)	PxP	27 RxBt	R-Q7
8 BxP	P-QKt4	28 Kt-B1	KR-QB1
9 B-Q3	B-Kt2	29 Kt-Kt3	R-R7
10 Castles	P-B4	30 Kt-B5	B-Q5
11 PxP(2)	KtxP	31 Kt-Q3	KR-B7
12 B-B2	Castles	32 R-KB1	P-K4
13 R-QB1	QxQ	33 K-Kt3	K-Kt2
14 QRxQ	QR-Q1	34 P-R3	K-Kt3
15 P-QKt4?	Kt-Q2	35 QR-Q1	P-B3
16 P-QR3	P-KR3	36 R-QKt1	R R6
17 B-KR4	K-R1?	37 QR-Q1	R-Kt6
18 B-Kt1(3)	BxKt	38 QR-K1	RxKt
19 PxB	Kt-K4	39 Resigns	
20 K-Kt2	Kt B5		

- (1) As Black evidently intends PxBP and P-QKt4, White might meantime advantageously delay moving his King's Bishop and play Q-B2 and R-Q1. Alternatives are (7) P-QR4 and (7) PxQP.
 (2) Alternatives are (11) P-QR4; P-Kt5 (12) Kt-K2 and (11) R-B1; P-B5 (12) B-Kt1, relying on a King's side attack to offset Black's advantage on the Queen's side.
 (3) A mistake which loses the Rook's pawn. Better both here and on the previous move would be BxKt, followed by Kt-K4 or Kt-K5, according as Black retakes with Bishop or Knight.

Time White 1-50 Black 2-2

No. 19.

Centre Counter.

White: Severne.

Black: Dunlop.

A vital game for each player, as the winner would be Champion. Mr. Severne opened well, and secured material advantage, but failed to sustain the effort.

1 P-K4	P-Q4	22 Q-Kt3	Q-KtB3
2 PxP	QxP	23 QR-B1	Q-K5
3 Kt-QB3	Q-QR4	24 QR-K1	Q-Q4
4 P-Q4	Kt-KB3	25 Q-Kt2	QKtxP
5 Kt-KB3	B-Kt5	26 QxQ	PxQ
6 P-KR3	B-R4	27 R-K7	P-KR3
7 P-KKt4	B-Kt3	28 R-Q1	Kt-B6ch
8 Kt-K5	P-K3(1)	29 K-Kt2	P-Q5
9 B-Kt2	B-K5	30 R-Q3	KKt-K4
10 BxB	KtxB	31 RxBKt	KtxR
11 Q-B3	Kt-Q3	32 RxP	P-QR3
12 KtxP	KtxKt	33 R-Q6	R-B3
13 QxP	B-Kt5	34 R-Q5	Kt-B5
14 Castles	Castles	35 R-Q8ch	K-R2
15 QxR	P-B3	36 R-Q3	P-QR4
16 B-B4(2)	B-Q3	37 R-Q4	P-R5
17 P-QKt4	Q-B2	38 R-Q3	R-Q3
18 Kt-Kt5(3)	PxKt	39 R-KB3	R-Q7
19 BxB	KtxB	40 P-R4	R-R7
20 Q-Kt2	QxP	41K-Kt1	RxP(4) & Wins.
21 P-QR3	Kt-QB5		

- (1) Better here is P-QB3 to provide against Kt-QB4; and is advisable also on the next move in reply to B-Kt2.
 (2) (16) Q-Kt7; Kt-Q3 (17) Q-K7; R-B3 (18) P-QR3, etc., releases Queen.
 (3) There is no occasion to give up the Knight. If (18) BxB KtxB (19) P-Kt5, Black cannot win White's Queen.
 (4) White resigned on his 53rd move.

No. 20.

Queen's Pawn

White: Dunlop.

Black: Davies.

The Dutch defence to the Queen's pawn opening. Not a good sample of Mr. Davies' play.

1 P-Q4	P K3	4 Kt-B3	KKt-B3
2 P-QB4	P-KB4	5 B-Kt5	P-QKt3
3 Kt-QB3	B-Kt5	6 P-K3	B-K2

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7 B-K2	Castles	23 RxQch	Kt-Kt3
8 Q-Kt3	BxKtch	24 B-R5	R-KKt1
9 PxB	B-K5(1)	25 K-K2	P-Kt5
10 P-Q5(2)	BxKt	26 P-B3	PxPch
11 PxB	PxP(3)	27 KxP	R-Kt2
12 PxP	P-Q3	28 R-KKt1	QR-KKt1
13 B-Q3	P-Kt3	29 K-K2	P-QR4
14 P-KR4	QKt-Q2	30 P-B4	P-R5
15 P-R5	Kt-K4	31 K-Q3	P-R6
16 B-K2	Q-K1	32 K-B3	K-B2
17 PxP	PxP	33 K-Kt4	K-K2
18 Q-Kt4	K-B2(4)	34 KRxKt	RxR
19 BxKt	KxB	35 RxR	R-KR1
20 Q-R4ch	P-Kt4	36 R-K6ch	K-Q2
21 Q-R6ch	Q-Kt3	37 B-Kt6	R-KB1
22 P-B4	QxQ	38 KxP and wins(5)	

- (1) Black loses time with this Bishop, and on the next move is forced to exchange it, leaving White with the advantage of two Bishops against two Knights.
- (2) Threatening Kt-Q2 and P-KB3.
- (3) Better here was Kt-R3 and Kt-B4.
- (4) Probably best here is KtxQP.
- (5) Black resigned on his 50th move.

No. 21.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

White: Grierson.

Black: Pickett.

Mr. Grierson secures an easy win by early forceful play.

1 P-Q4	P-Q4	11 P-KR4	Kt-B3
2 PQB4	P-K3	12 P-R3	R-K1
3 Kt-QB3	B-K2	13 Castles (QR)	B-B1(3)
4 Kt-B3	Kt-KB3	14 QR-Kt1	B-Kt5
5 B-Kt5	Castles(1)	15 Kt-KR2	B-K3
6 P-K3	P-KR3(2)	16 P-KKt3	Kt-K2
7 BxKt	BxB	17 P-B4	Q-Q2
8 B-Q3	P-QKt3	18 P-Kt4	BxRP(4)
9 Q-B2	B-Kt2	19 Kt-B3	BxP
10 PxP	PxP	20 KtxB and wins (5)	

- (1) Safer both here and on the next move would be QKt-Q2, avoiding the type of attack gained by BxKt and the advance of the King's side pawns.
- (2) QKt-Q2 would give a position of frequent occurrence. More aggressive, however, would be Kt-K5.
- (3) More promising appears to be Kt-QR4 and P-QB4.
- (4) This involves the loss of a piece.
- (5) Black resigned on the 60th move.

No. 22.

Caro-Kann.

White: Gyles.

Black: Kelling

A game full of interest, and having a very tricky ending.

1 P-K4	P-QB3	32 R-K3	K-B1
2 P-Q4	P-Q4	33 P-B4	K-Kt2
3 Kt-QB3	PxP	34 Kt-K1	P-QR3
4 KtxP	Kt-KB3	35 P-Kt3	Q-R7ch
5 KtxKt	KPxKt	36 Kt-Kt2	Q-Q3
6 Kt-KB3	B-Q3	37 P-B5	Q-B2
7 B-Q3	Castles	38 P-Kt4	Q-Q1
8 Castles	B-KKt5(1)	39 P-QR4	P-QR4
9 P-QB3	Q-B2	40 P-Kt5	PxP
10 P-KR3	B-R4(2)	41 PxP	P-R5
11 R-K1	Kt-Q2	42 R-R3	Q-R4
12 P-KKt4	B-Kt3	43 Q-Q3	R-Q1
13 Kt-KR4	KR-K1	44 Q-B4	Q-Q7ch
14 B-K3	Kt-B1	45 K-Kt3	R-K1
15 Q-Q2	Kt-K3	46 R-R2	Q-Q8
16 Kt-Kt2	Q-Q2(3)	47 QxRP	Q-Q6ch
17 R-K2	B-B2	48 K-R2	R-K5
18 QR-K1	BxB	49 R-R3	Q-Q7
19 QxB	Kt-B4(4)	50 R-R2(6)	Q-Q6
20 Q-B2	Kt-K3	51 R-R3	Q-Q7
21 P-KB4	Kt-B1	52 R-R2	Q-Q6
22 P-B5	P-KKt4?	53 P-B6	PxP
23 B-B2	RxR	54 PxP	Kt-K4 !!
24 QxR	Q-Q3	55 R-KB2(7)	Kt-B6ch
25 Q-B3	Q-R7ch	56 RxKt	QxR
26 K-B1	Q-R8ch	57 Q-R1	R-K7
27 B-Kt1	B-R7	58 Q-KKt1	QxQBP
28 K-B2	BxBch	59 Q-KB1	R-QB7
29 RxB	Q-R7	60 Q-KKt1	Q-B2ch
30 R-K1(5)	Q-Q3	61 K-R1	R-B8
31 Q-K4	Kt-Q2	Resigns.	

Time 3hrs. 32 min 3hrs. 7 min

- (1) Better is R-K1.
- (2) Loses time. Better is BxKt.
- (3) Preferable seems Kt-Kt4, (17) BxKt; BxB, (18) QxB; PxP, etc., or (16) R-K2, with a view to doubling the rooks.
- (4) Weak. R-Q1 may be suggested, threatening P-QB4.
- (5) White might now advantageously force the exchange of Queens with Q-Kt3.
- (6) P-B6 wins, e.g., R-K7, (51) R-KKt3; Kt-Kt3, (52) Q-Kt3, PxP. (Black cannot secure perpetual check with (51) RxKtch). If (50) . . . RxP, then (51) Q-R8, Kt-Kt3,

- (52) PxP, etc.; or again if (50) . . . PxP, then (51) PxP; Kt-K4, (52) P-B7, etc.
 (7) R-R3 would have won, though the play is difficult.

No. 23.

English Opening.

White: Pickett.

Black: Roberts

Extreme caution is the keynote of this game.

1 P-QB4	P-K3	27 Q-QB2	Kt-K3
2 P-K3	P-QKt3	28 K-B2	Kt-Q5
3 Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	29 Q-Kt1	Kt-B3
4 P-QR3	B-Kt2	30 Kt-K3	Kt-R4(5)
5 P-Q3	P-Q4	31 Kt-Q5	Q-Kt1
6 P-QKt3	B-K2	32 Q-B2	R-Q3
7 B-QKt2	QKt-Q2	33 B-K2	B-Kt2(6)
8 B-K2	Castles	34 Kt-K7ch	K-B2
9 Castles	P-QB4	35 Kt-B5	R(Q3)-Q2
10 QKt-Q2	P-QR3(1)	36 Kt-K3	B-R3
11 P-QR4	QR-B1	37 Kt-B4	BxKt
12 P-KR3(2)	B-Q3	38 QPxB	RxR
13 R-B1	P-K4(3)	39 RxR	R-Q5
14 PxP	KtxP	40 B-Q3	P-KKt4
15 QKt-B4	Q-K2	41 K-K3	Q-Q3
16 KtxB	QxKt	42 R-Q2	K-Kt3
17 Kt-Q2	Kt-Kt5	43 K-K2	P-R4
18 Kt-B4	Q-B2	44 K-Q1	Q-Q2
19 P-K4(4)	QR-Q1	45 Q-Kt1	K-R3
20 Q-K1	P-QR4	46 K-B2	K-Kt3
21 P-KB3	P-KB3	47 K-Kt2	P-Kt5
22 Q-KB2	B-R3	48 RPxP	PxP
23 KR-Q1	KR-B2	49 Q-Q1	PxP
24 B-B1	Kt-KB1	50 PxP	K-B2
25 B-QB3	KR-Q2	51 K-B2	K-K2
26 BxKt	RPxB	52 Q-KKt1	Drawn
		Time	

- (1) Better is B-Q3 and Q-K2.
 (2) White loses valuable time by these unnecessary moves of the Rooks' pawns.
 (3) This should be reserved until Black has played Q-K2 and KR-Q1.
 (4) White should now take the opportunity of ridding himself of his weak QP by playing P-Q4.
 (5) Better here seems Kt-K2 and P-KKt3, threatening P-B4 and an advance on the King's side.
 (6) A promising line of play for Black appears to be QR-Q2, Q-Q1 and P-KB1, etc.

No. 24.

Thorold-Allgaier Gambit.

White: Rev. Miller.

Black: A. W. Gyles.

The Billiancy Prize was awarded to Mr. Gyles for this game.

1 P-K4	P-K4	16 R-Kt6ch?(5)	KxR
2 P-KB4	PxP	17 PxQch	B-KB4
3 Kt-KB3	P-KKt4	18 Q-QKt3	B-Q3
4 P-KR4	P-Kt5	19 P-B4	P-Kt3
5 Kt-Kt5	P-KR3	20 R-KB1	R-K5
6 KtxP	KxKt	21 Q-QB3	QR-K1
7 P-Q4	P-Q4	22 P-B5	PxP
8 BxP	Kt-KB3	23 PxP	B-K4
9 Kt-QB3	B-QKt5(1)	24 Q-B1	P-Kt6
10 B-K5(2)	R-K1	25 P-R5ch	K-Kt2
11 B-Q3	QKt-Q2	26 RxB	B-Q5ch
12 Castles	KtxB(3)	27 K-B1	R-R5
13 KtxP	KtxB	28 R-Kt5ch	K-R1
14 RxKtch	K Kt2	29 R-Kt8ch	KxR
15 QxKt	QxKt(4)	30 Resigns	

Time White 35 mins Black 55 mins.

- (1) All back to here. The Bishop, however, is probably better posted nearer home for the defence of the King.
 (2) Facilitating exchanges, besides losing time. White should develop quickly: e.g., B-K2 or B-Q3 and Castles.
 (3) Better BxKt; (13) PxB, KtxB; (14) PxKt, RxP, etc.
 (4) This should lose. B-K2 seems best.
 (5) This loses. (16) PxQ, KxR; (17) Q-Kt5 would leave White with the advantage of Queen v. Rook and Bishop. Best, however, is P-K5. If R-K3 in reply, then (17) Q-Kt6ch, K-R1; (18) QxPch; K-Kt1 (19) Q-Kt5ch, K-R1; (20) Q-R5ch, K-Kt1; (21) QxPch, K-R1; (22) R-B7, etc. Again, if RxP instead of R-K3, then (17) Q-Kt6ch, K-R1; (18) QxPch, K-Kt1; (19) R-Kt6ch., K-B2; (20) PxR, etc.

No. 25.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

White: Dunlop.

Black: Gyles.

This is the only game lost by Mr. Dunlop in the Tourney. White gives up a pawn for attack, but does not make the most of it. Black attacks strongly on Queen's side, and gets a surprise mate in three.

1 P-Q4	P-Q4	3 Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3
2 P-QB4	P-K3	4 B-KKt5	QKt-Q2

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5 Kt-KB3	B-K2	26 P-R4	Q-K2
6 P-K3	Castles	27 Kt-K2	B-K1
7 R-B1	P-B3	28 K-R2	Kt-Q2(5)
8 P-B5(1)	R-K1(2)	29 KtxKt	QxKt
9 P-QKt4	Kt-B1	30 KR-Kt1	Q-K2
10 B-Q3	P-KR3	31 R-Kt2(6)	R-R8
11 B-KB4	Kt-KR4	32 RxR	RxR
12 B-Kt3	P-KB4	33 Kt-B4	P-K4
13 Kt-K5	Kt-KB3	34 Kt-K2	PxP
14 B-KB4	B-Q2	35 KtxP	B-Q2
15 P-KR3(3)	P-QR4	36 Kt-K2	R-QKt8
16 P-QR3(4)	PxP	37 Kt-B4	Q-K4
17 PxP	R-R6	38 Q-Kt6ch	K-R1
18 P-KKt4	Kt-K5	39 Q-Kt3	K-R2
19 BxKt	BPxB	40 Q-Kt6ch	K-R1
20 P-KKt5	BxP	41 Q-Kt3	K-Kt1
21 Q-R5	BxB	42 Q-Kt6(7)	Q-R8
22 Q-B7ch	K-R2	43 Q-Q6(8)	R-R8ch
23 QxB	Q-B3	44 K-Kt3	Q-Q8
24 Q-Kt3	KR-R1	45 Resigns	
25 Castles	Q-Kt4		

- (1) This advance is frequently made, but is inadvisable unless White can prevent Black from advantageously attacking the advanced pawn by P-QKt3 or P-K4.
- (2) Black apparently is intent upon bringing about the Stonewall formation; but better would be P-K4; (10) KtxP, KtxKt; (11) PxKt; Kt-Q2 (12) B-B4; KtxBP, etc. Or if (10) PxP, then Kt-K5, etc., and Black regains his pawn with a free game.
- (3) Preferable seems P-QR4.
- (4) Better P-Kt5, keeping Black's rook shut in.
- (5) Kt-Kt3 is more promising.
- (6) Stronger here is Kt-B4, and if in reply P-K4, then (32) Kt-K6, PxP; (33) QxPch; QxQ (34) RxQch; K-R1 (35) QR-Kt1, etc. If (33) KtxKtP, then PxP (34) Kt-B5; Q-B3, etc.
- (7) Kt-R5 would have left White a playable game.
- (8) Fatal. R-Kt1 was necessary.

No. 26.
Sicilian.

White: Dunlop.

Black: Pickett.

Rather a lucky win for White, who, by loose play, loses a piece. The mate effected is in fine style.

1 P-K4	P-QB4	4 P-Q4	PxP
2 Kt-KB3	P-K3	5 KtxP	PxQR3
3 Kt-QB3	Kt-QB3	6 KtxKt	KtPxKt

GAMES FROM AUCKLAND CONGRESS.

7 B-Q3(1)	P-Kt3(2)	22 BxP	Kt-K2
8 P-K5	B-Kt2	23 P-QB4	PxP
9 P-KB4(3)	P-KB3	24 R-QB1	BxKt
10 Castles	Kt-K2(4)	25 RxP(5)	Q-Q2
11 PxP	BxP	26 R-K4	Kt-QB3
12 Kt-K4	B-Q5ch	27 B-QKt4	R-KB3(6)
13 K-R1	P-Q4	28 B-R3	Kt-Q5
14 Kt-Kt5	Castles	29 PxB	RxRch
15 Q-K1	Q-Q2	30 QxR	B-Kt2(7)
16 Kt-KB3	B-KKt2	31 RxKt!	QxR
17 Kt-K5	Q-B2	32 BxPch	K-Kt2
18 B-Q2	P-QB4	33 Q-B6ch	K-R3
19 P-QB3	P-B5?	34 B-B1ch	K-R4
20 B-B2	Kt-B4	35 Q-Kt5 Mate	
21 P-QKt3	PxP		

- (1) This Bishop would be better developed at K2.
- (2) Black should take the opportunity of playing P-Q4, avoiding, if possible, the Fianchetto.
- (3) Preferable seems B-KB4, developing a piece.
- (4) After PxP (11) PxP; BxP White would initiate a violent attack with Q-B3.
- (5) Unsound, as Black demonstrates. BxP was required.
- (6) Weak. KtxB would have enabled Black to maintain his extra piece at the expense of his King's pawn.
- (7) Fatal; but Kt-B4 would still have left White the better game.

No. 27.

French Defence.

White: Kelling.

Black: Davies.

A French defence on somewhat unusual lines. A good game on the part of the winner.

1 P-K4	P-K3	18 B-Kt5	B-B2
2 P-Q4	P-Q4	19 P-B4	Q-Q3
3 Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3	20 P-KKt3	Kt-K5
4 B-Q3?	P-QB4(1)	21 K-Kt2	KtB
5 PxQP	KPxP	22 BxRP	R-R3
6 Kt-B3(2)	P-B5	23 Q-Kt4	Castles (Q-R)
7 B-K2	B-QKt5	24 QxKt	Kt-K2
8 B-Q2	Kt-QB3	25 Kt-K3	QR-R1
9 Castles	B-K3	26 B-Kt4(5)	R-Kt3
10 P-QR3	B-R4	27 KtB5	PxKt
11 Kt-R2	B-B2	28 BxPch	KtxB
12 Kt-Kt4	Kt-K2	29 QxKtch	K-Kt1
13 P-B3	P-QR4(3)	30 QR-Kt1	R-B3
14 Kt-B2	Kt-Kt3	31 Q-Kt4	R-K3
15 Kt-Kt5	P-R4	32 Q-B3	P-R5
16 KtxB?	BxPch(4)	33 QR-K1	Q-Q2
17 K-R1	PxKt	34 R-K3	R(Kt3)-R3

35 K-B2 R-R7ch 39 KxR Q-Kt7ch
 36 K-K1 RxP 40 K-Q1 R-R7
 37 P-B5 Q-Kt4 Resigns
 38 R-K2 RxRch

- Time 2 hrs 3 min 1 hr. 26 min-
 (1) Black rightly does not fear isolation of his Queen's pawn.
 (2) White should exchange pawns. In the next few moves he loses valuable time, and gets an unsatisfactory game.
 (3) Losing time. Kt-Kt 3 and Castles is more to the purpose.
 (4) Good. If KxB, then Kt-Kt5ch and mate would follow in a few moves.
 (5) R-R1 would have saved the loss of a piece.

No. 28.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

White: Millar.

Black: Davies.

A good game. Mr Millar at his best.

1 P-Q4	P-Q4	21 P-QKt3	P-KB4
2 P-QB4	Kt-KB3?	22 P-KB4	P-KKt4
3 Kt-QB3(1)	P-K3	23 Kt-Q3	P-B5
4 B-Kt5	QKt-Q2	24 PxBP	B-K5
5 P-K3	B-K2	25 R-B3	PxP
6 Kt-B3	P-QKt3(2)	26 PxP	Q-KKt2
7 R-B1(3)	P-QB4	27 Kt-K5	Kt-Kt3
8 BxP	KtxP	28 R-Q7	Q-R3
9 BxB	QxB	29 R-KKt3	R-B4?
10 B-Kt5(4)	KtxKt	30 KtxKt!	PxKt
11 RxKt	Castles (5)	31 R-R3	QxR
12 Castles	Kt-B3(6)	32 PxQ	R-KB2
13 PxP	PxP	33 RxR	KxR
14 Q-B1(7)	Kt-K5	34 Q-R3	R-B2
15 R-B2	B-Kt2	35 Q-Q6	R-B3
16 Kt-K5	QR-QB1	36 Q-Q7ch	K-B3
17 P-B3	Kt-Q3	37 QxRP	P-Kt4
18 B-Q3	Kt-B4	38 Q-Q4ch	K-Kt3
19 R-Q1	Kt-R5	39 PxP	KxP
20 B-B1	B-Q4(8)	40 Q-Kt7ch	Resigns

- (1) White should exchange pawns.
 (2) Black should castle first.
 (3) Better (7) PxP, KtxP. If (7) . . . PxP White wins a pawn, thus (8) B-Kt5, B-Kt2, (9) Kt-K5, Castles, (10) B-B6, BxB, (11) KtxB, Q-K1, (12) KtxBch, QxKt (13) KtxQP—a book variation of frequent occurrence.
 (4) KtxKt, PxKt, PxP wins a pawn at least.
 (5) If (11) PxP, QxP, Black would have a difficult game.
 (6) Preferable seems R-Q1.
 (7) Q-B2 would have enabled the immediate capture of the pawn.
 (8) Better here was R-B2.

No. 29.

Queen's Gambit Declined—in effect.

White: Dunlop.

Black: Hicks.

This is a fine game, played with spirit by Mr. Hicks, and one of his best, in spite of the fact that he was over-kind to the Champion on three occasions. The forced draw is a credit to Black.

1 P-Q4	P-K3	22 P-KR3?	Kt-K1(5)
2 P-QB4	Kt-KB3	23 R-B1	Q-Kt2(6)
3 Kt-QB3	P-Q4	24 RxR	QxR
4 B-Kt5	QKt-Q2	25 R-Kt6	Kt-KB3
5 Kt-B3	B-K2	26 R-Kt5	Q-B5
6 P-K3	P-QR3(1)	27 Kt(K2)-Q4	QxP
7 R-B1	PxP	28 Q-B7	QxP
8 BxP	P-Kt4	29 QxRP	Kt-K5
9 B-Q3	B-Kt2	30 QxP	QxPch
10 Q-B2	P-KR3?	31 K-R2	Kt-Kt4(7)
11 B-KB4(2)	P-QB4	32 R-Kt8	KtxKtch
12 PxB	KtxP	33 KtxKt	BxKt(8)
13 R-Q1	KtxBch	34 RxRch	K-R2
14 RxKt	Q-B1	35 Q-Kt1ch(9)	P-B4
15 Q-Q1	Castles	36 Q-Kt1	Q-Q7(10)
16 Castles	P-Kt5	37 K-R1	Q-Q3
17 Kt-K2	P-QR4	38 R-B7	Q-Kt6
18 B-Q6(3)	BxB	39 Q-R2	Q-K8ch
19 RxB	B-Q4	40 Q-Kt1	Q-Kt6
20 Q-Q4	Q-B2	41 Q-R2	Drawn
21 Q-K5	QR-B1(4)		

- (1) Usual, and probably best, is (6) Castles.
 (2) Or (10) BxKt; KtxB, (11) Kt-K4, etc.
 (3) A blunder which should have cost White the game.
 (4) For now BxKt (22) PxP; Kt-K1 (23) R-Q1; R-Q1 wins the rook, or the Queen for rook.
 (5) Again Black has the same opportunity.
 (6) Black might advantageously take the rook, remaining with two rooks and Bishop against Queen and Knight.
 (7) Better would be (31) Q-Kt6ch; K moves (32) Kt-Kt4, etc.
 (8) With RxR, Black wins.
 (9) The saving clause overlooked by Black when giving up his rook.
 (10) Black now forces the draw in good style.

PART II.

New Zealand Chess Association.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

The following is the report presented at the Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Chess Association, held at 52, Cuba Street, Wellington, on Wednesday, 27th July, 1921:—

Membership.—Nineteen Clubs are now affiliated, the Palmerston North Club having joined during the year. Clubs have been formed at Feilding, Te Aroha, and Morrinsville, and the formation of a club at Raetihi is contemplated. There are thus some fifteen unaffiliated clubs in the Dominion. It is hoped that most of these will later on strengthen our Association by becoming members.

Championship of New Zealand.—The thirtieth tournament to decide this title (which came into existence on 5th September, 1879), was held in Dunedin during the Christmas holidays. It was opened by Sir Robert Stout (an ex-President of the Association) on 28th December. There were eight competitors—four from each Island. Messrs. J. B. Dunlop (Oamaru), and A. W. O. Davies (Dunedin) tied for the Championship, the former winning the play-off. This is the first time that an Oamaru player has won the coveted Championship—and is the first "South Island" win since 1901. Mr. Dunlop also won two special prizes, viz.: Rev. Friberg's prize for "best recovery," and the "brilliancy prize," donated by the Otago Chess Club. He has well deserved the many congratulations tendered him on his triple success—a sort of "hat-trick." The third prize was won by Mr. W. E. Mason (Well-

ington), and the fourth prize by Mr. E. H. Severne (Nelson). Mr. F. Kummer's special prize for the best score against the placed men was won by Mr. T. Fouhy (Wellington).

Congress Books.—A book of the 29th Championship Tourney (played in Wellington in the Christmas 1919 holidays), was published in November last. It was ably edited by Mr. J. A. Connell (Carterton), who undertook the arduous work at short notice, when it was found that the services of Mr. H. L. James, of Wellington, would not be available. The book, which also contained a number of obituary notices, compiled by Mr. F. K. Kelling, was got out at considerable trouble and expense. It is hoped to issue a book early next year, dealing with the 1920-21 and 1921-22 Congresses. By omitting poorly-played games, and substituting more interesting matter (Club doings, photos. of various teams taking part in telegraphic play, schedules showing full results of New Zealand's thirty Championship Tourneys, etc.), the book might be made more attractive than its predecessors. In view, however, of the greatly increased cost of production, the publication of the proposed book will only be possible if every Club Secretary is successful in pushing the sale of books now in his hands, and also if he is prepared to supply information relating to his club's doings, and, where possible, a photo. of the Club's office-bearers and match representatives. If it be desired that the Association should issue a book early next year on the lines indicated, Club Secretaries will have to "get busy" in the very near future.

Telegraphic Matches.—Our first post-war year indicated a decided increase in chess activity throughout New Zealand. This gratifying feature has been still more marked in the year now under review, and the number of telegraphic matches played during the past twelve months must be

easily a record for the Dominion. It is therefore timely to urge Clubs to abandon the idea of devoting one evening to a match of this description—in which more than half the time is lost through unavoidable “leakage.” Even when two evenings are devoted to a match, the number of unfinished games that are sent to the Adjudication Board are frequently out of all reason. In one case recently, eight games out of twelve were sent on for adjudication. To avoid playing on a third day, the stronger clubs will sooner or later have to consider the advisableness of endeavouring to secure a wire for Saturday afternoons as well as evenings. Another matter requiring attention is the proper instructing of umpires and scrutineers, who often act without having anything like a full conception of their duties. The result is that complaints come to Wellington about clocks not being put in motion, analysis being made by players over the board before despatching their moves, and sundry other “laxities”—all of which should, of course, be put down with a firm hand.

Obituary.—Mr. Frederick Harvey, who died in Auckland on the 4th ultimo, aged 62 years, was President of the Auckland Chess Club, and a North Island Vice-President of our Association. In these capacities, and also as chess editor of the Auckland “Weekly News” for many years, he had rendered most valuable service to the cause of New Zealand chess. We desire to tender condolence to the bereaved family, and our sympathy to the Auckland Chess Club in its great loss.

Presentation of Testimonial.—On the 4th ultimo, Mr. W. Mackay, a North Island Vice-President, presented to Fedor K. Kelling (Wellington) a handsome gold Rotherham watch, a tribute from the chess players of the Dominion for services rendered to New Zealand chess during the past thirty years. In returning grateful thanks, the recipient

voiced the hope that he might be spared to further labour for the cause for some years to come.

Finance.—From the accompanying balance-sheet, it will be seen that after providing for the usual Congress contribution, there will be a small credit balance left.

Acknowledgments.—We are greatly indebted to the following:—(a) To the Otago chess authorities for so ably and successfully carrying out the last Championship Congress; (b) to all who have rendered financial assistance, either to the Championship Congress or to the General Fund; (c) to the donors of trophies mentioned above; (d) to Mr. J. A. Connell, of Carterton, for editing the Congress Book; and (e) to the members of the N.Z. Adjudication Board for making awards on unfinished games in telegraphic matches.

Conclusion.—It only remains for us to voice the hope that the year we are entering on will see chess gaining further ground and enjoying an even wider popularity than it does at present, so that the very gratifying activity of the past two years may be well maintained.

C. W. TANNER,

Hon. Secretary N.Z. Chess Association.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Chess Association was held at 52, Cuba Street, Wellington, on Wednesday, 27th July, 1921, the following delegates being present:—Messrs. J. G. W. Dalrymple (Chairman), G. S. McNair, W. Wring, H. Jessup, F. K. Kelling, and C. W. Tanner.

Mr. C. W. Tanner (Hon Secretary and Treasurer) presented the Annual Report (given above),

and also the balance-sheet, duly audited. The Report and Balance-Sheet were formally adopted.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—
 Patron: His Excellency the Governor-General;
 President: Mr. R. H. Abbott (Auckland); Vice-Presidents: North Island, upper half, Messrs. J. C. Grierson and A. Wright, both of Auckland, and the President of the Gisborne C.C., lower half, Messrs. F. Kummer (Masterton), O. C. Pleasants (Wanganui), and W. Mackay (Wellington); South Island, upper half, the Presidents of the Nelson, Canterbury and Timaru Clubs; lower half, Messrs. T. M. Gillies and R. A. Cleland, both of Dunedin, and the President of the Oamaru Chess Club; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. C. W. Tanner (re-elected); Hon. Auditor, Mr. A. W. Gyles; Hon. Reporter: Mr. F. K. Kelling.

Mr. McNair moved that the next Championship Congress be held in Auckland during the coming Christmas-New Year holidays. This was carried unanimously.

The Auckland Club notified that Messrs. J. A. Moir and P. N. Stewart had been appointed members of the New Zealand Adjudication Board, to fill vacancies caused by the death of Mr. F. Harvey, and the illness of Mr. M. Freeman. The Wellington Club is to be asked to nominate an adjudicator to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. R. J. Barnes's regretted illness.

Votes of thanks to last year's officers and other workers were carried by acclamation. A similar tribute to the Chairman closed the meeting.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

The following is the text of the Report to be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Chess Association that is being convened for Wednesday, 19th July, 1922:—

Annual Report and Balance-Sheet for the Year ended 30th April, 1922.

Presented to the N.Z.C.A. at the Annual General Meeting, held at 52, Cuba Street, Wellington, on Wednesday, 19th July, 1922.

Gentlemen,—

I have much pleasure in submitting herewith the Annual Report and Balance-Sheet for the year ended 30th April, 1922.

Finance.—From the accompanying balance-sheet it will be seen that after providing for the usual Congress contribution, there will be a small credit balance left.

Membership.—Nineteen Clubs are now affiliated. It is hoped that the Clubs at Hamilton, Feilding, Te Aroha, and Morrinsville will strengthen our Association by becoming members.

Championship of New Zealand.—The thirty-first tourney to decide this title (which came into existence on 5th September, 1879) was held in Auckland during the Christmas holidays. There were fourteen competitors, nine from the North Island, and five from the South Island. Mr. J. B. Dunlop, of Oamaru, is to be congratulated on winning the Championship for the second year in succession. Messrs. E. H. Severne (Nelson) and A. W. Gyles (Wellington), who divided the second and third prizes, were joint runners-up, one point behind the Champion. Mr. Gyles also won the Brilliancy Prize, donated by the Auckland Chess Club. The fourth prize was won by Mr. A. W. O. Davies (Dunedin), the fifth prize by Mr. E. A. Hicks (Wellington), and the sixth prize by Mr. F. K. Kelling (Wellington). Mr. A. Pickett (Auckland) won Mr. F. Kummer's special prize for the unplaced player making the best score against the prize-winners.

As regards future Congresses, it has been suggested that entries should be limited to, say, 12 or 14, and that they should be in the hands of the Association by 1st November, so as to allow time for arrangements to specially increase the first two prizes in the event of competitors from Australia taking part. The establishment of a Junior, or Minor, Championship contest has again been mooted, but no proposal for this innovation has been received.

Club Championship of New Zealand.—A series of matches by telegraph to decide the Club Championship of New Zealand is now being played for the first time. Five Clubs have entered, viz., Auckland, Wellington, Nelson, Canterbury, and Otago. Each team consists of twelve players. The Association is greatly indebted to the Executive of the Canterbury Chess Club for submitting a workable scheme, which overcomes difficulties that have proved insurmountable in the past. The Auckland Club made the best score in last year's quadrilateral tourney of telegraphic matches.

Championship of Australia.—A Congress to decide this title was held in Melbourne in April last, and was won by Mr. C. G. Watson, the Victorian Champion. New Zealand was worthily represented by Mr. A. W. O. Davies, of Dunedin, who divided the fourth prize with three other competitors. The inability of Mr. Dunlop, our Champion, to attend is greatly regretted. Mr. Watson is to represent Australasia in the big International Tournament to be held in London next month. He carries our best wishes for a good showing when pitted against the world's leading masters.

Visit of Mr. Kostich.—Mr. Kostich, one of Europe's leading chess masters, is prepared to make a tour of Australasia on reasonable terms. Details will, it is understood, be discussed in London dur-

ing the progress of the impending International Tourney, at which Mr. Watson (Australian Champion) and Mr. Kostich will both be competing.

Congress Book.—A book dealing with our last two Congresses is now in the printers' hands. The Club statistics and "obituaries," that were a widely appreciated feature in our last book (issued two years ago), have been revised and enlarged, and Schedules giving full results of New Zealand's thirty-one Championship Congresses are published for the first time. The publication of this book has only been rendered possible by a number of enthusiasts subscribing the estimated deficiency, viz., £35.

Obituary.—Mr. J. W. F. McDougall, who died at Lower Hutt on 15th March last, was the founder of the Wellington South Club, and was its first Hon. Secretary. Dr. H. R. Hatherly, who died at Wanganui in February last, was for many years one of the strongest players in that centre. He won the Brilliancy Prize at the New Zealand Championship Congress of 1894-5. Mr. A. E. Cresswell, who died at Nelson on 9th October last, was President of the Nelson Chess Club, and was one of its leading players. Mr. W. J. Harper, who passed away on 8th October last, was for many years a very popular Vice-President of the Wellington South Chess Club, and was one of its most prominent players. In each instance we desire to tender condolence to the bereaved family, and sympathy with the Club concerned.

Presentation of Testimonial.—In December last a presentation from the Chess players of New Zealand was made to Mr. R. J. Barnes, of Wellington, whose name is a household one throughout Australasia by reason of his many triumphs in the Caissie Arena. Sympathy was expressed for Mr. Barnes in connection with the illness that had laid him aside for five months, coupled with best wishes for an early and complete restoration to health.

Acknowledgments.—We are greatly indebted to and tender best thanks to the following:—

(a) To the Auckland Chess Authorities for so ably and successfully carrying out the last Championship Congress.

(b) To Mr. R. H. Abbott, of Auckland, and the Auckland Working Men's Club, for generous assistance.

(c) To all who have rendered financial assistance, either to the Championship Congress, to the Congress Book Fund, to the "Davies to Australia" Fund, or to the General Fund.

(d) To the donors of trophies mentioned above.

(e) To Australians who kindly extended hospitality to Mr. Davies, our representative at the recent Australian Championship Congress; and

(f) To the members of the N.Z. Adjudication Board for making awards on unfinished games in telegraphic matches.

Conclusion.—It only remains for us to voice the hope that the year we are entering on will see chess gaining further ground, and enjoying an even wider popularity than it does at present.

C. W. TANNER,

Hon. Secretary N.Z. Chess Association.

NEW ZEALAND CHESS CLUBS.

NORTH ISLAND.

Auckland Chess Club.

Founded February 29, 1884, as the Grafton Chess Club; name altered to Auckland Chess Club on April 2, 1885 Incorporated 1920.

Club Room: 42 His Majesty's Arcade, Queen Street.
Meets on Mondays and Thursdays, at 7.30 p.m., and on every week-day afternoon from 1 p.m. till dusk.

Membership: 66 Full Members, 17 Hon. Members, 5 Life Members.

Hon. Secretary for 1921: H. H. Smith; for 1922: C. Stewart.

Patron: R. H. Abbott.

President for 1921: F. Harvey (vide Obituaries); for 1922: A. Wright.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. A. Wright and P. N. Stewart for 1921, and Messrs. P. N. Stewart and H. H. Smith for 1922.

Hon. Treasurer: P. N. Stewart.

Director of Play: R. Barker (1921), D. J. Jones (1922).

Committee for 1921: A. E. Layland, J. A. Moir, J. F. Sullivan, and C. E. Hayward; for 1922: R. Barker, J. F. Sullivan, C. Andreae, A. Fotheringham, with the officers, ex officio.

Club Captain: J. C. Grierson.

Results of Tourneys in 1920-21.

Club Championship—Winner: J. A. Moir.

Minor Level—Winner: R. Barker.

Handicap—Winner: H. N. Maddox.

Summer Handicap—Winner: P. N. Stewart.

Results of Tourneys in 1921-22:
 Club Championship—Winner: T. Coulthard.
 Intermediate Level—Winner: J. F. Senior.
 Junior Level—Winner: H. Lees.
 Handicap—Winner: C. Stewart.
 Summer Tourney—Winner: J. F. Senior.

Matches in 1920:

Four Telegraphic Matches were played, wins being scored from Masterton (9—3), Otago (9—3), and Canterbury (10½—4½). The Wellington fixture was lost (6½—13½).

Matches in 1921:

The Club last year proved itself the strongest in New Zealand, playing four matches, of which three were won, and one drawn, as follows:—Auckland, 12½, v. Masterton, 5½; Auckland, 10, v. Canterbury, 6; Auckland, 10½, v. Wellington, 9½; and Auckland, 8, v. Otago, 8.

Championship Roll:

- 1884-5: Joseph Wood (winner of Handicap Tourney from scratch, i.e., Class I., in the year that the Club's name was changed).
 1885-6: J. F. Ryder (winner of Handicap Tourney from scratch).
 1886-7-8: No record of any tourney.
 1888-9: W. Munro (winner of Handicap Tourney from scratch).
 1889-90: Handicap Tourney held, but classification of members is not recorded. In September, 1890, it was resolved to hold a Championship Tourney annually.
 1890-91. J. B. Malcolm; 1891-2, W. W. Bruce; 1892-3, A. Jowitt; 1893-4, A. Jowitt; 1894-5, Sam White; 1895-6, J. Young; 1896-7, J. C. Grierson; 1897-8, A. Jowitt; 1898-9, W. B. Eyre; 1899-00, J. C. Grierson; 1900-1, J. C. Grierson; 1901-2, J. C. Grierson; 1902-3, J. C. Grierson; 1903-4, J.

C. Grierson; 1904-5, E. J. Miles; 1905-6, A. A. Lelievre; 1906-7, A. A. Lelievre; 1907-8, Rev. A. Miller; 1908-9, J. C. Grierson; 1909-10*, A. W. O. Davies; 1910-11*, A. W. O. Davies; 1911-12*, J. C. Grierson; 1912-13*, E. J. Miles; 1913-14*, J. C. Grierson; 1914-15, A. W. O. Davies; 1915-16, A. Pickett; 1916-17, J. C. Grierson; 1917-18, P. N. Stewart; 1918-19, J. C. Grierson; 1919-20, F. C. Ewen; 1920-21, J. A. Moir; 1921-22, T. Coulthard.

*In each of these 5 years the Championship was held by the member who occupied Rung 1 on the Ladder on November 30th.

The Club's Ladder.

At the close of the 1921-2 season the Rungs on the Ladder were held as follows:—1, J. C. Grierson; 2, P. N. Stewart; 3, C. C. Roberts; 4, F. W. Smith; 5, A. Pickett; 6, J. F. Senior; 7, D. J. Jones; 8, S. Coyne; 9, M. Arapoff; 10, C. E. Hayward; 11, R. Barker; 12, J. F. Sullivan; 13, C. Andreae; 14, H. Lees; 15, R. Putman; 16, C. Stewart; 17, W. Beattie; 18, I. Meltzer; 19, H. Johnson; 20, G. H. Edwards.

General Notes.

The Club made a start with six members, one of whom, Mr. A. Ashton, is still a member. Mr. A. Gifford, now of Hamilton, was another. Mr. H. L. James (now of Wellington) joined the Club a month or two after its foundation. The Club affiliated with the N.Z. Chess Association in July, 1893. The honour of compiling the best match record is easily held by Mr. J. C. Grierson. He has won the Auckland Championship no less than eleven times, besides being runner-up eight times! He has won the N.Z. Championship twice (in 1903, and again in 1913), and is, so far, the only Aucklander to gain the New Zealand title.

Early Auckland Chess.

The Chess column in "The Auckland Weekly News" was commenced on 9th July, 1870, and appeared for the last time on 10th May, 1917. It was edited with conspicuous ability throughout this long period of nearly 47 years,—for the first 40 years by Mr. Michael Connolly, and for the remaining seven years by the late Mr. Frederick Harvey (whose lamented death is referred to in the chapter devoted to Obituaries). Mr. Connolly received a number of presentations when he retired from active work in June, 1918, after having served in the printing office of the "New Zealand Herald" and "Weekly News" for nearly 54 years. From a hurried perusal of his valuable chess column, the editor is able to give a few "loose strings" on early Auckland Chess, as follows:—

In April, 1871, the Auckland West End Chess Club defeated the Rest of Auckland by 41 games to 34. The Club was represented by Messrs. Andrew Stewart, J. A. Barber, J. Morton (Hon. Secretary), W. Stevens, and Dr. Horne, and the Rest of Auckland by Messrs. H. H. Lusk, F. Brodie, H. E. Williams, J. Batger, and V. E. Rice. Each player contested three games with each member of the opposing team. The best scores were J. Morton (11½—3½) and H. H. Lusk (10—5). Three months later a return match was played, which also ended in favour of the Club (38—28).

The "Weekly News" of September 2, 1871, says:—"A preliminary meeting of the Auckland Chess Club was held on Friday, 25th ultimo, at the new Music Hall, Symonds Street. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Andrew Stewart; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Jas. Morton; Committee: Messrs. Hugh H. Lusk, William Gorrie, and Vincent E. Rice. The offer of a room on reasonable terms by the Choral Society was accepted. The adoption of draft rules was deferred till Monday, 4th September, 1871." The

"News" congratulated the promoters on so successfully launching the Club, and added: "A sister province has claimed the leadership of chess in New Zealand. The club in Dunedin, numbering 50 members, it is stated, is numerically as well as scientifically the strongest in the Colony. We hope to see the Auckland Club soon swell its numbers to this limit, and we hear that, as to scientific superiority, the Dunedin players have reckoned without their host. We wish the Auckland Chess Club success." (Auckland defeated Dunedin when these teams first played each other, viz., in February, 1876.)

In March, 1873, a telegraphic match was played between Hamilton and Ngaruawahia. An interim report forecasted a tie (2—2). The final result is not given.

In July, 1875, the Ponsonby Chess Club (represented by J. Morton, A. Stewart, W. Gorrie, John Tole, G. T. Jakins, and Rev. Mr Bree) defeated the Auckland Chess Club (represented by Messrs. H. H. Lusk, F. Brodie, A. Heather, H. E. Williams, T. L. White, and Dr. Horne) by 55 games to 53 in a full "three-round" match.

In October, 1875, Mr. Jakins, the energetic Hon. Secretary of the Ponsonby C.C., reported that arrangements for telegraphic matches had been made with the Government, which had consented to give the use of a wire free of charge, "save when the operators are kept beyond the regular hours of closing, in which case their extra time allowance will be charged." A meeting was held at Mr. Batger's office, in Queen Street, on 26th October, 1875, when it was decided to challenge the Dunedin players to a friendly 13 a-side contest. The match, which was postponed a fortnight owing to a break in the Cook Strait cable, was begun on Tuesday, 15th February, 1876. It was resumed on the following evening, play ceasing at 8 a.m. on Thursday! The final tally was: Auckland 5½, Dunedin 3½. The winning team

was composed of Messrs. J. Morton, A. Stewart, H. H. Lusk, Nixon, H. E. Williams, A. Heather, F. Brodie, V. E. Rice, and G. S. Jakins; while Dunedin was represented by Messrs. D. R. Hay, C. Janion, J. Mouat, Rev. Ash, Cross, Grinstead, Wilson, Quick, and D. L. Christie. The "N.Z. Herald," in congratulating the Auckland team on its win, said that "there are probably no others left in New Zealand to conquer. The victory will be gratifying to the whole province, and it will amply atone for the defeat of the Auckland footballers when they were searching for laurels down South." The article terminated with a passing reference to Auckland's victorious career on the cricket field and on the rifle range.

The Auckland Mechanics' Institute Chess Club was formed on 18th March, 1876, "for central city, players who find the distance to Ponsonby too great for them to join that club." Some 20 names were enrolled. President: Dr. Horne; Vice-President: H. H. Lusk; Hon. Secretary: T. Farrell; Hon. Treasurer: B. H. Keesing; Committee: Messrs. Lewisson, G. Evitt, and G. Gledhill.

In May, 1876, a return match was played against Dunedin, 12 boards being used. It was won by Auckland, and was remarkable both for the large number of unfinished games, and the fact that they were never "washed up." The result was summarised in a Northern paper as follows:—Games actually scored to Auckland, 1; games showing sure victory for Auckland, 7; games in favour of Dunedin, 1; even games, 2; drawn games, 1.

In June, 1876, Ponsonby defeated the Auckland Mechanics' Institute by three games (18—15).

In the winter of 1877 (May to July, inclusive) a tourney was held in Mr. Batger's office, Queen Street, to decide possession of the silver cup which had been presented by Mr. Aitken for the club championship of New Zealand, and which had been won by Auckland. This valuable trophy was won

by Mr. James Morton with the good score of 10 wins, 3 draws, and 1 loss, and was presented to him at a function held in Waters's establishment, amongst those present being the Mayor and three members of Parliament, viz., Messrs. H. H. Lusk, J. Sheehan, and W. Swanson (who was instrumental in getting the Government to grant a wire for telegraphic contests). Mr. Morton was complimented by the Mayor "upon having proved himself to be the best chess player in New Zealand."

In 1878, the Rev. C. E. Rankin, Editor of the "Chess Chronicle," writing from England, gave "a flattering opinion upon the standard of excellence reached by the chess players of New Zealand."

The first New Zealand Championship Congress was held in Christchurch in August, 1879. Mr. H. H. Lusk, of Auckland, and Mr. C. W. Benbow, of Wellington, both entered, but at the last moment found themselves unable to make the trip, consequently the North Island was not represented, for the first and only time in the history of New Zealand chess.

The "early eighties" appear to have been "lean years" in Auckland chess circles. A "Grand Chess Tournament by Living Pieces" was held in September, 1883, at the Opera House, in aid of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Building Fund. The canvas board on the stage was 30 feet square, and the performance was a great success. It was repeated on 14th September for the third and last time to a crowded house. It was estimated that, after paying all expenses, the Building Fund would benefit by about £300.

Auckland Working Men's Club and Mechanics' Institute.

The Chess and Draughts section of the above Club was put on an organised basis on 21st September, 1908. The Club shortly afterwards joined the

New Zealand Chess Association, to which body it has given very valuable assistance from time to time. Members meet regularly for play in the chess and draughts room on the Club's premises in Kitchener Street, Auckland.

Hon. Secretary: W. R. Aislabie.

President: C. E. Purdy.

Committee: Messrs. Middleton, F. W. Smith, R. Barker, and J. E. Hale.

Delegate to N.Z. Chess Association: F. K. Kelling (appointed in September, 1909).

Tourneys in 1920.—The Championship Gold Medal was won by M. Freeman, and the Junior Championship Gold Medal was won by R. Barker.

Tourneys in 1921.—The first tourney was won by the late Mr. R. Colebrook, Mr. J. E. Hale taking second prize. In the second tourney, Messrs. H. V. Evans and W. R. Aislabie tied, and divided the first prize, Mr. T. Cannon taking second prize. The Championship Gold Medal was won by Mr. T. Cannon, and the Junior Championship Medal by Mr. C. E. Hayward. Two matches have been played by telegraph against Hamilton, the Club losing in 1920 and winning in 1921.

Obituary.—The Club has lost two valuable members by death, viz., Mr. F. Harvey (chairman for many years) and Mr. R. Colebrook (winner of the first tourney, held in 1921).

Takapuna Chess Club.

Formed in July, 1919.

Patrons: The Mayor, W. Blomfield, Hon. E. W. Alison, M.L.C., A. Harris, M.P., E. C. Cutten, S.M., H. Brett, R. Garroway, R. S. Thompson, and W. R. Wilson.

Hon. Secretary: E. G. Tucker (formerly of the Ngaio C.C.).

No information has been supplied regarding the tourneys, matches, or other activities of the past two years, but the Editor learns that this Club is still in existence.

Dargaville.

Dr. L. L. Burton is an enthusiastic leader of chess in Dargaville. He would be pleased to get in touch with any chess players who may be visiting Dargaville. At latest advices he was endeavouring to arrange correspondence matches.

Kawhia Chess Club.

Formed in May, 1919, when the following officers were elected:—President: W. T. Armstrong; Vice-Presidents: A. E. Langley and T. Wackett; Hon. Secretary: A. Macdonald; Committee: E. Aubin, J. D. Jack, E. F. N. Morgan, and E. H. Schnackenberg. The Editor is unable to say what matches, tourneys, etc., have been held during the past two years, as his enquiries have not been replied to.

Hamilton Chess Club.

Founded on 22nd August, 1897. The great fire in Hamilton on 16th July, 1898, destroyed the Club's room and all that it contained.

Number of members: 15.

Meets on Thursdays, at the Hamilton Public Library.

Hon. Secretary: R. Mears, 176 Grey Street, Hamilton.

President: E. J. Stevenson.

Vice-Presidents: J. F. Strang and W. H. Worsley.

Committee: Officers of the Club.

Club Champion: F. Bullock.

The 1921 Tourney was won by E. J. Stevenson. Two matches have been played by telegraph against the Auckland Working Men's Club, the 1920

fixture being won, and the 1921 contest being lost. The Club's 1921 match v. Te Aroha was won by 7 games to 1, and the 1922 contest by 9 games to 2.

Te Aroha Chess Club.

Formed on May 17th, 1921.

Meets on Saturday evenings.

Number of members: 30.

Hon. Secretary: A. J. Burrows, address Te Aroha.

President: F. L. Kenrick (manager, Bank of New Zealand).

Vice-President: A. F. Burton.

Committee: W. H. Moore, J. D. Morison, H. N. Maddox, with President and Secretary ex-officio.

Club Champion: H. N. Maddox (winner of the beautiful silver castle presented by Mr. Kenrick).

Result of Sealed Handicap Tourney: W. H. Herbert 1st, D. Hamilton 2nd, and W. Moore 3rd.

Continuous Summer Tourney (for a cup presented by Mr. A. L. Maedonald): Won by F. L. Kenrick.

The Club won both its matches against Morrinsville by small margins. The 1921 match against Hamilton was lost (1-7), and also the 1922 fixture (2-9). Te Aroha being a famous tourist resort, the Club often has visitors of distinction, whose presence is naturally of great assistance in advancing the cause of chess locally.

Morrinsville Chess Club.

Founded in July, 1921.

President: B. O'Brien.

Hon. Secretary: A. Gifford.

Number of members: 40.

The Club lost both last year's matches to Te Aroha by small margins. Great enthusiasm pre-

vails in Hamilton, Te Aroha, and Morrinsville, and the formation of a South Auckland Chess Association, embracing these centres, and also Cambridge and Taumarunui, is mooted.

Cambridge.

Cambridge has a "chess circle," which includes Dr. Edmonds and Messrs. M. Wells, E. C. Wallis, E. Veale and G. H. Ollard. It is hoped that this "circle" will in due course become a Club, especially if the proposed South Auckland Association comes into being.

Ohura Chess Club.

Founded 1st June, 1920, with a dozen members, the office-bearers being as follow:

Hon. Secretary: W. H. S. Hughes, P.O. Box 17, Ohura.

Patron: W. K. Williams.

President: F. T. Glasgow.

Vice-President: T. Hegly.

The general depression in farming circles appears to have kept the country players, who are the strongest on the Club's books, from coming into Ohura to play, consequently the fixture with Taumarunui and other activities were in abeyance last year.

Taumarunui.

Dr. Ernest H. Howard is the Organiser of Chess in Taumarunui. He was a member of the Otago Chess Club in the years 1900 and 1901, and was a competitor at the Championship Congress, held in Auckland during the last Christmas holidays. Mr. G. D. Taylor, Manager of the Bank of Australasia, is also assisting the cause of chess in this centre.

Raetihi.

A Chess and Draughts Club was formed in Raetihi in June, 1921, the Hon. Secretary being Mr. W. B. Cuming. He reports as follows: "Our Social Club has over 30 members, most of whom are keenly interested in chess and draughts."

New Plymouth Chess Club.

Founded September 1st, 1920, at the Soldiers' Club.

Number of members: 18.

Meets on Thursday evenings.

Hon. Secretary: Frank Willis, P.O. Box 183.

Patron: W. Perry.

President: E. Hine.

Vice-Presidents: G. Grey and J. Bruce.

Committee: Messrs. Medley, Shaw, Newing, and H. B. Gibson.

The Club's 1921 Tourney was won by Brigadier-General Meldrum (N.Z. Champion in 1896), who has since removed to Greymouth. The runner-up was Mr. J. Bruce.

The 1922 Tourney to decide the Club Championship is providing a close finish: Messrs. G. Grey and Frank Willis being the only two competitors "in the hunt" at the time of writing.

Stratford Chess Club.

Formed by members of the Egmont Club, Stratford.

Hon. Secretary: F. Cook, Egmont Club, Stratford.

Patron: R. Masters, M.P.

President: Thomas Aylward.

Committee: T. Cook, Adam Sangster and E. S. Rutherford.

Club Champion: E. S. Rutherford.

Matches: Last year the Club won both its matches with Eltham, and also both matches against Hawera, and it thus holds the Inter-Club Chess Shield for the Taranaki District. The Club's Telegraphic Match against Masterton was lost by one game (5-6).

Hawera Chess Club.

The leading chess players in Hawera are Messrs. J. Goldstone, Princes Street, J. Syme, Collins Street, W. Jobson, Collins Street, and G. H. Buckeridge, High Street. Two matches were played last year against Stratford, the latter winning both.

Eltham Chess Club.

The leading chessists in Eltham are Messrs. H. G. Gibson (P.O. Box 38), J. R. Stewart, and A. E. Smalley. Two matches were played last year against Stratford, the latter proving too strong on each occasion.

Wanganui Chess Club.

Founded in 1880.

Membership: Active 20; Honorary 1, and Life 6.

Meets at 7.30 p.m. on Mondays and Saturdays at the Club Room in St. Hill Street.

Hon. Secretary: T. H. Battle, 33 Victoria Avenue.

President: O. C. Pleasants.

Vice-Presidents: H. T. Harle and James Thorp.

Committee: H. T. Brodie, A. Walpole, and T. Cornish.

Tourneys: The Handicap Tourney in 1920 was won by Mr. George Batty, and the Evans' Gambit Tourney by Mr. J. Thorp. Mr. Len Pleasants won the Club Championship in 1920, and Mr. Owen C. Pleasants (who was runner-up for the N.Z. Cham-

pionship in 1896) regained the Club Championship in 1921, an honour that he has held several times during the past decade.

Matches: The Club lost to Nelson in 1920 (3½-9½), but won the return fixture in 1921 (8-7).

The Club suffered a loss by the death of Dr. Hatherly, which is briefly referred to in the Annual Report of the N.Z. Chess Association, and also in the "Obituaries."

Marton.

An effort is being made by Messrs. H. H. Richardson, county clerk, Marton, and F. C. Wilson, Pukepapa Road, Marton, to re-start the once powerful Rangitikei Chess Club. This Club was second to none in New Zealand in its palmy days, when its ranks included Messrs. Meldrum (N.Z. Champion), O. C. Pleasants (runner-up for N.Z. Championship), A. O'Loughlin, Hon. F. Arkwright, M.L.C., A. Gifford, A. E. Remington, M.H.R., H. H. Richardson, F. C. Wilson, and other strong players.

Feilding Chess and Draughts Club.

Founded June 1st, 1921.

Meets on Wednesdays, at Perry's, Ltd., Garage, Fergusson Street.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: G. C. Hickson, P.O. Box 72, Feilding.

President: J. R. Perry.

Vice-President: N. N. Barron.

Committee: J. R. Perry, N. N. Barron, G. C. Hickson, F. Campbell, and C. Hubbard.

Matches: Two matches were played in October, 1921, against Palmerston North, the score on each occasion being: Palmerston 6, Feilding 4.

The Club lost two valued members during the summer recess, Mr. C. C. Sargisson, of the Bank of New South Wales, having been transferred to Gisborne, and Mr. J. J. Kearney (the local postmaster), having left to take up his residence in Auckland.

The first Feilding Chess Club was launched on 9th July, 1879, with 22 members, the officers being:—President: John Bryce, M.H.R.; Vice-Presidents: T. Sexton and Mr. Amesbury; Hon. Secretary: Mr. Goslin; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Drummond.

A tourney was held shortly afterwards, and was won by the late Mr. T. Sexton, the handicappers classifying the ten competitors as follows:—Class I., Messrs. Sexton and Carr; Class II., Messrs. Drummond, Kirton, Hutchinson, Jago, and Brown; Class III., Mr. Goslin; Class IV., Messrs. Nicholson and Capper. A six a-side match was played against the Empire City in the following season, the final tally being: Wellington 3½, Feilding 2½. Messrs. Bryce, Hookham, Prior, Sexton, Drummond, and Atkins represented Feilding in its pioneer "foreign" match. A telegraphic match, played in 1893, resulted as follows: Marton 5½, Feilding 2½.

The second Feilding Chess Club was formed on 25th May, 1898, the election of officers resulting as follows:—President: F. Y. Lethbridge, M.H.R.; Vice-Presidents: E. Goodbehere (Mayor), E. Giesen, O. C. Pleasants, and Dr. Monekton; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: J. B. Pickering.

Two months later Feilding defeated Halcombe in a five a-side match.

Palmerston North Chess Club.

Founded June 18th, 1894, the first Hon. Secretary being Mr. J. C. McCrea, who afterwards did so much for chess in Hamilton and Hastings. He is now assisting the Otago Club in its telegraphic matches, having been appointed Chief Postmaster at Dunedin.

At the end of the first year the membership stood at 65.

The Club's first telegraphic match, played in 1894, against Pahiatua, ended in a handsome win for the latter, viz.: Palmerston 0, Pahiatua 5.

The late Mr. A. W. George and Mr. (now Rev.) Nils Friberg also rendered good secretarial service to the Club, which appears to have faded out of existence during the 1903 season.

The second Club was formed in the following year. The "N.Z. Herald" of 9th July, 1904, says: "A Chess and Draughts Club has been formed at Palmerston North. At the initial meeting thirty-five names were handed in for membership. Mr. F. Y. Lethbridge, M.H.R., was elected President, and Mr. J. Lewis Hon. Secretary and Treasurer." This Club also fell on evil days, and became dormant.

The present Club was formed in December, 1919. Meets on Tuesdays, at 7.30 p.m., in the Farmers' Union Board Room, 15 Rangitikei Street.

Membership: 25.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Arthur Whitaker, 136 Featherston Street.

President: In 1921, A. H. M. Wright; in 1922, M. A. Elliott.

Vice-Presidents: A. E. Hodson and W. H. Messenger.

Committee: H. R. Thorburn, K. Thorburn, and A. Stewart.

Club Champion: F. W. Connell.

Tourneys in 1920: Handicap: 1st prize, K. Thorburn; 2nd, E. W. Cave; 3rd, A. H. M. Wright. Holders of Giorgi Gold Medals (teams of four, one from each of four divisions on ladder): Messrs. A. Whitaker, W. H. Messenger, L. Thorburn, and L. Giorgi.

Tourneys in 1921: Handicap: 1st prize, F. W. Connell; 2nd prize, M. A. Elliott; 3rd prize, T. A. Morine (eighteen entries, played in three sections). Evans' Gambit Tourney (sealed handicaps): 1st, G. Gilchrist; 2nd, A. H. M. Wright; 3rd, L. Thorburn (12 entries). Consolation Tourney (open to players not reaching the finals in the annual handicap events): 1st, H. R. Thorburn; 2nd, A. H. M. Wright; 3rd, L. Thorburn. Giorgi Gold Medals: F. W. Connell, E. W. Cave, Rev. H. G. Blackburne, and W. Nasmith. Tourney for High School Boys (14 entries): 1st, W. Somerville; 2nd, C. Dawber; 3rd, G. Snell; 4th, G. Gilchrist.

Matches in 1920-21: Easter: Palmerston N. 9½, Wellington visitors 9½.

Matches in 1921-22: Two matches v. Feilding were won by the same margin, the score being Palmerston 6, Feilding 4, on each occasion; Palmerston N. 4, v. Manawatu Club 4; Palmerston N. 5, v. Manawatu Club 4; and Palmerston N. 5, v. Wellington Visitors 15 (Easter 1922).

There are twelve names on the Club's ladder. The members recently presented their live and very energetic Hon. Secretary, Mr. Arthur Whitaker, with a Staunton set of chessmen and a fountain pen, in appreciation of the valued services rendered by him in the executive office ever since the present Club was formed nearly three years ago.

Foxton.

"The Katipo" of February 15th, 1897, says: "A Chess and Draughts Club has recently been formed in Foxton, our Mr. Curtis, postmaster, being one of the guiding spirits." This Club later became defunct. A visitor to Foxton, looking for a game of chess, could not do better than call on Mr. G. A. Tyer (of the firm of Barr and Tyer). Mr. Tyer was a most courteous and efficient Hon. Secre-

tary to the Wellington Chess Club for the two years preceding his trek to Foxton. His partner, Mr. Barr, is also an enthusiastic chessist.

Gisborne Chess Club.

Founded February 22nd, 1907. An earlier Chess Club was in existence more than thirty years ago, with the late Canon Fox as President, other leading players being Messrs. J. W. Witty, J. O. Barnard, Dr. Innes, and H. Eyre Kenny (afterwards a Stipendiary Magistrate).

Meets on Tuesdays and Saturdays at the Soldiers' Club, at 7.30 p.m.

Membership: 34 (Chess 18, and Draughts 16).

Hon. Secretary: Alfred Gleave, P.O. Box 189, Gisborne.

President: John G. H. Bull.

Vice-President: G. D. Malcolm.

Committee: The above officers and James Daw.

Club Champion: A. H. W. Schlichting won the gold medal presented by Mr. T. Gordon for the 1920 championship contest, after playing off a tie with G. D. Malcolm.

No tourney was held in 1921, but a number of ladder matches were got off, this form of contest being very popular with the members.

Mr. J. W. Witty, the Club's veteran member, has been playing chess for 75 years! In 1859, before leaving England, he took part in a correspondence tourney, which was won by the late Mr. C. W. Benbow (who subsequently migrated to Wellington, New Zealand,—vide Obituaries). Mr. Witty's reputation in those far-off days was enhanced by his scoring a game from the famous Herr Lowenthal, the well-known German master, who was visiting England at the time. It is interesting to recall that Mr. Witty arrived in New Zealand (Otago) in 1861. In 1863 he commenced business in Napier,

and inaugurated the earliest Napier Chess Club in his office at the foot of Shakespeare Hill. This was probably the first Chess Club formed in New Zealand. Mr. Witty removed to Gisborne forty years ago, and has ever since been a tower of strength to the cause of chess in that centre. He was recently elected an Honorary Life Member of the Gisborne Chess Club. During the Te Kooti raids the Maoris pulled up his fences, which they used for firewood, and let loose his horses and cattle, only a blood mare being recovered.

Wairoa.

Visitors to Wairoa who are looking for chess are advised to get in touch with Mr. Claud R. Sainsbury (solicitor), a well-known Congress player, and a generous supporter of "the Royal game." His brother (and partner), Mr. G. O. K. Sainsbury, is also one of Caissa's devotees.

Napier Chess Club.

Founded in 1870. (The earlier Napier Chess Club, founded by Mr. J. W. Witty, was probably the first Chess Club formed in New Zealand: see notes under the heading "Gisborne").

Holds weekly meetings in the Y.M.C.A. Building.

Membership: 14 active and 2 honorary.

Hon. Secretary: Austin B. Dallow.

President: T. McCarthy.

Vice-Presidents: F. G. Knowles and I. Burt.

Committee: Messrs. Burt, C. C. Willis, and A. H. Ferguson.

Tourneys: The Championship Tourney was won by Mr. H. M. Murton in 1920, and by Mr. J. C. McCrea in 1921.

Matches: In the year 1920, Napier won a 10 a-side match against Hastings, but lost the telegraphic fixture with Masterton (2—9).

The oldest active member is Mr. Riddell, aged 82. He is a very regular attendant, and still plays a strong game. Mr. Andrews, of Bluff Hill, being about 90 years of age, has not visited the Club this winter. It is gratifying to learn of him that "he is always glad of a flutter at his home," and that "he still plays a good game, and upends the best of them at times"!

In a recent issue of the "H.B. Herald" it is stated that the Napier Chess Club has not of late been in a very flourishing condition. It has lost some valued members, and there has not been the accession of young members necessary for the Club's healthy existence. A meeting was being called with a view to strengthening the Club, which has an abundant supply of valuable Staunton chessmen and boards.

Hastings Chess Club.

Founded in 1919.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. H. J. Lovell-Smith, Here-taunga Street.

This Club has just passed through a "lean year." The following are assisting the Hon. Secretary to keep the embers burning in Hastings: Mr. A. Newton, P.O. Box 95; Mr. Gardner, c/o Me-leod and Gardner; Mr. Oakley, c/o "Tribune" office; and Mr. Sherriff, Southampton Street.

Masterton Chess Club.

Founded March 2, 1910.

Membership: 30 (including seven country members).

Life Members: Messrs. D. Guild, J. T. Dagg, and G. A. Jones.

Meets on Thursdays in an ante-room of St. Matthew's School, in Church Street.

Hon. Secretary: A. Clemas, c/o Donald and Sons, Ltd., Box 138, Masterton.

Patron: D. Guild.

President: R. J. Barton.

Vice-Presidents: H. L. Thirtle, F. P. Welch, K. Welch, Paul Kummer, W. R. Jones, W. Franks, and H. L. Taylor.

Committee: G. Jackson, J. Catherall, H. L. Thirtle, H. Taylor, and W. Franks.

Club Champion: R. J. Barton.

Matches in 1920: Six matches were played in 1920, three being won and three lost, as follows:— V. Auckland, lost by 6 points; v. Wellington, lost by 6 points; v. Napier, won by 7 points; v. South Wairarapa, won by 3 points; v. Wellington South, lost by 2 points; v. Stratford, won by 1 point.

Matches in 1921: Auckland 12½, v. Masterton 5½; Wellington 21½, v. Masterton 22½; Otago 6½, v. Masterton 7½; Canterbury 8, v. Masterton 5; and Wellington South 24, v. Masterton 13.

Tourneys: The Club's 1921 tourneys resulted as follows:— The Club Championship Tourney was won by R. J. Barton, and the Dagg Shield by Mr. H. L. Thirtle. The rungs on the Club's ladder were held as follows at the end of the year:—1, R. J. Barton; 2, H. L. Thirtle; 3, W. R. Jones; 4, Kemble Welch; 5, W. Franks; 6, H. E. Warner; 7, A. Clemas; 8, B. Holmwood; 9, F. P. Welch; 10, J. Catherall; 11, H. Taylor; 12, W. Gibson; 13, G. Jackson; 14, N. Gandy; 15, G. Ball; 16, J. Shearer; 17, L. Daniell; and 18, J. Mitchell.

There is also a juvenile section of some half-a-dozen promising players. "Last, but not least," the Club has a most useful body of strong country members, including six members of the well-known Kummer family, and Mr. S. W. Moore, of Carterton.

This Club has for some years past been very fortunate in having a most capable, energetic, and enthusiastic Hon. Secretary in Mr. A. Clemas. The

heavy programme of tourneys, matches, and social evenings that the Club has got through in the past five years speaks volumes for the untiring and whole-souled labours of Mr. Clemas, and the ladies and gentlemen associated with him in promoting the royal game in the district, and keeping it prominently before the public. Many a such larger centre has had to content itself with a less pretentious programme. Two years ago the members presented Mr. Clemas with a silver-mounted salad bowl and set, and at the conclusion of the season a presentation, in the form of some handsome pieces of Doulton china, was made to Mesdames Thirtle and Clemas, for their valued services at the pleasant gatherings that have become such an attractive feature of the Club's programme. The Masterton Club has done magnificently since the hand of Mr. Clemas took the helm, and still greater things can be done in the future if members rally round him with "ammunition" when the slump has passed away.

It may be added that an earlier Masterton Chess Club was formed in the eighties, with Mr. W. Kummer, senr., as its strongest player. He is now climbing the eighties with a light step, and only last Labour Day scored his game at board 3 in fine style in the Masterton v. Wellington South match. His son, Mr. F. Kummer, and Rev. Wyndham Earee, represented the Club at the 1900 Championship Congress. The former, who resides at Mauriceville, made the second best New Zealand tally in the big Exhibition Congress (1906-7), the full score of which will be found at the end of this book. Rev. Wyndham Earee subsequently returned to England, and settled in Taunton.

Masterton's first Chess Club, which was formed in 1879, seems to have had rather a quiet existence, and to have had no "Obituary Notice" when it became defunct.

The "N.Z. Mail" of April 27th, 1888, said:—"We are glad to learn that the efforts to establish

"a Chess Club in Masterton have been successful. The Rev. Mr. Paige is President, and Mr. F. H. Bakewell Hon. Secretary. The subscription has been fixed at the very moderate sum of 2/6. It is at present arranged for members to meet every Monday evening, from 7.30, at Mr. Rawson's office. "N.Z. Mail" of May 11th (a fortnight later) stated that a 6-game match had been arranged between four members living in Masterton and four living in Opaki, each player to play the four members of the opposing team. Shortly afterwards, viz., on June 15th, 1888, Mr. C. W. Benbow, the Wellington Champion, paid the Club a visit and played simultaneously against Rev. W. E. Paige, Captain Holmwood, Messrs. W. Kummer, A. J. Rawson, E. Holmwood, J. M. Rockell, and F. H. Bakewell. He succeeded in defeating all his opponents except Mr. Kummer, the game with this gentleman being left unfinished, owing to the lateness of the hour. Mr. Kummer was a pawn to the good. A month later the Club decided to invite entries for its first tourney. This was duly held, the first prize—a Staunton set of chessmen—being won by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. H. Bakewell, who later on enhanced his reputation by winning the third prize in the 1891-2 Championship Congress.

At a meeting of the N.Z. Chess Association held on 18th December, 1900, a letter was read from Rev. W. Earee stating that the Masterton Chess Club (Hon. Secretary Jas. Robertson, Delegate J. G. Littlejohn) had become defunct.

In June, 1906, an exciting and most enjoyable 23-aside match of two rounds was played in Masterton on the then Prince of Wales's birthday, the final result being: Wairarapa 23½, Wellington Tourists 22½. This led to further week-end "holiday" matches being played later on.

The "Otago Witness," on 7th March, 1906, stated that "a Chess and Draughts Club is in process of formation at the Y.M.C.A., Masterton."

The N.Z. Chess Association's report for year ended 30th April, 1907, records that the Masterton Y.M.C.A. was one of three new clubs to join the Association during the year. Mr. F. K. Kelling was its delegate. It was in subsequent years generally known and referred to as the Masterton Chess Club. Why it was necessary to form the present (or fourth Masterton Chess Club on 2nd March, 1910, seeing that the third club was represented at the N.Z. Chess Association in December, 1909 (less than three months previously), is a question the Editor cannot answer from the somewhat scanty information at his disposal.

Carterton.

Chess players visiting Carterton could get in touch with the game by calling on Mr. S. W. Moore, an enthusiastic student of the books, who was a competitor at the 27th and 28th Championship Congresses.

Greytown.

Mr. H. Walden is looking after the interests of chess in this centre, where there are a few enthusiasts. He is being ably supported by Mr. H. Kidd,—in fact, both these gentlemen are on the committee of the newly-formed Featherston Chess Club.

Featherston Chess Club.

Founded on April 20th, 1922.
 Membership: 19.
 Meets on Saturday evenings at the South Featherston School.
 Hon. Secretary: J. H. Fieldhouse, master of South Featherston School.
 President: Frank R. Bladen.
 Vice-President: William Benton.
 Committee: Messrs. W. Rowles and W. Johnston (both of Featherston), and Messrs. H. Walden and H. Kidd (both of Greytown).

Soon after the Club was formed, a tourney was commenced to decide the South Wairarapa Championship. It ended in a tie between Messrs. W. H. Rowles and F. Bladen, the former winning the play-off. He is to play off with the winner of the North Wairarapa Championship. Mr. Bladen reports that the members of this new club are showing a very gratifying enthusiasm, that betokens a bright future for the Club.

The Wairarapa Championship.

The tourney to decide the above title is being held in two sections. The southern section has been won by Mr. W. H. Rowles, as mentioned above in the paragraph relating to the Featherston Chess Club. In the northern section there was a triple tie for first place between Messrs. R. J. Barton, H. E. Warner, and A. Clemas, all of Masterton. In the play-off, Mr. Barton won from Mr. Clemas, and also from Mr. Warner. Three games have now to be played between the two "finalists," Messrs. Barton and Rowles, to decide the Wairarapa Championship. It is hoped to give the final result on a later page of this book.

Wellington Chess Club.

Motto: "Long Live the King." (These words are shown on a ribbon entwined round a Staunton King.)
 Founded: June 16th, 1876. (See paragraph headed "Early Wellington Chess.")
 Membership: Active, 38; Honorary, 4; Life, 1 (W. F. Barraud).
 Meets at 52, Cuba Street, on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 7.30 p.m.
 Hon. Secretary: W. Toomath, 7 Aurora Terrace.
 Hon. Treasurer: A. Gyles, senior.
 President: W. Mackay.
 Vice-Presidents: Messrs. H. G. Lee (formerly of the Bath C.C.), E. S. Taylor (formerly of the Ludgate Circus C.C., London), and F. K. Kelling.

Committee: W. E. Mason, H. Jessup, T. Fouhy, W. White, and D. Purchas.

Matches played in 1920: Wellington 11 v. Canterbury 6, Wellington 11½ v. Masterton 5½, Wellington 13½ v. Auckland 6½, and Wellington 8½ v. Otago 5½. The match v. Auckland created exceptional interest, as these clubs had not opposed each other since 1904.

Matches played in 1921: Wellington 21½ v. Wairarapa 22½, Wellington 9 v. Canterbury 7, Wellington 10½ v. Otago 6½, and Wellington 9½ v. Auckland 10½.

After being in abeyance for about a decade, the Annual Championship Tourney was revived during the year 1918, the holders of the Club Championship being as follow:—1919 A. W. O. Davies, 1920 R. J. Barnes, 1921 W. E. Mason, 1922 R. J. Barnes.

“Intermediate” and “Junior” Championships have been added to the Club’s programme during the current year.

Handicap Tourneys for trophies given by the late Mr. E. W. Petherick (a former President) have resulted as follows:—(a) Gold Medal, won by F. W. Collins in 1902; (b) Petherick Trophy No. 1 (a handsome shield), was won outright by Mr. R. J. Barnes in 1908, the winners’ names engraved on it being: 1903 C. W. Tanner, 1904 R. J. Barnes, 1905 A. W. Gyles, 1906 R. J. Barnes, 1907 H. Jessup, and 1908 R. J. Barnes; (c) Petherick Trophy No. 2 (which cannot be won outright): 1909 W. E. Mason, 1910 R. J. Barnes, 1911 A. Gyles, senr., 1912 R. J. Barnes, 1913, W. Cowper Hill (who was killed in France in September, 1916), 1914 W. White, 1915 no contest, 1916 W. White, 1917 E. S. Taylor, 1918 A. W. O. Davies, 1919 E. S. Taylor, 1920 H. Jessup, and 1921 E. S. Taylor. It will be noted that Mr. E. S. Taylor (who formerly belonged to the Ludgate Circus Chess Club in London) scored his three wins in “odd” years, while Mr. Barnes scored his five wins in “even” years.

Early Wellington Chess.

The first Wellington Chess Club was founded on 20th June, 1866, by Mr. C. P. Powles, who was its first Hon. Secretary. Most of the members belonged to St. Paul’s Church, which had been consecrated a fortnight earlier. “The Wellington Independent” of Saturday, 23rd June, 1866, says:—“We have much pleasure in recording the establishment of the Wellington Chess Club. The want of such a club has long been felt, and for some time past its formation has been under consideration. On Wednesday evening last a meeting was held at the Athenaeum, at which the Club was inaugurated. Looking to the names of those gentlemen with whom we understand the idea first originated, we feel sure the Club will prove a success. The Bishop of Wellington has kindly offered the use of his Diocesan Room, Thorndon, and the Committee of the Athenaeum has also placed one of its rooms at the disposal of the Club.”

“The Wellington Independent” of 31st July, 1876, says:—“We perceive that the Wellington Chess Club is advertising for a room, comfortably furnished, and about the locality of the Oddfellow’s Hall. Hitherto its meetings have been held in one of the rooms of the Athenaeum, but either from the fact of the room being barely furnished, and not over comfortable, or some other cause, the attendance has not been such as might be desired. It is therefore intended to obtain, if possible, a more inviting apartment, and we believe the efforts of coffee is thought of. We trust that the efforts of the Committee will meet with success, and that the Club, which already numbers about 25 members, may increase and prosper. There are now established Chess Clubs in most of the principal cities of New Zealand, while two of them, viz., Christchurch and Nelson, are engaged in a match “by telegraph.” The Athenaeum referred to above is now known as the Exchange Buildings (on Lambton Quay).

This Club lapsed in the early seventies. At least two of its members are still living in Wellington, viz., Mr. C. P. Powles and Mr. Montague Mosley. The Club could not have been in existence in 1875, otherwise all the work of founding the present club in 1876 would not have been necessary.

The Present Wellington Chess Club.

In the early part of the year 1876 a chess match was arranged between "The Town" and "The Civil Service." After a hard fight, the former won by one game. There was an exciting finish, the final score being: Town 24, Civil Service 23, drawn 3. To celebrate this match, a dinner was held in the old Panama Hotel, Taranaki Street, on Friday, 16th June, 1876, and it was at this function that the present Wellington Chess Club was formed. The Report in the "N.Z. Mail" says:—"The Chess dinner on Friday night at the Panama Hotel was a great success, and a most enjoyable affair throughout. Over thirty gentlemen sat down to table which was provided in the best style by Mr. Light, the proprietor of the hotel. The various toasts on the programme were well proposed and responded to, especially that of 'Chess Players all over the world,' which was proposed by Mr. Benbow in a most exhaustive speech. Mr. Hullett, in responding for the losers (Civil Service), was most humorous. The health of Mr. Hunter, who had kindly given the use of rooms for playing the recent matches in, was drunk with enthusiasm, and suitably replied to, Mr. Hunter expressing his desire to do anything that could further the interests of chess players. Mr. Ellaby responded for 'The Winners' (proposed by Mr. Orbell).

"At the dinner it was agreed to form a Chess Club for Wellington, and, prompt steps being taken, nearly thirty members enrolled themselves. When officers were elected as follows:—President: Mr. George Hunter, M.H.R.; Vice-President: Mr. C. W. Benbow; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. Whitem;

"Hon. Secretary: Mr. W. T. Thane; Committee: Messrs. Ellaby, W. F. Kennedy, G. Didsbury, E. Reeves, and Charles White. During the evening some capital songs and recitations were given."

The "Evening Post" of Saturday, 17th June, 1876, says:—"A Wellington Chess Club was formed last night, when 30 members were enrolled." Then follows a list of the officers elected (given above) and a reference to the Chess dinner, "which took place at the Panama Hotel last evening, and passed off with the utmost success. Appropriate toasts were proposed and duly honoured, etc." The "Post" and "N.Z. Mail" reports of the founding of the Club agree in every respect.

An energetic canvass was made at the outset by Mr. W. F. Barraud and the late Mr. Edward Reeves, and was so successful that the membership had increased from 30 to 80 a week after the Club was founded. The first item of interest was a match between Mr. C. W. Benbow, the Club Champion, and Mr. H. H. Lusk, an Auckland member of the House of Representatives, who was in Wellington, as Parliament was in session. The final tally was: Benbow 2½, Lusk ½. The Club's first match was against a Parliamentary team in September, 1876, the Club being represented by Messrs. C. W. Benbow, E. Reeves, W. R. E. Brown, W. Skey, and H. H. Orbell. Messrs. John Ballance, John Bryce, and Lusk, W. L. Rees, and Dr. Greenwood represented Parliament. Five full rounds were played, i.e., each player met the five men in the opposite team. The final score was: Members of the House 12, Wellington Chess Club 11, drawn 2. The strongest players were Mr. Benbow (5—0) and the Hon. John Ballance (4—1). The last stage of the match was delayed, as Mr. Rees, an Auckland M.H.R., naturally wanted a rest after speaking without a break for 12 hours and 40 minutes in a stonewall that was going on in the House at the time! The Wellington Chess Club had its revenge in the following month, when a consultation game between members of Par-

liament (Messrs. Ballance, Bryce, and Lusk) and the Club (Messrs. Benbow, W. R. E. Brown, E. Reeves, W. Whittam, W. F. Kennedy, and E. C. Hulleit) ended in favour of the latter, who declined the King's Gambit, and scored a win at move 33. In the following year (1877) two more matches were played against the Parliamentarians, each side scoring a win. The Club's first telegraphic match was against Canterbury in 1879. Since then a large number of matches have been played, not only against Canterbury, but also against Otago and Auckland. Against each of these clubs Wellington can show more wins than losses. Stray matches against Rangitikei, Feilding, and Masterton have also enhanced the Club's very fine record. It was in June, 1911 ("Coronation Week") that a Wairarapa chess team was seen in Wellington for the first time. The visitors played against Working Men's Club, Wellington C.C., Kilbirnie C.C., and South Wellington C.C., in turn. The strain of playing hard matches on four successive evenings told on them, and prevented them from doing as well as was expected.

The Club adopted the Ladder system in September, 1898. The Editor of this booklet soon received benefit from this novelty, for he parted with three rungs in the first two months, losing in quick succession rung 8 to W. Brown (a Congress veteran), rung 9 to B. B. Allen (afterwards President and champion of the Wellington South C.C.), and rung 10 to J. A. Connell (a well-known Congress player, and former Hon. Secretary of N.Z. Chess Association). "Facilis Descensus." The Club's new rule allowing a member to challenge any one of the three players immediately above him on the ladder has greatly increased the popularity of this form of contest.

During the forty-six years of its existence, the Club has had ten Presidents and fifteen different "habitations." As already stated, the late Mr.

George Hunter, M.H.R., was the first President. He was succeeded by the late Hon. John Ballance, a New Zealand Prime Minister, who showed great interest in the doings of the Club. The next President was the late Hon. John Bryce, who represented Wanganui in Parliament, and was a member of three successive Ministries. The succeeding Presidents were: The late Mr. C. W. Benbow (1881 till his death in March, 1908), the late Mr. E. W. Petherick (1908-1913), Mr. F. K. Kelling (1913-4), Mr. W. F. Barraud (1914-5), the late Mr. A. G. Fell (1915) till his death in February, 1917, Mr. C. W. Tanner (1917-8), and Mr. W. Mackay (1918 to date). Many of those who have passed away are referred to in the "Obituaries" at the end of this book. Mr. W. F. Barraud has for some years past been the only foundation member on the Club's books, and he is the Club's only life-member. Mr. C. W. Tanner has for several terms done good work as Hon. Secretary of the N.Z. Chess Association. Mr. W. Mackay, the Club's present highly esteemed President, has at least four things in common with the Club Champion, Mr. R. J. Barnes, viz., they are both ex-champions of New Zealand, they were both born in Victoria, they both removed to Dunedin at a very early age, and they both settled in Wellington as young men. Mr. Barnes was recently felicitated by members on the occasion of his silver wedding; the good wishes of 25 years ago being very heartily renewed.

The Club's first meeting place was in the late Mr. George Hunter's large room in Custom House Quay. The "Evening Post" of Monday, 3rd July, 1876, announced that meetings would take place until further notice at Mr. Hunter's rooms, in Custom House Quay every Monday evening, at 7.30 p.m., beginning on that day, and added: "Members are requested to bring their own boards and chessmen until the club can procure a supply." Two months later Mr. Budge, who was a tobacconist in Willis Street, allowed the club to hold its gatherings

in one of his elegantly furnished saloons on Saturday evenings. These were the most luxurious quarters the club has ever had, and it was with great regret that a change had to be made a year later, owing to Mr. Budge giving up the business. For some time afterwards the meetings were held in a room in Panama Street, part of the offices in the occupation of Mr. Charles White. The next removal was to a dingy upstairs room in the old building at the corner of Willis Street and Harbour Street (now Willeston Street). The club was "housed" here when the present writer joined up in 1882. The shop of Boeddinghaus, a tobacconist, was on the ground floor, on the site now occupied by the Railway Department's town office. This old building in course of time gave way to the present six-storey edifice, known as "King's Chambers." In the early eighties desirable rooms were hard to get, and in proof of this it may be mentioned that the Committee of the Wellington Club permitted the Chess Club to hold several of its meetings in their strangers' room, as no other quarters could be found. From 1883 onwards the club met in the Chamber of Commerce (then situated on Lambton Quay, near Harcourt's corner). Later on Messrs. Cook and Gray kindly allowed the club to meet in their Board Room in Featherston Street. The next trek was to the Exchange Buildings. In April, 1887, it was decided to rent Room 4 on the top floor for two nights a week at a cost of £25 p.a., inclusive of gas. It was here in October, 1887, that members saw New Zealand's most distinguished chess visitor, viz., Count Von der Lasa, a retired German Ambassador, who had some fifteen years earlier been referred to in "The Chess Journal" as "the first living authority upon the theory of chess." He enjoyed a world-wide reputation, both for his skill as a player, and for his literary work. In 1843 he, in conjunction with Von Bilguer, produced the well-known German "Handbuch." At that time the Count was regarded as second to no player in Europe, and he was

the leader of the famous Berlin School of Players, playfully known as the Pleiades, or Seven Stars of Berlin. His chess library was one of the largest in the world—the catalogue comprising over 3,300 numbers. The Count was the guest of His Excellency the Governor, but he found time during his brief stay in Wellington to play two games with the Club's President, Mr. C. W. Benbow, who had been the dominant figure in New Zealand chess for some years, after his arrival from England in 1875. Both games were drawn. The first game (Ray Lopez) was played on 11th October, 1887, and drawn at move 42. The second game (Centre Counter) was played on the following day, a draw being agreed to at move 37.

The distinguished visitor was about 70 years of age at this time, but looked much younger—at any rate, that was the impression he made on the Editor of this booklet.

From the Exchange Buildings the club moved to the Education Board's Buildings, hiring a room in Wakefield Street from the Industrial Association. This was a bare, cold, and generally uninviting place—in fact the surroundings were so cheerless that there was an alarming loss of members, and something had to be done to preserve the club. Consequently a trek was made on 1st October, 1901, to the Trocadero in Willis Street, near the premises of John Duthie & Co. Refreshments were procurable in this place, and there was soon a gratifying increase in membership. Unfortunately a fire occurred that destroyed much of the Club's plant, and made it necessary to look for new quarters. On 14th February, 1902, the Club removed to Christeson's Building, 21b Willis Street (a few doors from the Carlton Hotel), and shared a room with the Insurance Institute. A dozen new Staunton sets and some boards were bought with the proceeds of the Club's fire insurance policy. In April, 1905, the Insurance Insti-

tate decided to give up this room, and the Committee had consequently once more to look round for a new habitation. On Friday, May 12th, 1905, the Club opened its season, and also its new room, at 88 Manners Street (over the London Piano rooms, and opposite to Hall's Turkish Baths). A sides match followed Mr. Benbow's address, Mr. W. E. Mason's team defeating Mr. A. W. O. Davies's side (12—9). It was not till the proprietor gave up the piano business, nearly five years later, that another move had to be made. On Saturday, February 12th, 1910, the members met for the first time in the King's Chambers, having made arrangements with the late Mr. A. G. Fell to use his offices on the mezzanine floor. This room was practically on the same spot as the room over the shop of Mr. Boedinghaus that the Club used in 1882. Four years later Mr. Fell retired from business, and on Saturday, June 13th, 1914, the Club made a start in new surroundings on the ground floor of the Y.M.C.A. building in Upper Willis Street. When the Great War was over the Y.M.C.A. authorities were no longer able to spare a room for the use of the Chess Club, which accordingly trekked to its present room at 52 Cuba Street on Wednesday, 11th June, 1919.

It is regretted that Wellington has not had a chess column for many years. The column in the "N.Z. Mail" was commenced in 1876, Mr. E. C. Hullett being the first Editor. He was succeeded in February, 1880, by Mr. C. W. Benbow, who conducted the chess column with outstanding ability for more than two decades. In his connection the Cyclopaedia of New Zealand (1897) remarks: "Mr. Benbow has for many years past had charge of the chess column in the 'New Zealand Mail.' The 'Mail' is to be congratulated, therefore, on having, in one department at least, the highest talent that the Colony can supply as a composer of problems, as in other branches of the game, Mr. Benbow many years ago made for himself a prominent position among the first stars of England."

In the few short years between the retirement of Mr Benbow, in 1903, and the "Mail's" ceasing publication in 1907, the column was edited in turn by Messrs. A. W. O. Davies, J. F. Pearson, and J. D. Sievwright. For some time past the North Island has not had a chess column.

Wellington Working Men's Club and Literary Institute.

The chess section of the above Club was put on an organised basis in 1888. The chess players of this Club have for many years past constituted one of the senior clubs of the New Zealand Chess Association. Away back in the "eighties" the playing of both chess and draughts flourished in the Club under the Presidency of the late Mr. George Fisher, M.H.R., who was a strong exponent of both games. His successors in the Presidential chair have all done their best to foster and encourage these games, which have been regularly and liberally catered for by successive Executives ever since 1888.

Members meet for play in one of the rooms of the Club, which is always open for this purpose.

President: A. E. Ballard.

Hon. Secretary: H. E. Long.

Hon. Treasurer: T. Costello.

Hon. Reporter: F. K. Kelling.

Match Committee: J. Burgess, H. Douglas, and H. M. Rosenberg.

Referee: W. Mackay (President of Wellington C.C.).

Tourneys in 1920—Annual Handicap (5 prizes): J. Burgess 1, S. Faulknor 2, W. White 3, C. T. Edmunds 4, and P. Bitossi 5. As Mr. Burgess had also come out first in the previous year, he won Mr. H. Douglas's handsome trophy outright. The Club's Evans' Gambit Tourney was won by F. H. Ryan.

Tourneys in 1921—Annual Handicap (4 prizes): W. White 1, J. Burgess 2, C. T. Edmunds 3, and H.

M. Rosenberg 4. The Club's Summer Tourney was won by C. T. Edmunds.

Matches in 1920: W.M. Club $7\frac{1}{2}$ v. Wellington South $12\frac{1}{2}$, W.M. Club $5\frac{1}{2}$ v. Watersiders $7\frac{1}{2}$, W.M. Club $9\frac{1}{2}$ v. Ngaio $4\frac{1}{2}$.

Matches in 1921: W.M. Club $5\frac{1}{2}$ v. Ngaio $8\frac{1}{2}$, W.M. Club $7\frac{1}{2}$ v. Ngaio $8\frac{1}{2}$, W.M. Club $9\frac{1}{2}$ v. Wellington South $5\frac{1}{2}$.

In its earlier years the Club had an annual fixture with the Wellington Chess Club, which the latter nearly always won. This fixture gave place to an annual match against Wellington South shortly after the latter club was formed. The Club has won a majority of these games, but is "one down" in its annual fixture v. Ngaio. Members have played two telegraphic matches, as follows: In 1894, W.M. Club $6\frac{1}{2}$ v. Rangitikei $\frac{1}{2}$; and in August, 1905, W.M. Club 9 v. Marlborough C.C. 4. At Easter, 1904, the Club sent a team of 14 players to Wanganui to contest a two-round match with the local Chess Club, the result being a tie—14 wins each. A match against the Wairarapa team that toured Wellington during Coronation Week (June 1911) was won by $5\frac{1}{2}$ games to $3\frac{1}{2}$. In the Wellington League matches of 1911, for which seven teams entered, the Working Men's Club came third, winning four matches and losing two. The "Easter Rally," held in Masterton in April, 1919, was won by the Club's team, the scores being as follow: W.M. Club $12\frac{1}{2}$ points, Wellington C.C. $11\frac{1}{2}$, Masterton $7\frac{1}{2}$, Wellington South 6, Wairarapa 5, and Wanganui $2\frac{1}{2}$. Amongst its own members, the Club has held two "territorial" matches, "Te Aro v. Rest of Club," each side winning once; and three "opening of season matches," in which the Captain's team has won every time.

It is worthy of note that the Club's membership has been represented at each of the Annual Championship Tourneys of New Zealand from 1888 onwards. Mr. W. Brown was a competitor in 1888, and Messrs. Barnes and Kelling have between them

kept up the continuity of representation ever since. Mr. Barnes has been the Club's Champion for more than three decades. The Club's first tourney was held in 1889, there being 18 competitors. Mr. F. K. Kelling won the first prize, a handsome Staunton set, that is still used in the Club's matches. It was presented by the late Mr. A. A. Stuart-Menteth, who at that time represented the Te Aro constituency in Parliament. The 1890 tourney was won by the late Mr. P. Frank Jacobsen, who was a prize-winner in New Zealand's first Congress (1879).

Wellington South Chess Club.

Founded on June 8th, 1905, by the late Mr. J. W. F. McDougall (vide "Obituaries"), who received valued assistance from Mr. A. W. O. Davies, the then Champion of New Zealand.

Meets on Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m., at the Newtown Public Library.

Membership: About 20.

Hon. Secretary: H. H. Hart, c/o "Free Lance" office, Panama Street, Wellington.

President: W. Berry (who has held office since the death of Mr. W. Armstrong, two years ago).

Vice-Presidents: Dr. J. H. Kemp, and Messrs. W. B. P. Perrott, A. Clark, D. Purchas, and F. K. Kelling.

Committee: H. Douglas, J. E. Round, and W. B. Clark, with the above-named officers, ex-officio.

Matches in 1920: Wellington South $12\frac{1}{2}$ v. Working Men's Club $7\frac{1}{2}$; Wellington S. 16, v. Masterton 14; and Wellington S. 6, v. Ngaio 6.

Matches in 1921: Wellington S. $5\frac{1}{2}$ v. Working Men's Club $9\frac{1}{2}$; Wellington S. $5\frac{1}{2}$ v. Ngaio $7\frac{1}{2}$; Wellington S. 7, v. Ngaio 7.

The Club's 1921 Handicap Tourney was won by Mr. D. Purchas, who has given the Silver Knight Trophy back for further competition, thus following the generous example of Mr. B. B. Allen, a former

President, who won the trophy outright a few years ago.

An annual Championship contest was inaugurated in 1916. Mr. G. P. Anderson won the title in 1917 and 1918; Mr. D. Purchas (the present holder) was victorious in 1916 and 1919. The title was not played for in 1920 and 1921.

The various winners in this Club's annual handicap tourney are as follow:—1905, G. H. Loney; 1906, H. Welton; 1907, W. Featonby; 1908 and 1910, E. A. Hicks; 1909, 1911, and 1912, B. B. Allen; 1913, H. J. Thompson; 1914, W. B. P. Perrott; 1915, A. Clark; 1916, 1919, and 1921, D. Purchas; 1917 and 1918, G. P. Anderson. No tourney was held in 1920.

For ten years past the Club has had an annual fixture with Masterton, generally held on Labour Day. Wellington South has won most of these matches, and also has a useful credit balance in its "home and home" fixture against Ngaio. On the other hand, there is a small debit balance as regards the annual fixture with the Working Men's Club.

The Club's last Annual Report made suitable reference to the deaths of Messrs. J. W. F. McDougall (the founder) and W. J. Harper (for many years an esteemed Vice-President, and one of the Club's strongest players). In the seventeen years of its existence, the Club has only once changed its room, viz., in May, 1909, when members ceased to meet in the small schoolroom at the back of St. Thomas's Church, and moved to their present quarters.

The Ngaio Club.

Founded in 1912.

Meets on Monday evenings in the Public School-room.

Membership: 16.

Hon. Secretary: H. Prince, c/o Combined Buyers' Ltd., Dixon Street, Wellington.

Hon. Treasurer: J. A. Glasgow.

Patrons: Messrs. R. A. Wright, M.P. (Mayor of Wellington), W. Watts, J. B. Lea, B. Lynneberg, and G. Mansford.

President: F. J. Brooker (formerly of the Canterbury and Oamaru Clubs).

Vice-Presidents: E. Hicks and E. E. Hicks.

Committee: W. J. Hicks, G. G. Lowe, and the executive officers.

Tourneys in 1920—Club Championship: G. A. Jones. Handicap: 1st Class, F. J. Brooker; 2nd Class, R. D. Stevens. First Lightning Tourney (30 seconds): R. D. Hanger 1, H. Prince 2. Second Lightning Tourney (10 seconds): F. J. Brooker 1, S. Westbrooke 2.

Tourneys in 1921—Championship: J. Lindsay (who is thus first holder of the gold medal presented by Mr. William Watts). Handicap: 1st Class, J. Lindsay 1, F. J. Brooker 2, and A. B. Topp 3; 2nd Class, J. A. Glasgow 1, A. I. Coleman 2. Lightning Tourney (10 seconds): F. J. Brooker.

Matches in 1920: Ngaio 9, v. Working Men's Club 7; Ngaio 5½, v. W.M. Club 8½; Ngaio 6, v. Wellington South 6.

Matches in 1921: Ngaio 7½, v. Wellington South 5½; Ngaio 7, v. Wellington South 7; Ngaio 8½, v. W.M. Club 5½; Ngaio 8½, v. W.M. Club 7½; Ngaio 9, v. Wellington Club's "B" team 7.

The annual handicap tourneys have been won as follows:—1913, H. V. Croxton (well known in rifle shooting circles as one of New Zealand's ex-champions); 1914, A. B. Topp; 1915, D. Wild; 1916, A. B. Topp; 1917, F. J. Brooker; 1918, H. L. James; 1919, W. J. Carman; 1920, F. J. Brooker; and 1921, J. Lindsay.

This young Club did very well last year, winning four matches and drawing one. It appears to have a bright future.

Wellington Chess League.

The above League, which was formed at the close of last year, is composed of the four local clubs, viz., the three City Clubs, and the Ngaio C.C. A series of senior and junior inter-club matches is being held, and this contest is to be followed by a tourney to decide the All-Wellington Championship, the entries being limited to the champions of the four clubs. Further activities are being planned for next year. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. S. Faulkner (address 56 Thompson Street, Wellington).

THE SOUTH ISLAND.

Nelson Chess Club.

The present Club was formed on July 2nd, 1912. Meets on Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m., at the Nelson Bowling Club's Pavilion.

Membership: 24.

Hon. Secretary: C. N. Wilkinson, 14 Grove Street, Nelson.

President: J. L. Harris.

Vice-President: R. C. Ellis.

Committee: E. H. Severne, G. F. Dodds, J. D. Kemp, G. T. Kemp, and A. Clausen.

Club Champion: E. H. Severne.

A Handicap Tourney was played last year, the prize-winners being: 1st, E. H. Severne; 2nd, B. Trathen; 3rd, J. D. Kemp.

Four matches were played in 1920, Nelson losing to Canterbury (4—10), to Oamaru ($4\frac{1}{2}$ — $5\frac{1}{2}$), and to Otago (4—9), and winning from Wanganui ($9\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$).

Four matches were also played in 1921, as follows:—Nelson $4\frac{1}{2}$, v. Oamaru $7\frac{1}{2}$; Nelson 7, v. Otago 8; Nelson 7, v. Wanganui 8; and Nelson $6\frac{1}{2}$, v. Canterbury $5\frac{1}{2}$.

The Club sustained a great loss by the death of its President, Mr. A. E. Cresswell, on 9th October last. He was unable to finish his game against Wanganui, owing to an attack of pneumonia, which terminated fatally.

An earlier Nelson Chess Club existed more than fifty years ago. A two-game match was played against the Christchurch Chess Club in June, 1866, both games being won by Christchurch. It is generally conceded that this was the first match played by telegraph in the Southern Hemisphere. The idea of playing this match first occurred to the late Mr. Charles Janion, who was living in Nelson at the time that the telegraph line between the two centres was being completed. To celebrate the jubilee of this contest a second match was played in 1916, when Nelson scored a victory that was jocularly described as "a second Trafalgar, or Nelson's Revenge." Mr. J. A. Connell, a well-known Congress player, is one of Nelson's former chess champions. Some 26 years ago he won the first prize in a local tourney with the fine tally of 17 wins 1 loss. The Nelson v. Waimea fixture, that was very popular in the seventies, revealed the late Mr. H. A. Levestam, M.H.R., to be the strongest player in the district at that time.

Blenheim.—Marlborough Chess Club.

Formed in 1905 (with Mr. S. M. Neville as President, Mr. J. A. Connell as Captain, and Mr. G. H. Clutton as Hon. Secretary). Several players have left the district, but the "embers are being kept alive" by a small circle of enthusiasts, viz., Messrs. W. J. Elvy (Lands and Survey Department), W. Fairweather (Earl Street), D. Haswell (Dillon Street), and F. Thomson (Francis Street). It is hoped to resuscitate the Club in the near future.

Seddon.

Visitors to Seddon who are looking for a game of chess should call on Mr. J. H. Woolley, the County Clerk. He was formerly a member of the Wellington Chess Club, and was later on President of the Marlborough C.C.

Westport Chess Club.

This Club is dormant at present. Visitors desiring a game of chess might apply to Rev. Alex. Miller, of St. Andrew's Manse (a former Auckland Champion), or to Mr. T. E. Maunsell, the local Stipendiary Magistrate, who is also a very strong player.

Greymouth.

The two Chess Clubs that existed in Greymouth nine years ago have become dormant. An enthusiast visiting this centre is recommended to get in touch with Brigadier-General Meldrum, the local Stipendiary Magistrate, who was New Zealand's Champion in 1896, or with Mr. James Mulvey, Chief Postmaster, who was a prominent member of the Wellington South Chess Club when attached to the Head Office of his Department.

The West Coast was represented at New Zealand's first Congress (August 1879) by Mr. Charles Janion. To get to Christchurch from Kumara he had to travel by coach for a week in very cold weather, much snow being encountered on the journey. He consequently failed on that occasion to do justice to his undoubted powers. Soon after his arrival in Kumara, in October, 1877, he started a chess club, and quickly enrolled 40 members. In 1880 he organised a handicap tourney, in which there were no less than 35 competitors. An Australian paper described this as "the largest entrance list yet produced by Australian or New Zealand Chess." Mr. R. McKenzie, who won the first prize, was a well-known member of Parliament, having been Minister

for Mines in the Government of which the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon was such a distinguished Prime Minister. The second prize was won by Mr. Bennett, and the third by Mr. Weisner.

Cheviot.

The Cheviot Chess Club has been in a dormant state for the past two years, owing to several prominent players leaving the district. The members have consequently had to content themselves with the plan of meeting once a week at one another's residences. It is hoped to re-form the Club at an early date. Meanwhile visitors looking for a game of chess might apply to any of the following:—Dr. A. M. Saunders, or Messrs. Westropp, Rentoul (chemist), Cottrell (County Clerk), and Rev. Mr. Dyer.

CHRISTCHURCH.**Canterbury Chess Club.**

Motto: "Ingenio contenditur," with the device of a Staunton Knight.

Foundation: The Club came into existence in January, 1866, as "The Christchurch Chess Club," and played in the first telegraph match in the Southern Hemisphere in that year against the old "Nelson Chess Club." Name altered to the "Canterbury Chess Club" in October, 1879, when the present constitution was drawn up, etc.

Membership: 74.

Club officially meets on Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday of each week, at 7 p.m. Members have the use of the rooms on other nights and in the daytime for special matches, etc.

Club Rooms: Inglis's Buildings, corner of Cashel and High Streets. In 1920 the Club was enabled to procure their present premises, leasing two large rooms on the top floor of the building. One room has been sub-let by the Club, but it is proposed

to shortly take over this room for club nights, etc., merely letting it part time. Through the generosity of members during the past two years, much has been done toward furnishing the rooms; floors have been covered, walls papered, water and electric light have been installed, a private permanent telegraph wire has been laid on by the Telegraph Authorities, complete with batteries, etc. A supper kitchenette, with the necessary appurtenances, has been fitted to the room, while chairs have been procured, tables re-polished, and damaged chessmen and boards have been repaired, and broken sets of pieces made complete with specially made chessmen. To complete the furnishing, the Committee estimate will cost an additional £50, and a fund open for this amount is already meeting with generous support.

The subscription is £1 per annum. The Committee decided to increase this provided it was upheld by at least a two-thirds majority of the members. All members were circularised in November last, the result being a bare three-fifths majority for the increase, which proposal was therefore dropped.

President: H. L. Anderson, 175 Manchester Street, City.

Hon. Secretary: Roy Lovell-Smith, 134 Hereford Street, City.

Hon. Treasurer: Hans Kennedy, 311 Montreal Street, City.

Vice-Presidents: R. A. Joseph and Rev. N. Friberg.

Assistant-Secretary: C. L. Hart.

Hon. Librarian: F. Woodford.

General Committee: T. Hawkins, H. J. Quarrell, J. O. Chapman, E. L. Wilson, W. F. Robinson.

Club Champion: H. L. Andersen.

Previous recent Club Champions (since records have been kept): 1906 H. J. Nightingale, 1906 M. S. Stewart, 1907 M. S. Stewart, 1907 Ben Parker, 1908

M. S. Stewart, 1909 V. G. Day, 1910 H. J. Nightingale, 1911 H. J. Nightingale, 1912 E. H. Severne, 1913 E. H. Severne, 1914 E. H. Severne, 1915 E. H. Severne, 1916 E. H. Severne, 1917 Hans Kennedy, 1918 H. L. Andersen, 1919 E. H. Severne, 1920 H. L. Andersen, 1921 H. L. Andersen.

Tournaments in 1920: President's (V. G. Day) Tourney: 1st A. Clark, 2nd E. J. Greenstreet, 3rd E. L. Wilson. Club Championship Tourney: 1st H. L. Andersen, 2nd T. Hawkins, 3rd Dirk Pihl.

Matches in 1920: Lost to Wellington C.C. by 6 to 11, lost to Otago Chess Club by $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $10\frac{1}{2}$, lost to Auckland C.C. by $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $10\frac{1}{2}$, won against Nelson C.C. by $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$.

Tournaments in 1921: Winter Tourney (30 entrants): 1st, H. L. Andersen, $24\frac{1}{2}$ points; 2nd, E. L. Wilson, 24 points; 3rd, H. Kennedy, 23 points; 4th, F. Woodford, $22\frac{1}{2}$ points.

Matches in 1921: Lost to Wellington C.C. by 7 to 9, lost to Nelson C.C. by $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$, lost to Otago C.C. by 6 to 10, lost to Auckland C.C. by 6 to 10, won against Masterton by 10 to 6.

Ladder rules have been recently altered, making one win decide a match, and shortening the time before a player can re-challenge the same player for the same rung to one month. This has benefited ladder play very much.

The last few months a Silver Challenge Rook has been "going the rounds." It was presented for handicap play under certain conditions. The holder has to accept immediately any challenge given before nine o'clock on a Club night. No challenge can be booked. One win decides a match, when the Rook goes immediately to the winner. If a player wins four times running he goes up a Class; if he sustains two more challenges at the increased odds he wins the trophy outright. So far the rook has only been won outright once, and every Club night there are "Rook" matches.

Club Roll of Honour for the Great War: E. G. Baxter (killed in action); G. L. Barclay (killed in action), F. H. Cumberworth, L. J. Darwin (wounded), J. G. Irwin, E. H. Severne, A. C. Twyford.

The Christchurch v. Nelson telegraphic contest in 1866 is referred to in the notes relating to the Nelson C.C. Messrs. C. Janion, J. Hounsell, and Dr. Greenwood, then Principal of Nelson College, conducted the two games on behalf of Nelson. The players who represented the Christchurch Club 56 years ago were not mentioned in the newspaper reports of the match, but it is believed that they were Messrs. J. Colborne Veel, H. J. Tancred, and W. D. Wood. Three players consulted in each city twice a week, and both games were won by Christchurch, after a three months' struggle. According to "The Colonist" of 11th September, 1866, Nelson had a marked advantage in one game until two of her experts were obliged to be absent on business in Wellington. When their backs were turned there was "a foolish attack that was fatal." Evidently the Christchurch trench was rushed prematurely. In the return match of fifty years later (1916), the Canterbury team included Mr. A. Joyce, who was one of those who founded the Christchurch Chess Club in January, 1866.

Mr. C. L. Wiggins, who is still a member of the Canterbury C.C., formed a Chess Club in Akaroa in 1866.

In his highly valued contribution to "The Australian Chess Annual" (1896), Mr. Johannes C. Andersen (who is now in charge of the Turnbull Library, in Wellington), writes:—"In or about 1869 the first telegraphic chess match was played between Canterbury and Otago. In 1870 the Championship for Canterbury was contested by representatives from the Kaiapoi, Christchurch, and Lyttelton Clubs, and was won by Mr. H. Hookham for the Kaiapoi Club. In 1876 there was a second notable telegraph match, this time between Auck-

land and Otago. (See Auckland notes.—Editor.) The real beginning of vigorous chess life in New Zealand, however, was when, in 1879, the first championship tournament of New Zealand was held. Mr. P. F. Jacobsen, of Christchurch, was especially energetic in bringing it about. He, with others, raised a subscription of £105 for the purpose of holding this tournament, and Christchurch in 1879 was the scene of the first chess championship tournament in Australasia." In a paragraph relating to New Zealand chess columns, the same writer says of Christchurch:—"The Chess column in the 'Canterbury Times' first appeared on April 7, 1877, edited by Mr. P. F. Jacobsen, and by Mr. H. Hookham since August, 1882. The 'Weekly Press,' of Christchurch, began a column in August, 1886, from which time till now Mr. A. Cant has edited it." It may be added that the "Weekly Press" proprietary is to be congratulated on still having its column conducted by Mr. Cant, who has thus been "in harness" for no less than 36 years! He was for many years a most capable and energetic Hon. Secretary of the Canterbury Chess Club, a description that also applies to Mr. Roy Lovell-Smith, the Club's present Hon. Secretary, and to Mr. F. J. Brooker, a former Executive officer, who is now President of the Ngaio C.C. The "Canterbury Times" became defunct during the Great War, but its weekly chess column is being continued in the Christchurch "Star." It has for many years been very ably conducted by Mr. W. S. King (who is a most versatile citizen. Besides being a strong player and a good problemist, he is well known in rifle shooting circles as a former New Zealand champion, and in the domain of music as a bandmaster, and a judge in band contests.

The numerical notation, formulated by Mr. J. C. Roll, of Kaiapoi, which is widely known as the Koll-Kieseritzky notation, has been universally adopted in New Zealand telegraphic matches since 1886.

Timaru Chess Club.

Founded: August 15, 1879.

Meets on Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m., at the Arcade Rooms.

Patron: R. R. Taylor.

President: J. E. Munro.

Vice-Presidents: G. P. Wood and M. J. Doyle.

Committee: S. T. Crook, J. L. Howard, D. N. Harper, D. Halpin, A. C. Jones, W. B. Rendall, and A. M. Paterson.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: C. F. Williams.

Last year the club had no matches, nor were any tourneys held. Members are hoping to shortly resume the active programme of pre-war days.

Fairlie Chess Club.

Founded in May, 1919, by Rev. B. G. Fox (now of Halkett, near Christchurch).

President: R. L. Banks.

Vice-Presidents: W. F. Hamilton, H. A. Le Cren, and F. R. Gillingham.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: A. W. Price.

There are at time of writing 19 members on the roll, viz., Messrs E. Macdonald, C. W. Isitt, R. L. Banks, J. Trotter, R. Cartwright, F. Isitt, F. C. Scanes, J. Braddick, D. Annan, R. E. Gillingham, A. W. Price, A. Campbell, J. Macdonald, J. Campbell, D. Le Cren, H. Foden, A. Creighton, C. J. Talbot, and A. Pickering.

Last year members contented themselves with team matches. They hope to "go one better" in the near future.

Geraldine Chess Club.

Founded on May 9, 1921, with fifteen members.

President: Rev. F. A. Crawshaw.

Vice-President: T. Hughes.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: B. Hayes.

Committee: E. Hardecastle, M. G. Williams, F. R. Mulholland, T. Sherratt, and Yelverton.

Mr. Hardecastle was appointed Club Captain and Coach.

The Committee was to endeavour to make arrangements with the Y.M.C.A. for the use of a room for play.

Oamaru Chess Club.

Formed more than 35 years ago.

Members meet on Tuesdays and Saturdays at the Athenaeum.

Hon. Secretary: J. W. Mackisack, Ithen Street, Oamaru.

President: A. Gow.

Vice-President: L. J. K. Familton.

Committee: Officers, ex officio, and Messrs. Findlay, Daw, Earl, Humphries and Marshall.

Club Champion: J. B. Dunlop.

The 1921 Tourney had not reached finality at time of writing. Matches played in 1921 resulted as follows: Oamaru 5½ v. Otago 4½; Oamaru 7½ v. Nelson 4½, and Oamaru 4 v. Otago 4.

The Oamaru Chess Club has a fine record, having been very successful in its matches against other clubs for many years past. As mentioned elsewhere, it has provided the winner of New Zealand's last two Championship Congresses, in the person of Mr. J. B. Dunlop, whose fine play is greatly appreciated, not only in New Zealand, but "further afield." The tribute paid to his skill in the "British Chess Magazine," for the month of May, is well deserved, and has given much pleasure to Dominion enthusiasts.

Mr. W. A. S. Willeox (Chief Postmaster) won the Oamaru Championship in the two years preceding Mr. Dunlop's arrival, viz., in 1912 and 1913.

In 1887 the Oamaru Club drew a 10-aside match against Invercargill (5-5), the Oamaru team consisting of Dr. De Lautour, Mr. Taylor, Major Sumpter, and Messrs. Banks, Gibbs, Davis, Sumpter (Junior), H. Lee (Hon. Secretary), Sanderson and Price.

In 1896 the Club's Officers were: President: Rev. Canon Gould; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: W. S. King; Committee: F. Clayton, G. F. Francis, F. C. Crump, with President and Secretary, ex officio.

Members (who numbered 20) then met on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Kahanga Club Rooms.

The Australian Chess Annual (1896) says that the chess column in "The Oamaru Mail" started in August, 1892, with Mr. W. S. King as editor, and that the column in the "North Otago Times" was begun in September, 1892, with Mr. W. D. Burns as editor. The latter is still a resident of Oamaru. These were both discontinued some years ago, but the revival of the latter column was promised at the reception given to Mr. Dunlop in January last, on his return from the Auckland Congress.

DUNEDIN.

Otago Chess Club.

The coat of arms adopted by the club has been described as follows: "Queen and two pawns proper argent on a field sable. In a bordure argent is inscribed the motto: 'mind your P's and Q's.'"

Membership: 43. Members meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7.30 p.m., in Mr. Diver's offices, Grand Picture Palace Buildings, 193 Princes Street, Dunedin.

Hon. Secretary: A. G. Grabham, P.O. Box 23, Dunedin.

President: T. M. Gillies.

Vice-Presidents: R. J. Penrose and A. W. O. Davies.

Hon. Treasurer: W. H. Allen.
Committee: R. A. Cleland, O. Balk, S. S. Myers, H. H. Henderson, W. G. Stenhouse, and J. M. Lawson.

Auditor: G. D. Wright.

Hon. Solicitor: J. Lang.

Tourneys in 1920: Mr. A. W. O. Davies is to be congratulated on scoring a big "double," winning both the Club Championship and also the annual Handicap event. Mr. H. H. Henderson won the Junior Championship.

Tourneys in 1921: Mr. A. W. O. Davies, who holds a fine record in Dominion chess, repeated his excellent performance of the previous year by again winning both the Championship and Handicap tourneys. The Junior Championship was annexed by Mr. J. M. Botting.

Matches in 1920: Otago 10, v. Canterbury 5; Otago 3, v. Auckland 9; Otago 5½, v. Oamaru 4½; Otago 9, v. Nelson 4; and Otago 5½, v. Wellington 8½.

Matches in 1921: Otago 8, v. Auckland 8; Otago 6½, v. Masterton 7½; Otago 6½, v. Wellington 10½; Otago 8, v. Nelson 7; Otago 10, v. Canterbury 6. Two "over-the-board" matches were played against Oamaru, Otago drawing one and winning the other.

The Club possesses a very valuable library, which in the main has been bequeathed by Messrs. Poenicke, D. Forsyth, and George Brown, and also an interesting and historic set of photographs. The names of the Club Champions are inscribed on the John Mouat Memorial Clock, which perpetuates the memory of one of the fathers of chess in Dunedin. Framed records are kept showing the names of the Club's Presidents and Senior and Junior Champions.

Past-Presidents: 1884-1887 E. C. Quick. 1888-9 C. S. Reeves. 1890-93 Dr. Stenhouse. 1894 R. A. Cleland. 1895 W. Elder. 1896 H. J. Cleland. 1897 Canon

King, 1898 O. Balk, 1899 J. Edwards, 1900 A. R. Barclay, 1901 L. Warsaw, 1902 J. T. Johnstone, 1903 J. Crow, 1904 J. Stone, 1905 A. Chadowski, 1906 S. S. Myers, 1907 J. H. F. Hamel, 1908 G. D. Wright, 1909 J. J. Marlow, 1910 A. Ellis, 1911 F. J. Mouat, 1912 H. J. Armstrong, 1913 Archdeacon Gould, 1914 P. McLaurin, 1915 D. Harris Hastings, 1916 L. D. Coombs, 1917 W. H. Allen, 1918 R. A. Cleland, 1919 H. H. Henderson, 1920 Rev. N. Friberg, 1921 T. M. Gillies.

Club Champions: R. A. Cleland, in 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1909, 1911 and 1917; H. Lyders, in 1898; O. Balk, in 1899, 1903, and 1913; J. Edwards, in 1900; F. W. Clayton, in 1901; D. Forsyth, in 1902, 1904, 1905 and 1907; A. Mellor, in 1906; G. F. Dodds, in 1908; J. B. Dunlop, in 1910; H. J. Armstrong, in 1912, 1914, 1915 and 1916; L. D. Coombs, in 1918 and 1919; A. W. O. Davies, in 1920 and 1921.

Early Dunedin Chess.

Mr. O. Balk, of Dunedin, has kindly supplied some very interesting notes, to which I am mainly indebted for the following remarks:—

The first Dunedin Chess Club was formed in 1865. The idea originated with Sir Robert Stout (then M.H.R. for Caversham, and now Chief Justice of New Zealand), who wrote a letter, signed "Rook," to the "Otago Daily Times," suggesting the formation of a Chess Club. This led to the founding of the Club, in which Sir Robert was assisted by Mr. Baldwin Pig (who afterwards changed his name to Mr. Baldwin) and Mr. Ferdinand Faithfull Begg. Mr. Begg became one of the most distinguished men in London, was chairman of the London Stock Exchange, and of the London Chamber of Commerce, a member of the House of Commons, and was looked upon as one of the greatest financial advisers in London. Latterly he has not been enjoying good health. In those far-

off days Dunedin had several other good chess players, among them Mr. Farjeon, the novelist, then sub-editor of "The Otago Daily Times," Dr. Yates, resident surgeon at the Hospital, Mr. Park, Mr. John Mouat, and Mr. David R. Hay. They met in the lower room of the Dunedin Athenaeum, at the corner of Manse Street. This Club seems to have been moribund by the year 1875, as a fresh beginning was then made, and the "first annual meeting" held in 1876. It is recorded that on August 10, 1875, a meeting was held in the Athenaeum, when a code of rules for the guidance of the new Club was approved, and officers were chosen as follows:—President, John Mouat; Secretary: Mr. Proctor; Treasurer: Mr. C. Janion; Committee: Messrs. Taylor, Johnson, J. S. Archer, and Worthington. Several gentlemen gave in their names as members, and it was decided to meet in one or more of the lower rooms of the Athenaeum. The first annual meeting, held on August 4, 1876, was quite a big affair. The annual report stated that telegraphic matches had been played with Auckland and with Lawrence, and that the membership had risen to 60. The following officers were elected:—President: A. F. Nixon (formerly of Auckland); Secretary: J. Scott Archer; Treasurer: C. Janion; Committee: Messrs. Hay, Mander, Dalm, and W. T. Grinstead. The business meeting was followed by a "most sumptuous supper" at Watson's Hotel. Complimentary speeches were made, toasts were honoured, and then dancing was indulged in till 3 o'clock. Later on a fatal "lean year" was encountered, and the Club unfortunately became defunct.

On June 9, 1884, the present Otago Chess Club was formed at a meeting held at the Coffee Palace (where subsequently, for a short period, the members used to meet). The following officers were elected:—President: E. C. Quick; Vice-Presidents: C. S. Reeves and Dr. Batchelor; Secretary: W. H. Fitzer; Treasurer: J. Mander; Committee: J. S.

Archer, W. S. Lawless, J. R. Morris, J. Richardson, W. H. Trapp, and B. Throp. The Club reached its greatest numerical strength during the later nineties, when it had some seventy or eighty members, including about a dozen ladies.

The two Otago representatives at New Zealand's first Congress (1879) were David R. Hay, at that time champion of Dunedin, and Rev. T. E. Ash, of Clyde, who had formerly been captain of the Cambridge University Chess Club, and had afterwards resided in Adelaide. The latter was described as being "a fine match player, possessing great patience and infinite resource. He has a very fine memory, and can play without sight of board. He is very fond of the game, but of late has not had many opportunities of practice with players of his own strength." Mr. Hay, as will be seen elsewhere, tied with Mr. Hookham for the Championship, but lost the play-off.

The chess column in the "Otago Witness" first appeared on July 17, 1875. It was edited by Mr. Hay at the outset, Mr. Janion being a frequent contributor. Some three years before his death, Mr. Hay wrote interestingly from memory to the editor of this booklet as follows:—"My first experience as chess and draughts editor was when I induced Mr. Thomas Bracken (the poet) to start a chess and draughts column in the 'Southern Weekly Mercury,' of which he was editor. Vincent Pyke (who afterwards represented Dunstan in the N.Z. Parliament) and he were partners, and Pyke edited the daily paper. They were first published in Dunedin about the beginning of 1875, and continued for about six months, when they were bought out by the 'Otago Daily Times' and 'Witness' Company, and incorporated with them. I was asked to continue the chess and draughts column, and remained in that capacity for the 'Otago Witness' until I left for Melbourne on September 26, 1888. and continued on as editor for nearly three

months while in Melbourne, as the Company were loth to lose my services, and thought I might change my mind and return to Dunedin. In the testimonial I received from Mr. William Fenwick, Editor of the 'Otago Witness,' when accepting my resignation, he stated that I had been 13½ years chess and draughts editor of the 'Witness,' so with the six months in the 'Mercury,' that makes 14 years in New Zealand. My draughts column was the first in Australasia. Altogether I have been a chess and draughts editor for 35 years, having conducted the column in the 'Melbourne Weekly Times' for the past 21 years. I may add that I was appointed chess and draughts editor of the 'Saturday Advertiser' by Mr. Thomas Bracken, who started the paper. I think about a year or so after he sold 'The Mercury' and 'Guardian' to the proprietors of the 'Otago Daily Times.' I think it ceased to exist some little time before I left for Melbourne, but I was Editor so long as it lasted. It was on my recommendation that Mr. Mouat was appointed my successor as chess editor of the 'Otago Witness.'" Mr. J. Mouat, according to the foregoing, became editor about the beginning of the year 1889. He retained the position until his death on July 1, 1902. He was succeeded by his son, Mr. F. J. Mouat, who is now a solicitor in Auckland. The latter worthily carried on the able work of his predecessors until the proprietors of the "Witness" decided to drop the column.

The chess column in the Dunedin "Evening Star" dates back to 1891. Mr. J. W. Mellor was a very capable editor for many years from 1893 onwards. Latterly this column has been conducted by Mr. J. H. F. Hamel, who has made it more attractive, and generally increased its usefulness by giving more news regarding the doings of clubs throughout the Dominion.

Invercargill.

For several years past there has, unfortunately, been no regular chess club in Invercargill. The local champion is Mr. E. A. Le Petit, of the Railway Department's staff. He will be pleased to play any visiting enthusiast who may be looking for a game.

The "Otago Witness" of September 2, 1876, said: "The Invercargill Chess Club, which started 'only a few weeks ago, now numbers 42 members.'" In July, 1887, a ten-aside match was drawn against Oamaru, Invercargill being represented by Messrs. A. Taine, C. Webber, J. Edwards (afterwards a New Zealand champion), Stewart, Bennett, W. A. S. Willcox (who won the Invercargill Championship three times, viz., in 1888, 1889, and 1890), C. W. Tanner (now a resident of Wellington, and Hon. Secretary of the N.Z. Chess Association), Scott, J. W. Mitchell (President), and Mehaffey. In the following month Invercargill played a drawn match against Dunedin, each team scoring $4\frac{1}{2}$ wins.

In 1896 the Club had 20 members, the President being W. G. Mehaffey, the Vice-Presidents were E. Webber and W. A. S. Willcox, and the Hon. Secretary was J. J. Hiskens.

AUSTRALIAN CONGRESSES.

As there have only been four Australian Chess Congresses, and as New Zealand has been represented at three of them, a very brief survey of contests for the Australian Championship will not be out of place here.

In 1887, the Adelaide Chess Club organised the first Australian Chess Congress. The prize-winners on that occasion were: 1st, H. Charlick (S.A.), £50; 2nd, F. K. Esling (Vic.), £30; 3rd, G. H. D. Gossip (N.S.W.), £20; 4th, D. Heiman (N.S.W.), £10; 5th, G. B. Hall (S.A.) and W. Tullidge (Vic.), each £2 10s. The special prize of £5 5s., given by "The Australasian" for the most brilliant game, was awarded to Mr. Gossip. Mr. H. Hookham, the then New Zealand champion, just missed the prize-list, coming out one point behind the lowest prize-winner. Commenting on this Pioneer Intercolonial Chess Congress (as it was called), the "Adelaide Observer" remarked:—"Mr. Hookham's win from Gossip and draw v. Esling were most meritorious, but in other rounds his play was erratic, and he lost to some of the weakest competitors. He came out of his shell in the last round, however, and fought with Mr. Charlick, the toughest game that the Champion experienced. The secret was seven 'hours' sleep, which he managed to procure by means of a draught the night before. He caught cold on the journey across, and was greatly troubled with want of sleep. These drawbacks, coupled with hard daily play, bore heavily on a player aged 63, and prevented him from doing himself justice. When in form he can play with the best of them."

Australia's second Congress was held in Melbourne during 1888, the centennial year. It was opened in the month of October by the late Chief Justice Higinbotham, whose speech on that occasion was a masterly eulogy of the claims of the game. There were eight competitors. Messrs. W. Crane, junr., of Sydney, and H. Charlick (S.A.) tied for first place with a score of 5 wins and 2 draws, the former winning the play-off. The third prize was won by Mr. Tullidge (Vic.), and the fourth by Mr. Brockelbank, then of the Ponsonby Chess Club, Auckland, N.Z. Messrs. D. R. Hay (Dunedin), Stanley (Warrnambool), Lampe (Ballarat), and Higgs (Echuca) were unplaced.

In 1893, Mr. E. N. Wallace (N.S.W.) challenged Mr. Crane for the Championship, and decisively defeated him. In June, 1894, Mr. Wallace was, in turn, called upon by Mr. F. K. Esling (Vic.) to play "for the Australian blue ribbon." The result of a sturdy fight was another victory for Mr. Wallace (7½—5½).

The third Australian Congress was held at Warrnambool in 1896 (Christmas). Mr. G. Gundersen, the well-known and very popular Victorian champion, informs the Editor that the prize-winners were as follow:—1st, W. Crane, junr., of Sydney (who thus regained the title, his score on this occasion being 6 wins 1 loss); 2nd, R. L. Hodgson (Vic.), 5 wins 2 losses; 3rd and 4th, divided by Messrs. Heaver (Warrnambool) and Tombleson (Melbourne), each with a score of 4 wins 3 losses. Messrs. Wilson and Baynes (both of Melbourne), Stanley (Warrnambool), and Christensen (Broken Hill), were unplaced. This was the only occasion on which New Zealand was not represented. Mr. Stanley is one of the few remaining links with the days of the great Paul Morphy. His people were friendly with Herr Lowenthal, who invited Stanley (then about 19 years of age) to dine with him when Morphy was also present.

Mr. J. L. Jacobsen, of Sydney, afterwards wrested the title from Mr. Crane. Negotiations for a Wallace v. Jacobsen match came to nothing, and the latter retired calling himself the unbeaten champion of Australia. In 1905 Mr. W. S. Viner (then of Perth, and several times champion of Western Australia) claimed the vacant title, and offered to play any one for it. In July, 1906, he defeated Mr. C. G. M. Watson, the then champion of Victoria, by 7 games to 1, and 3 draws. How Mr. Viner held the title continuously until last Easter,—a period of nearly 16 years,—will doubtless be interestingly told in the Congress book which Mr. Gundersen is now editing for the Australian Chess Federation.

The Fourth Australian Chess Congress was held in Melbourne in April last. The results will be fresh in the minds of Australasian enthusiasts. They were as follow:—1st, C. G. M. Watson (Vic.), 11 wins; 2nd, W. S. Viner (N.S.W.), 10½; 3rd, S. Crakanthorp (N.S.W.), 10; 4th, a tie between G. Gundersen (Vic.), C. G. Steele (Vic.), C. R. Boyce (Queensland), and A. W. O. Davies (N.Z.), each with 8 points. Mr. Watson's win takes the Australian title to Victoria for the first time. He has held the Victorian Championship several times, and was only 19 years of age when he first gained that honour. He is a managing director in an insurance company, and will, it is understood, be paying a business visit to various New Zealand centres shortly after his return from the London International Tourney (in which he represented Australasia with credit, scoring 62½ per cent. of wins against the English-speaking competitors, though he did not fare so well against the great masters of international fame). Mr. Davies deserves a word of praise for the able way in which he represented New Zealand at the recent Australian Congress. He may well be proud of having scored wins from Messrs. W. S. Viner and E. N. Wallace (two famous ex-champions of Australia, as indicated above), and

also from Mr. F. K. Esling (runner-up for the Australian title, and six times champion of Victoria). It was unfortunate for Mr. Davies that after defeating Mr. Esling in the first round, the latter withdrew from the tourney (on the plea that he could no longer keep within the time limit of 15 moves per hour), thereby giving a win by default to all the other competitors. Regret at the inability of Mr. Dunlop, the present Dominion champion, to take part, is recorded elsewhere in this book.

These various encounters have proved the standard of Australian chess to be slightly higher than that of New Zealand. "Good luck to you, and we hope to reduce the gap later on," is a brief summary of the cordial greetings from the enthusiasts in "God's Own Country" to their brethren on the other side of the Tasman Sea.

OBITUARY.

"Brothers who have gone before us."

Arkwright, Hon. Francis, M.L.C., died March 1, 1915, at Bournemouth, England, aged 68. A strong chess player, who took more than a passing interest in the problem side of chess. Was formerly a leading member of the powerful Rangitikei Chess Club, and a North Island Vice-President of the N.Z. Chess Association. Represented East Derbyshire in the House of Commons, 1874-1880. Created a member of the Legislative Council of New Zealand in 1895. Resigned July, 1906, when about to again take up his residence in England.

Armstrong, Walter, died in Wellington on 13th May, 1920, aged 72. Was President of the Wellington South Chess Club, and delegate to the N.Z. Chess Association for Wanganui, of which centre he was for many years a leading player. In the early days of Wanganui chess, his association with the Hon. John Ballance and the Hon. John Bryce was of great assistance to him in his successful climbing of the chess ladder. He was a generous supporter of "the royal game."

Baird, R. M. (telegraph engineer for the Auckland district), died on October 7, 1917, aged 59. A very able chess player, whose fine chess column was an attractive feature of "The Katipo" (the monthly magazine of the Post and Telegraph Officers' Association).

Bakewell, Dr. R. H., died in December, 1908, aged 77. Came to New Zealand about the year 1873, and was for some years a very prominent figure in Dunedin chess circles. Had previously been a prominent club player in England, where he acquired great skill by contending against strong talent at the Chess Divan, at which resort he met several players of note.

Ballance, Hon. John, died 27th April, 1893, aged 54. Founded the "Wanganui Chronicle." Represented Rangitikei (1875-1880) and Wanganui (1884-1892) in the N.Z. Parliament. Held various portfolios in the Grey and Stout-Vogel Governments, and finally became Prime Minister of N.Z., holding that position at the time of his widely lamented death. In later years his many public duties left him very little time for chess, but his splendid records in the matches Parliament v. Wellington Chess Club showed that he fully deserved the reputation he had of being next to Mr. Benbow, the strongest player in the North Island, if not in the whole of New Zealand. He was President of the Wellington C.C. in 1879.

Barclay, Alfred Richard, died on November 10th, 1912, aged 54. Born in Ireland, and left for New Zealand when seven years of age. Took up the profession of Law, and sat for many years in the N.Z. Parliament as one of the Dunedin members, giving support to the Liberal cause. He was a highly valued Hon. Secretary of the Otago Chess Club for several terms, and was the Club's President in the year 1900. He was also one of the South Island Vice-Presidents of the N.Z. Chess Association. The many calls on his time left him few opportunities for match play.

Barclay, Gordon Lewis, killed in action in Belgium on 2nd February, 1918, aged 37. Left New Zealand on 15th August, 1917, as a member of the 29th Reinforcement, and commenced service in the Franco-Belgian area in October. A popular member of the Canterbury Chess Club, who was coming to the front very rapidly. Played at board 7 for Canterbury against Wellington about the time of going into camp, the game being left uncompleted, as he could not suitably re-arrange his leave of absence from camp.

Benbow, Charles William, died in Wellington on 9th March, 1908, aged 66. (Born in Birmingham on 13th February, 1842.) Learnt chess in a tourney by In 1869 he secured first prize in a tourney by correspondence in connection with "The Young Men of Great Britain." In 1871, at Birmingham, he won a game from the celebrated French champion, M. Rosenthal, and in the same year he was the only player to score from the famous J. H. Blackburne, when the latter was playing 20 games simultaneously. Mr. Benbow left England in 1875, and on his arrival in Wellington was given a berth with Messrs. Levin and Co., superintending the insurance department. From 1901 until his retirement in 1906, he was in charge of the South British Insurance Company's Wellington branch. He helped to found the present Wellington Chess Club in June, 1876, and soon established himself as the prominent figure in N.Z. Chess. He took part in a large number of matches, and never lost a game for his club, scoring a few draws and a great many wins. His two drawn games with the world-famed German master, Baron Von der Lasa, are referred to in the notes on early Wellington Chess. In his earlier years he composed a number of problems, several of them being four-movers of considerable difficulty. For more than two decades he edited the chess

column of the "N.Z. Mail" in a very able manner. He was President of the Wellington Chess Club for 28 years.

Boenicke, Frederick Richard, died in Dunedin on 9th January, 1917, aged 84. Born in Weimar, Germany, and came to New Zealand at the age of 23. Was an old and highly esteemed member of the Otago Chess Club, to which he bequeathed his library, and also his chessmen and clocks.

Brown, George, died in Dunedin on 20th November, 1915, aged 73. Born in Greenock, Scotland, and came to New Zealand at the age of six. The Otago Chess Club's annual report for 1915-16 said:—"During the year one of the oldest and 'most esteemed members, Mr. George Brown, passed away. Some years ago (in 1906) the deceased gentleman presented to the Club two 'book-cases filled with valuable books relating to chess and other matters, and by his will he left all his chess books and chess cuttings to the Club. It had been decided to call the collection of books the Brown library, and also 'to have a brass plate put on each book-case.'" It should be added that the late Mr. Brown was well known as an expert solver of problems.

Brown, William, died in Wellington on 26th May, 1920, aged 81. Arrived in New Zealand in 1883, and at once became prominent in Wellington chess circles, having had excellent practice with Revs. Thorold and Ranken before leaving Bath. Several local tourney prizes were annexed by him, and he was also very successful in inter-club matches. He tied for second place at the N.Z. Championship Congress of 1893-4. He was the last survivor of those who took part in the second Congress (1888-9).

Brown, William Robert Edward, died on September 7th, 1907, at Wellington, aged 77. Born at Reading, England. Came to New Zealand when 25 years of age, and entered the Civil Service, from which he retired in 1892, when holding the position of Registrar-General. Was one of the pioneers of Wellington chess, taking a prominent part in the far-off days, when matches "Town v. Civil Service" and "Wellington v. Legislature" were the leading features of the local season. Won second prize in the Wellington Chess Club's 1877 Tourney (32 entries).

Bruton, Douglas, died at Wellington Hospital on 1st September, 1921, aged 25. In the year 1915-16 he won the Junior Championship of the Otago Chess Club, and took third prize in the Club's "open" tournament. In the following year he took first prize in this annual event. Although handicapped by ill-health, he continued to show great promise, and to enhance his match record after removing to Wellington. Shortly before his death, he met with an accident, from which he never recovered. It may be added that he gave some attention to the problem art, some of his compositions appearing in the magazine of The Good Companion Chess Problem Club.

Bryce, Hon. John, died at Wanganui on 17th January, 1913, aged 79 years. Represented Wanganui and other constituencies in the New Zealand Parliament between the years 1866 and 1891. Was a member of three successive Ministries, holding the portfolios of Native Minister and Defence. His advance on Parihaka in 1881 broke Te Whiti's "mana," and settled what had threatened to become a serious disturbance. The early records of Parliamentary and Wanganui chess clearly show that as a "over the board" player he had very few superiors in

New Zealand, and as a correspondence player he probably had no superior in these Islands.

Burton, George, died in Wellington on 28th May, 1910, aged 47 years. A popular member of the Wellington Chess Club, of which he was Hon. Secretary for two years. Mr. Burton was prominent in local cricket circles, gaining a place in the Wellington representative XI.

Cocks, H. S., died at Christchurch January 22nd, 1897, aged 31. A player of exceptional promise, who came to the front rank very rapidly. Was twice runner-up for the N.Z. Championship, viz., at the Congresses of 1894-5 and 1896-7. Mr. Cocks, who was on the teaching staff of Wellington College, was at one time the champion walker of New Zealand.

Colebrook, Robert, died in Auckland on 30th January, 1922, aged 71. On retiring from a long business career at Waerenga-a-hika, Gisborne, he settled in Auckland. Took first prize in the 1921 chess tourney of the Auckland Working Men's Club. His success was very popular, his genial disposition having made him a great favourite with his fellow-members.

Columb, D. S., died at Roslyn, Dunedin, on 5th February, 1921, aged 40. While stationed in Wellington, he for a term acted as one of the Otago Club's delegates to the N.Z. Chess Association. Latterly he was a valued member of the chess club in Palmerston North, to which centre he had been promoted by the Australian Mutual Provident Society.

Cresswell, Albert E., born in Staffordshire in 1845, died in Nelson on 9th October, 1921. Came to New Zealand in 1862, and joined the Postal Department at Napier in 1863. He was on active

service on three occasions in the sixties, when the second Maori War broke out, and the Hau Haus provided excitement. With his company, he marched the first lot of Maori prisoners to the Spit, putting them on the Government steamer "St. Kilda," which took 200 (including the famous chief Te Kooti) to the Chatham Islands. In 1869 he was transferred to Grey-mouth, where he was chosen to play for the West Coast in the cricket match against Shaw's XI. Later on he served his Department in Hokitika, Westport, Reefton, Nelson, and Timaru. He retired in 1905, with more than 41 years' service to his credit. After residing for a few years in Christchurch, he settled in Nelson, where he was a prominent Freemason, an active member of the Nelson Beautifying Society, and also of the local Bowling and Chess Clubs. At the time of his death he was President of the Nelson Chess Club, and as a player he may be said to have died in harness, as, owing to his last illness, he was unable to conclude his game in the Club's match with Wanganui.

Day, Victor Grace, died in Wellington on 3rd September, 1922, aged 64. Came to New Zealand in 1879, settled in Gisborne, and studied law, being admitted as a barrister and solicitor in 1884. In 1896 the late Mr. Day accepted an appointment as Land Registrar, and in 1899 became Registrar of the Court and Sheriff for the Westland District. At the time of his death he was Stipendiary Magistrate and Chairman of the Assessment Court in Wellington. He was formerly one of the leading chess players of the Christchurch, winning the championship of the Canterbury Chess Club in 1909. He was the Club's President in 1919. The late Mr. Day was a relative of that famous cricketer, the late W. G. Grace (which accounts for his second Christian name), and naturally took a great

interest in the old English game. Of late years the equally ancient game of bowls engaged his attention.

De Lautour, Dr. H. A., of Kilbirnie, died on 22nd June, 1917, whilst on a visit to the South Island. Was President of the Wellington East Chess Club (now defunct), and was a tower of strength to the Club in its matches. Was Oamaru's leading player in the later eighties, frequently taking board 1 in that Club's matches against other centres.

Denniston, Sir John, died in Christchurch on 22nd July, 1919, aged 74. The late Mr. Justice Denniston (as he was often called) was for some years President of the Canterbury Chess Club, and also of the N.Z. Chess Association. He was a generous supporter of the game, and was frequently an interested spectator at telegraphic matches, and also at Championship Congresses, to which he often donated the Brilliancy Prize. He was particularly strong in the end-game, of which he had made a close study.

Didsbury, George. The "N.Z. Mail" of 28th April, 1893, says: "It is with extreme regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. George Didsbury, Government Printer, on Thursday, the 20th inst., from peritonitis, after a short illness. Mr. Didsbury was one of the oldest members of the Wellington Chess Club, having joined it at its formation in the early portion of 1876, and during the whole of the intervening time he was a regular attendant at its meetings. In addition, he was for some years one of its Vice-Presidents, and he always showed an active interest in its management. He took part in nearly, or quite, all the telegraphic and other contests in which the Club has been from time to time engaged, and

"always with credit to himself. Mr. Didsbury was a chess player of more than average strength, but above and beyond this, he was a kindly, thoughtful, and Christian man, and his memory will be long cherished by his old companions of the Wellington Chess Club." It may be added that Mr. Didsbury won the first prize in the Club's Handicap Tourney of 1880 (16 entries).

Edwards, Joseph, died in Dunedin, 25th July, 1922, aged 65. Born and brought up in Nelson, and entered the drapery business, in which he was employed at Timaru, Invercargill, and Wellington. He subsequently moved to Dunedin, and for the last 23 years held the position of canvasser on the "Evening Star." He learnt chess at Timaru in 1884, and in the following year he won a silver cup, the first prize in the Timaru Club's 1885 Tourney. About this time he turned his attention to the problem side of chess, and tied for first prize in the "Canterbury Times" solution tourney of 1886. In 1888 he won, from scratch, the second prize of the Invercargill Chess Club's Handicap Tourney. He won the New Zealand Chess Championship at the 1893-4 Congress (held in Dunedin), although he had not played a game for eight months previous to the contest. He won third prize when defending the title at the Wellington Congress a year later. The late Mr. Edwards attended several later Championship meetings with varying success, and finally retired from Congress play in 1909. He continued, however, to enhance his good match record in telegraphic matches. He was the Otago Club's Champion in 1900, and its President in 1899. Bowling also occupied part of his spare time, and he frequently played for the Caledonian Club, of which he was a member.

Fell, Alfred George, died in Wellington on 6th February, 1917, in his 69th year. At the time of his death, Mr. Fell was President of the Wellington Chess Club, and also of the N.Z. Chess Association. He had previously been the Association's Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for eight years, and he had also very usefully filled many offices in the Wellington C.C. during his eleven years' connection with it. The cause of chess in New Zealand is heavily indebted to him for his many and highly valued labours for its advancement. As a player, Mr. Fell also has a fine record, having represented Wellington consistently in telegraphic matches against other centres. Mr. Fell, who was formerly Mayor of Blenheim, and also of Picton, left his valuable library to the Wellington Chess Club, a gift that is greatly treasured by the members.

Flint, J. L., died at Dunedin on 19th October, 1912, aged 58. The late Mr. Flint, who was an accountant, was formerly a highly valued Hon. Secretary of the Otago Chess Club.

Forsyth, David ("son of David Forsyth, of Ballachraggan, Ross-shire, Scotland"), died at Dunedin on 30th December, 1909, aged 55. Shortly after his arrival in New Zealand he won the Dominion Championship (Easter, 1901). He tied for second place at two subsequent Championship Congresses. Prior to his arrival in New Zealand, he had won the Championship of the Edinburgh Chess Club, and was twice runner-up for the Scottish Chess Championship. The late Mr. Forsyth was for fifteen years Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Scottish Chess Association, viz., from the time of its establishment until his departure for New Zealand. He edited (most ably) chess columns in Falkirk, Glasgow, and Edinburgh, and was for a time part-editor of the British Chess Magazine. He is well

known throughout the chess world as the inventor of the admirable system of notation that will carry his name down to posterity.

Fox, John Elliot, M.A., Hon. Canon of Napier Cathedral. Died in Dunedin in 1912. Born in Georgetown, Demerara, British Guiana, on 2nd April, 1845. Took his degree at Cambridge University, and held curacies in British Guiana, Dorsetshire, Cambridgeshire, and London. Arrived in New Zealand in June, 1884, and was in Gisborne, and vicar at St. Augustine's, Napier. Later on he returned to Poverty Bay, and took charge of the Turanga Parochial District (comprising all the country districts of Poverty Bay), where he remained until 1903, when he accepted service in the Nelson diocese. A year or two later he was forced to retire on account of ill-health. He was said to be the best Hebrew scholar in New Zealand, and also had a very good knowledge of Latin and Greek. He was for many years one of the examiners for the New Zealand Board of Theological Studies. As a chessist he was a rapid and brilliant player, and was for many years a tower of strength to the Gisborne Chess Club.

George, A. W., died at Palmerston North on 14th May, 1921, aged 54. Was first President of the present Palmerston North Chess Club (formed in December, 1919), and held a number of offices in the earlier local club that was formed in June, 1894. Though not a prominent player, he did much to advance the cause of chess in Palmerston North.

Germann, F. C. The "Auckland Weekly News" of 21st January, 1909, says:—"Deep regret was felt by a large number of friends in the Wai-kato when it became known that Mr. F. C.

"Germann had passed away. Mr. Germann was a familiar figure in Waikato chess circles, and his connection with the game extended over a long period. For many years he was an honorary and honoured member of the Hamilton Chess Club, and assisted the Club on some notable occasions. Although well over 60 years of age, it is said of him that he was never an old man. Fond of all kinds of clean sport, he was popular with the young as with the old, and his kindly, genial presence will be much missed at Waikato chess gatherings. Mr. Germann took part in the handicap tournament of the Auckland Chess Club last season, and came out top."

Gould, H. G. (Archdeacon) died in Dunedin on 27th September, 1914, aged 63. Born in Wolverhampton, England in 1851. Arrived in Lyttelton in 1873. Was ordained Deacon in 1874, and Priest in 1877. Was appointed Archdeacon of Oamaru in 1890, and was Vicar of S. Paul's Cathedral at the time of his lamented death. A widely-esteemed Vice-President of the N.Z. Chess Association, which regretted the passing of a liberal supporter, and able devotee, and above all a chivalrous gentleman, whose instincts were always of the kindest. Played in the Christchurch Exhibition Congress (1906-7), being one of the fourteen who missed the prize list. Represented the Oamaru and Otago Clubs in telegraphic matches with distinction.

Greenwood, Dr. John Danforth, died at Motueka on 15th June, 1890, aged 87. Born in London, and came to N.Z. at the age of 40. Was one of the original trustees and also a Governor of Nelson College. In 1862 he was appointed the fourth Principal of that Institution. In 1866 he was a prominent figure in local chess circles, and as mentioned in the notes on early Canterbury Chess, he was associated with Messrs. Janion

and Hounsell in conducting for the Nelson C.C. the two games played by telegraph against the Christchurch C.C. in 1866. Ten years later, viz. in 1876, he figured successfully when playing for the Parliamentary Team in the match against the newly-formed Wellington Chess Club. At this time he held the position of Sergeant-at-Arms in the House of Representatives.

Grinted, E. P., died in April, 1895, aged 20. Hon. Secretary of the Otago Chess Club, and a young player of exceptional promise.

Guinness, F. At the 12th annual meeting of the Canterbury Chess Club, held on 20th October, 1891, Mr. Joseph paid a graceful tribute to the memory of Mr. F. Guinness, a popular and useful member of the club.

Hall, J. W. The "N.Z. Herald," of 29th May, 1915, says: "We regret to have to record the death of Mr. J. W. Hall, of Thames, at the advanced age of 85. The deceased gentleman was at one time a member of the Auckland Chess Club. He played a strong game, and was a player who made a contest with him a real pleasure, being of a very cheerful disposition, and having a vast fund of humorous anecdote."

Harper, William John, died in Wellington on 8th October, 1921, aged 55 years. For many years a highly esteemed Vice-President of the Wellington South Chess Club, and one of its strongest players. A tower of strength to his team in inter-club matches. Was also a useful member of the N.Z. Chess Association for several terms.

Harvey, Frederick, died at Auckland on 4th June, 1921, aged 62 years. A well-known and re-

spected member of the legal profession. In its obituary notice, the "N.Z. Herald" said:—"He was in practice in Queensland until about 16 years ago, when he came to Auckland, and entered practice with the late Mr. F. E. Baume. He subsequently practised in Auckland on his own account before joining the firm of Messrs. Buddle, Richmond and Buddle some years ago. He was an enthusiastic chess player, and was President of the Auckland Chess Club at the time of his death." It may be added that he edited, with conspicuous ability, the chess column that used to be such an attractive feature of the "Auckland Weekly News," and in various ways he did much to advance the cause of chess in the "Queen City."

Hatherly, Dr. H. R. "The Evening Post" of 14th February, 1922, says:—"The death is reported of Dr. H. R. Hatherly, the well-known Wanganui medical practitioner, at the age of 78 years. Dr. Hatherly, who was a native of London, first practised his profession in Nottingham. In 1893 he came out to New Zealand, and commenced practice in Wanganui. Twice he held the position of President of the N.Z. branch of the British Medical Association, having already held a similar post in the Old Country. He was an ardent worker in all educational movements, and was a prominent Freemason, both here and in the Old Country." The late Dr. Hatherly was President of the Nottingham Chess Club for four years consecutively, and played in several inter-county matches. In 1888 he undertook the editorship of the chess column in the "Nottinghamshire Guardian," which position he retained until he left England for New Zealand in June, 1893. Problems composed by him have appeared in various English chess columns. Was for many years a leading and popular member of the

Wanganui Chess Club (of which he was latterly a life member). Shortly after his arrival in Wanganui he edited the weekly chess column in a local paper called "A1," in a manner that was much admired. Competed in the Eighth and Ninth Championship Congresses of New Zealand, winning the Brilliancy Prize on the former occasion.

Hay, David R., died in Melbourne, Victoria, on 20th October, 1914, aged 71. He was the last survivor of those who competed in New Zealand's first Championship Congress in 1879. He tied with the late Mr. Henry Hookham on that occasion, but lost the play-off, thus taking second prize. He had previously won the Otago Championship. There was an interval of over nine years between New Zealand's first and second Congresses, and in the meantime Mr. Hay settled in Melbourne. He played for Victoria in some inter-State telegraphic matches against New South Wales. He was also a formidable draughts player, and for more than 35 years he was a most capable editor of chess and draughts columns, as is mentioned in the notes on early Dunedin chess. The late Mr. Hay was a player of rare modesty and unselfishness, and was naturally a very popular figure in chess and draughts circles.

Heinemann, Dr. Wolf. The "Otago Witness" of 26th September, 1906, says:—"By the death of Dr. Wolf Heinemann last week, chess players in Dunedin have lost a player of high ability, and one who was universally liked for his un-failing good humour and urbanity of manner. The learned doctor, besides being a master of several languages, was a quick, decisive chess player, and his genial presence will be much missed from those places in the city where chess players most do congregate."

Hill, William Couper, died in France on 17th September, 1916, from a wound received two days earlier. Was a member of the Plymouth Chess Club before leaving England. He joined the Wellington Chess Club late in the year 1912, soon proving himself a most valuable member, both as player and office-bearer. He had been Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for two years when he enlisted. He won the Club's 1912-13 Summer Tourney, and also the Annual Handicap Tourney later in the year. In the following year he tied for second place. In December, 1914, he represented his Club at the Championship Congress held in Christchurch, and made a very creditable first appearance.

Hookham, Henry, died in Christchurch on 24th November, 1898, aged 74 years. Born 22nd October, 1824, in London, he learnt chess when 10 years of age, and defeated his schoolmaster in a game when 12. During the period 1845-50 he frequented Starey's Philadorian rooms, Rathbone Place, Oxford Street, London, and there met with Falkbeer, Zytogorski, Jansens, Harrwitz, Horwitz, Boden, Barnes, and other distinguished players of a past generation, with some of whom he oftentimes engaged in play, receiving odds. He left England for New Zealand in 1865. In 1870 he gained the championship of the province of Canterbury, contending, as representative of the Kaiapoi Chess Club, against representatives from the clubs of Christchurch and Lyttelton. The first Chess Championship Congress in Australasia was that held in Christchurch, New Zealand, in 1879, when the late Mr. Hookham won the first prize (£50), and became the Dominion's pioneer champion, as is fully recorded elsewhere in this booklet. He again won the N.Z. Championship in January, 1890, took second prize in January, 1893, and third prize in January, 1896.

Missed the prize-list a year later, when making his last bid for the N.Z. Championship. In 1887 he journeyed to Adelaide and took part in the first Australian Congress, which is referred to in a short chapter devoted to the Australian Championship title. The late Mr. Hookham, who was a member of the teaching profession, was elected President of the Canterbury Chess Club soon after Mr. Tancred died in 1884, and held that office until the time of his death. He was for several years chess editor of "The Canterbury Times" (which became defunct during the war), and held a very high position in chess *journalism*.

Hosking, Alfred, F.S.Sc. (London), died in Auckland on 14th October, 1909, aged 68 years. His career as a teacher extended over a period of 55 years, for the last 26 of which he was headmaster of the Mount Eden School. Invented "Hosking's Tellurian," an instrument used in many schools for explaining the seasons, for which he was awarded a gold medal at the New Zealand Exhibition, 1907. At the time of his death he was a most popular President of the Auckland Chess Club, a position which he had filled for several terms with decided advantage to the cause of New Zealand chess. He took part in several local tourneys, and figured in the prize-list at different times. It may be added that the late Mr. Hosking was an enthusiastic bowler, and that he was the champion rifle shot of Victoria in 1874.

Hounsell, Jesse, died in Nelson on 30th July 1907, aged 75. Mr. Hounsell, who was a native of Brighton, England, established a bookselling and stationery business in Nelson in the early sixties. In 1866 he took part in the Nelson v. Christchurch fixture. This match, which was the first played by telegraph in the Southern

Hemisphere, is referred to in both the Nelson and Christchurch notes in this book.

Hullett, Rev. E. C., died in England in May, 1917, aged 72. Was a leading Wellington chessist in the seventies and early eighties, being at that time employed in the Civil Service. In 1878 he won the Annual Handicap Tourney of the Wellington Chess Club, of which he was at that time the Hon. Secretary. He generally played at board 4 in matches held by the Club about this time.

Hunter, Walter, died in Christchurch on 28th June, 1904, aged 54. On removing from the Rangiora district to Christchurch, he joined the Canterbury Chess Club. It was not long before he demonstrated his exceptional qualities as a chess player, and it was solely due to the state of his health that he did not take part in championship contests and inter-club matches. He was very popular with his fellow-members, and took a deep interest in the doings of the Club, of which he was captain for a considerable time. At the time of his death he was holding the office of Vice-President for the fourth consecutive year.

Jacobsen, P. Frank, died in Wellington on 17th June, 1893. Born in Nelson, but removed with his parents to Christchurch, where he resided for a long time. Removed to Napier in 1885, and made his home in Wellington about four years later. While in Christchurch he was especially energetic in bringing about New Zealand's first Championship Congress (1879), in which he took part, winning the third prize. The late Mr. Jacobsen, who was an architect by profession, had a colonial reputation as a chess player. He was a very prominent prize-winner in local tourneys, his last success being to gain

the first prize in a large tourney promoted by the Wellington Working Men's Chess Club, of which he had been President for two years at the time of his death.

Janion, Charles, died in Wellington on 24th November, 1912, aged 81. The late Mr. Janion, who was an old Melbourne, Dunedin, Nelson and West Coast pressman, was attracted to New Zealand in 1862 by the "Dunstan Rush." In 1866, when Hon. Secretary of the Nelson Chess Club, he organised the Nelson v. Christchurch telegraphic match, and was one of those who represented the former city (vide Nelson and Christchurch notes). When the Dunedin Chess Club was formed, in 1875, he was its first Treasurer. In February, 1876, he played in the first Dunedin v. Auckland telegraphic contest, taking board 2 for the former club. Left Dunedin for the West Coast in 1877, and started a chess club in Kumara, quickly enrolling 40 members. In August, 1879, he took part in New Zealand's first Championship Congress, under the handicap of ill-health, induced by the long coach journey through heavy snow. On his return from a visit to England, he settled in Wellington, and joined the Registrar-General's Department in order to initiate the New Zealand official "Year Book," which he saw through the press for the first two years. The late Mr. Janion was an active chessist to the end of his days, and was a Vice-President of the *N.Z. Chess Association at the time of his death.* New Zealand chess owes much to Mr. Janion's 50 years' connection with it.

Kidd, J. H., died in Wellington on 20th August, 1913, aged 70. Was formerly Hon. Secretary of the Napier Chess Club, in which capacity he very successfully organised the Championship Congress of 1911-12, which was held in that centre.

Kirini, Tame (or Tom Green), of Tuahiwi, North Canterbury, died in September, 1917. Was a keen student of chess, and was especially interested in problems, in which branch he was an expert composer and solver. For several years he was a regular contributor to the "Canterbury Times" chess column, and many of his problems have appeared in that journal. Mr. Green could trace his descent back in a direct line for twenty-two generations to Uenuku and Paikea, famous names in Maori-Polynesian history. He was a student of the legends and history of his mother's race, his knowledge of "whakapapas" (family and inter-tribal genealogies) being very extensive and accurate. His evidence at Native Land Court sittings, and on disputed points of South Island history, was accordingly regarded as valuable.

Larking, A. J., died in Wellington on 27th February, 1922, in his 83rd year. A Crimean veteran, who took up chess late in life, and made rapid progress, winning prizes in five of the Wellington Working's Men's Club's chess tourneys. In his earlier years he was accounted a very strong draughts player.

Lelievre, Auguste Amand ("Chancelier du Consulat de France"), died in Auckland on 22nd November, 1910, aged 45 years. Born in Normandy in 1865. Learned chess in Paris when about 13 years of age, and continued to play when he left college for London in 1881. He joined the Athenaeum Chess Club in London in 1890, and played in several matches in the metropolis with a clean record of 12 wins and no losses. On arriving in New Zealand, in 1891, he joined the Wellington Chess Club, and in his first two tourneys took second place. He afterwards resided in Hastings and Auckland, winning the championship of the Auckland Club in

the 1905 tourney, and retaining the title in the following year. The late Mr. Lelievre took part in four New Zealand Championship Congresses, his best performance being in the 1894-5 tourney, when he tied for third place with the late Mr. Joseph Edwards. He was admittedly one of the fastest and most brilliant players in New Zealand, but these very qualities prevented him from doing himself proper justice in match play. He was a very popular figure in chess circles, and enjoyed the respect and esteem of his fellow-members.

Lennox, James Marshall, died in Auckland on 15th December, 1917, aged 76. Born in Stirling, Scotland, and came to New Zealand at the age of 22. A former President and generous supporter of the Auckland Chess Club, and one of its highly esteemed veterans. Was for some time one of the North Island Vice-Presidents of the N.Z. Chess Association.

Levestam, H. A., died in Nelson on 11th February, 1889, aged 56 years. During the seventies chess matches were frequently played between Nelson and Waimea, and this fixture repeatedly proved the late Mr. Levestam to be Nelson's strongest chess player. He represented Nelson in the New Zealand Parliament for several years, and was the member for that city at the time of his death.

Littlejohn, Alexander Ironside (of the firm of W. Littlejohn and Son, watchmakers and jewelers), died in Wellington on 25th May, 1910, aged 49 years. Born in Scotland, and came to New Zealand in 1879. A former champion of the Wellington Chess Club, and at the time of his death had been for some time the Club's senior Vice-President. Was also delegate for Rangitikei to the N.Z. Chess Association, and was one of the first members of the Association's

Adjudication Board. In various ways the late Mr. Littlejohn gave helpful assistance in promoting the cause of chess in this Dominion. In his later years he was subject to heart trouble, which was the cause of his demise. It was owing to his unsatisfactory health that he only competed in two of the New Zealand Championship Congresses, viz., at Wellington in 1890-1, and at Auckland a year later. On the latter occasion he gained second prize with an unbeaten record of 5 wins and 3 draws (coming half a point behind the Champion, Mr Siedeburg).

Mackay, Samuel, died in Wellington on 24th December, 1919, aged 59. Joined the Wellington Chess Club about the year 1885. Was a most consistent player in the Club's annual "Petherick" tourney, his last effort being in 1918, when he won the second prize. He also had a good record in inter-club matches. Like his surviving brother (Mr. W. Mackay, the Club's President), he was a generous supporter of chess, and was exceedingly popular with all whose privilege it was to know him. At the time of his death he had for some years been one of the Club's Vice-Presidents, and also a member of the N.Z. Chess Council.

Mackinlay, J. L., died in Wellington on 17th January, 1913, aged 80. A valued member of "the old school," who rendered good service as Hon. Secretary for the Chess and Draughts section of Wellington Working Men's Club.

McDougall, J. W. F., died at Lower Hutt on 15th March, 1922, aged 50. Came to Wellington from Napier 20 years ago, and joined the staff of the Government Printing Office. Founded the Wellington South Chess Club on 8th June, 1905, and was its first Hon. Secretary. Three

months later he won the first prize competed for by the members of the Club. It is much to be regretted that his many duties as secretary and arbitration advocate for the Typographical Association,—a position that he held for many years,—left him no time to actively follow the royal game.

McKay, Norman Donald, died in Auckland on 27th March, 1909, aged 42. The Auckland Club's annual report, presented a month later, says:—"It is our sad duty to chronicle the passing away from amongst us of our dear friend and colleague, Mr. Norman McKay. Mr. McKay was a player of great promise. He ascended three steps of the 'ladder' during the year, and was rapidly nearing the top rung. As a Club Secretary he was unrivalled, and by his manly bearing, patience, and ready tact, his uniform courtesy, and never-failing good humour, he earned the esteem and regard of us all. His place we can never adequately fill." The members decided to procure, and hang in the club-room, an enlarged photo. of the late Mr. McKay.

Manley, N. B. K. The Christchurch "Star" of 18th August, 1917, says:—"The late Mr. N. B. K. Manley, whose death was announced in the Wellington 'Post' recently, was formerly a keen member of the Wellington Chess Club, and was an exceedingly able editor of 'The N.Z. Chess Chronicle,' which made its appearance in 1887. It has often been regretted that this excellent paper,—New Zealand's only chess monthly,—was allowed to become defunct for want of the support that it so well merited. The few copies that are in existence are greatly treasured by their possessors."

Mason, Blake, died at Hastings, Hawke's Bay, on 20th November, 1918, aged 35. Learnt chess at the age of 16, and made very rapid progress, winning the Timaru Championship in 1903, and again in 1904. Was runner-up for the N.Z. Championship at his first Congress (1904-5), a very fine performance, seeing that he was only 21 years of age, and that eight of his thirteen opponents have at different times won the Championship of the Dominion. At the 1906-7 Congress he was the only New Zealander to get as much as a draw from Mr. Viner (the Australian champion). At the Congress held in Wellington in April, 1908, the late Mr. Mason, although suffering from a severe cold, gained fourth prize. He was unable to compete at any later Congresses through taking up an accountability position in which it was impossible for him to get the necessary leave of absence. It may be added that he went overseas with the Second Battalion N.Z. Rifle Brigade in 1915, and was discharged in August, 1917, on account of gunshot wounds received in action in France.

Millar, Hon. J. A., died in Auckland on 15th October, 1915. Was formerly an active member and President of the Otago Chess Club, and a South Island Vice-President of the N.Z. Chess Association. He was a regular player in the contests Parliament v. Civil Service, always taking one of the higher boards. In 1904 he was regarded as our Parliament's third best player, Mr. John Rigg (now of Christchurch) and the late Mr. Remington, of Marton, being the only legislators to take a higher board in a big 21-aside match Legislature and Civil Service v. Wellington Chess Club (which the latter won, 14-7). The late Mr. Millar was for many years a Dunedin representative in the N.Z. Parliament, and rose to Cabinet rank. He was later on appointed to the Legislative Council.

Milner, John Joseph, died in Christchurch on 16th June, 1904, aged 60. Born in Brixton in 1844, and was educated in the High School there before coming to New Zealand. In 1874 he joined Mr. R. Thompson in purchasing Mr. John Lewis's piano business, thus establishing the well-known firm of Milner and Thompson. The "Canterbury Times" of 29th June, 1904, has the following:—"The Canterbury Chess Club has suffered another severe loss by the death of Mr. J. J. Milner. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the game, and one of its best local exponents in the days when the Club possessed such champions as Mr. Hookham and Mr. Olivier. He has represented the Club in practically all its matches during the last fifteen years, and he held the position of Treasurer for a number of years past. He made a great number of friends by his quiet and unassuming manner, and his death has called forth expressions of regret from those who knew him." Another report indicates that he had charge of the Club's finances for 20 years, and that he was eminent as a solver of chess problems. It should be added that the late Mr. Milner, who was noted as an exceptionally hard worker in the cause of chess, was Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the N.Z. Chess Association when the headquarters were in Christchurch. Later on he was one of the Association's highly esteemed South Island Vice-Presidents.

Mouat, John, died in Dunedin on 1st July, 1902, aged 71. Born at Uist, Scotland, on 12th November, 1830. Learnt chess when a boy at school. At the age of 21 he left Shetland for Victoria, where he engaged in gold mining, and in 1861 he came to New Zealand to try his luck in the gold fields of Otago. In 1884 he was elected to the Otago Provincial Council, in which he, some six years later, held the office of Provincial

Secretary. In 1872 the late Mr. Mouat was admitted a barrister and solicitor, and practised first at Lawrence, and afterwards at Dunedin, where he did much to advance the cause of chess. When the Dunedin Chess Club was formed in 1875, the late Mr. Mouat was elected President. He took part in the 1888-9 Championship Congress, and came second (the late Mr. A. M. Ollivier being first). Also acquitted himself well in later Congresses, winning the Brilliancy Prize at Wanganui in January, 1896. At the time of his widely lamented death he had been chess editor of the "Otago Witness" for about fourteen years, his column being famous not only for general excellence, but also for its annual problem tournaments, which during the last few years had assumed an international character. He turned his knowledge of French and German to good account by translating articles from European chess columns for publication in his own chess column.

Nixon, A. F., who died near Timaru on 28th May, 1877, through the accidental discharge of his gun, was President of the Dunedin Chess Club at the time of his death. He won, from scratch, the first prize in the Club's 1876 handicap tourney (trophy value £2 10s.). The Club's second annual report makes suitable mention of the late Mr. Nixon's enthusiasm for, and excellent knowledge of, the game, and adds: "His affable demeanour, in victory or defeat, made him a general favourite with all players." It may be added that he had previously been a prominent Auckland chessist, having taken board 4 for Auckland v. Dunedin in February, 1876.

Ollivier, Arthur Morton, died in Christchurch on 20th October, 1897. Entered Christ's College Grammar School in 1862, and left in 1865, taking up the profession of accountant. Was

an enthusiastic cricketer, and represented Canterbury against Otago, on nine occasions, against Auckland twice, against the English XI. in 1877, and against Australia in 1878 and 1880. Attained considerable distinction as a footballer, playing for Canterbury against Auckland in 1875, and against Otago in 1880, and was also a famous sprinter. The late Mr. Ollivier was an enthusiastic grower of roses and other choice flowers, and was a successful exhibitor at several of the local horticultural shows. Was New Zealand's second chess champion, through winning the 1888-9 Congress, which was held in Christchurch.

Orr, Thomas, died in Wellington on 5th November, 1917, aged 82. One of Wellington's veteran chessists. Mr. and Mrs. Orr (who survives her husband) were the first couple to be married in St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral (which was consecrated on 6th June, 1866).

Parker, Ben, died suddenly in Sydney, N.S.W., in August, 1919. Arrived in Wellington in 1906, and at once took a prominent place in local chess circles, having previously gained valuable experience in London and Perth (W.A.). Was one of Wellington's representatives at the Congress of 1906-7, but failed to do justice to his great skill. When play ceased at 10 p.m., he generally had to start work for three or four hours, it being the busy season for engravers, and this was a very decided handicap. He at this time settled in Christchurch, and won the Canterbury Club's Championship in 1907. At the end of that year he left New Zealand, and made his home in Sydney. Subsequently represented N.S.W. v. Victoria.

Pascoe, William Stevens, died in the Christchurch Hospital on 2nd October, 1913, aged 47. Born at St. Ives, Cornwall, England, and came to New Zealand when five years of age. Was Hon. Secretary of the Canterbury Chess Club in 1906 (Exhibition year), and also Hon. Secretary for the big Championship Congress that was held in Christchurch at the end of that year. At the conclusion of that tourney the competitors made presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Pascoe, and also to their daughter, in appreciation of their valued services. Was acting Chess Editor of the "Canterbury Times" in 1912, during Mr. W. S. King's trip home. The late Mr. Pascoe had previously laboured for the cause of chess as a pushing member of the Otago Club's Committee.

Peake, A. T., died at Wellington on 7th April, 1921, aged 53. Formerly a member of the Battersea and other London suburban clubs. Soon after his arrival in Wellington he joined the Working Men's Club, winning first prize in the 1915 tourney, and taking second prize in the following year. Further successes would assuredly have come his way had not ill-health compelled his retirement, which was much regretted by his club-mates.

Petherick, Edward Wade, died on Christmas Day, 1915, aged 75. The second white child born in Wellington. Was for several years a very popular President of the Wellington Chess Club, and one of its most generous supporters. Donated the trophies bearing his name, which are referred to in the notes on the Wellington Chess Club. Was also a useful member of the N.Z. Chess Association. His very valuable private Museum was bequeathed to the City, and formed the nucleus of the Wellington South Museum.

Ponder, Rev. J. S. The Dunedin "Star" of 31st July, 1920, says:—"General regret will be felt by chess players owing to the death of the Rev. J. S. Ponder. His genial disposition and mental attainments won him many friends in the chess world. His play was vigorous, always interesting, and real chess from start to finish."

Reeves, Edward Barsay, died in Wellington on 15th February, 1912, aged 72. Born at Helensburgh, Scotland, and came to New Zealand when 20 years of age. One of the founders of the present Wellington Chess Club. In conjunction with Mr. W. F. Barraud, he made an energetic canvass (which more than doubled the Club's membership in the first month of its existence), and rendered valuable service in other ways. Was formerly in business in Willis Street as a merchant. Spent his latter years living in retirement at Island Bay.

Remington, A. E., of Marton, died on 17th August, 1909, aged 53. A prominent member of the once powerful Rangitikei Chess Club. Competed in the N.Z. Championship Tourney of 1895, and although not obtaining a place in the prize-list, he proved himself a doughty opponent. He also put up some good games when representing the Legislature against Wellington teams while Parliament was in session. At the time of his death he had for several years represented Rangitikei in the New Zealand Parliament.

Riedy, J. W. The "N.Z. Herald" of 28th January, 1911, says:—"The Auckland Chess Club has recently sustained another grievous loss by the death of Mr. J. W. Riedy. Mr. Riedy joined the Club about three years ago. Since that time his play has improved very much

"indeed. He was a fairly regular attendant, "and was very popular. He will be sadly "missed. Whenever any call was made on the "generosity of members, he was one of the first "to respond."

Roll, J. C., died at Kaiapoi on 4th August, 1904, aged 83. His death was referred to in the "Canterbury Times" as follows:—"An old chess enthusiast passed away at Kaiapoi recently in the person of Mr. J. C. Roll. In his earlier days, when a resident of England, he was a frequent attendant at the London Chess Club's rooms (Simpson's), when such masters as Staunton, Kieseritzky, Anderssen, and others were well-known habitués of that favourite chess resort. He was present when a well-known joke was made at the expense of Staunton. The latter remarked, 'Ah, I have lost a move,' whereupon someone called a waiter to bring a candle, so that the lost move might be found! The late Mr. Roll was at that time a first-class player, though not a master. Upon taking up his residence at Kaiapoi he did much to popularise the game in Canterbury. He was the inventor of the Roll-Kieseritzky notation, which is now used in telegraphic matches. The problems composed by him were typical of the style recognised in his earlier years." The late Mr. Roll, who was a chemist by profession, came to New Zealand about the year 1874.

Satchell, Dr. William Morris, born at Tunbridge Wells, England, on 28th October, 1855, died at Dunedin on 29th August, 1900, aged 44. Was President of an earlier Palmerston North Chess Club for two years, and on various occasions gave encouragement by donating trophies. Tied for the Club Championship in 1895, but lost to Mr. Bagnall in the play-off. In the same year

he drew his game at board 2 against Mr. (now Lieut.-Colonel) Esson in a 10-aside Palmerston North v. Post and Telegraph Chess Club (Wellington), which the former won (6½—3½).

Schoch, G. A., died in Wellington in March, 1912. The "Evening Post" of 21st March, 1912, says: "The late Mr. G. A. Schoch, whose death last week recalled the proposal to establish the silk culture in New Zealand, was a very fine chess player,—a fact not widely known, as for more than a dozen years past he had retired from tourney and match play. One of Mr. Schoch's fine performances was in the seven-a-side telegraphic match in 1894 between Rangitikei and the Wellington Working Men's Club. The former team was generally considered to be just about invincible in those days, but by scoring a win from Mr. Coles, the late Mr. Schoch materially assisted his team to a brilliant (and unexpected) victory." It may be added that the late Mr. Schoch, like many other Swiss, was a good linguist, being "at home" in Italian, French, German, and English.

Scott, J. G. L. (headmaster of East Christchurch School) died at Fremantle, Western Australia, on 14th May, 1904, aged 53. Born near London in 1850. Arrived in Brisbane, Queensland, in 1875, and in 1877 left for New Zealand. Arriving in Canterbury, he was appointed to the Rangiora School, and five years later was transferred to the East Christchurch School as headmaster. As one of the founders of the Canterbury Chess Club, the late Mr. Scott took a keen interest in its welfare, and was one of its most regular players for more than 20 years, taking part in all its telegraphic matches, etc. He was a Vice-President for a number of years, and in October, 1902, was elected President, holding the office until the time of his death, the news

of which created a sensation of sorrow amongst the members of the Club.

Sexton, Thomas, died at Ohakune on 28th April, 1910, aged 63. Born in London. Joined the Bermondsey Club in 1871, at that time the strongest Working Men's Club in London. Came to New Zealand in 1874. Living in various small centres of the North Island, he was unable to get practice with strong players, so he took up the study of problem composition. His first problem appeared in the "New Zealand Mail" in 1878, since when he frequently contributed problems to Colonial and Home papers. As long ago as 1893 he had composed about 400 problems. He was also an expert solver, gaining prizes offered by the "Canterbury Times" (Christchurch), "N.Z. Mail" (Wellington), and "A1" (Wanganui), and the "Auckland Weekly News." In the late seventies he revived his play at Feilding, and took first prize in the local club's 1879 tourney. He took part in five Championship Congresses, but did not do his powers justice, owing to the tremendous handicap of being unable to get any practice. In the 1906-7 Congress he was the first player to score a win from Mr. S. Crakanthorp, the N.S.W. Champion. The late Mr. Sexton was also a capable blindfold player,—in fact, as an all-round chessist it was hard to find his equal in New Zealand.

Still, Peter, died in Wellington on 8th June, 1920, aged 64. For several terms he was a Vice-President of the Wellington Chess Club, and for more than thirty years past he had been one of its strongest players. His record in sides matches and in telegraphic contests against other centres is an exceptionally fine one. His play was of a uniformly high order, and many of the fine finishes won by him were due to con-

ceptions of great depth. Mr. Still was for many years a delegate to the N.Z. Chess Association, representing the Auckland C.C. on that body. He was also very successful in local bowling circles.

Tancred, Henry John, died at Christchurch on 27th April, 1884, aged 68. Born in England, and educated at Rugby, afterwards getting a military training on the Continent. He was one of the first arrivals in New Zealand after the Canterbury Settlement was founded. Was a member of the first Provincial Council of Canterbury in 1853, and was Speaker of the Council from 1866 till the abolition of Provinces in 1875. In 1854 the Governor of New Zealand convened the first General Assembly, Mr. Tancred being included in the Ministry formed by Mr. Sewell. Was a member of New Zealand's first elected Parliament (1856-1860 inclusive), holding the portfolios of Postmaster-General and Secretary of Crown Lands under the Premiership of Mr. Stafford. Continued to sit in Parliament till about the year 1870. Was a Governor of Canterbury College, and was the first Chancellor of the N.Z. University (from 1871 till his death). Held these and various other positions of honour and responsibility with universal approval. Mr. Tancred was the first President of the Canterbury Chess Club, which office he held till his death. Was also connected with the earlier Christchurch Chess Club, and it is understood that he was one of those who represented it against Nelson in the pioneer telegraphic match of 1866.

Taylor, H. Easton, died in Wellington on 27th August, 1922, aged 67. Arrived in New Zealand in 1879. Was a member of the Civil Service for some 38 years, and retired on superannuation three years ago. Was formerly a most

capable Hon. Secretary for Chess and Draughts in the Wellington Working Men's Club. On his retirement from that position the members made him a presentation, many tributes being paid to his valued services.

Veel, J. Colborne, died in August, 1895. One of the Canterbury competitors in the first Championship Tourney of New Zealand (1879). Was President of the original Christchurch Chess Club, and it is understood that he was one of those who represented it in the historic telegraphic chess match against Nelson in 1866. Was a prominent player, and occasionally remarkably brilliant.

Von Dadelszen, Edward John, died in Wellington on 28th May, 1922, aged 77. Born in Liverpool, England, in 1845. Left for New Zealand (Auckland) about 1860, and first assisted Mr. (afterwards Sir John) Gorst in the management of a native school in the Waikato. Later on he joined the Postal Department in Auckland, and in 1864 he entered the Registrar-General's Department, of which he became the head twenty years later. Retired on superannuation about a dozen years ago. Was for several years one of Wellington's leading chess players in the far-off days when matches "Town v. Civil Service" were popular and of common occurrence.

White, Sam, died in Auckland on 2nd July, 1917. An old member of the Auckland Chess Club, which he joined about the year 1890. Won the Club Championship in 1894. Lived in Wanganui for several years prior to his trek to Auckland.

Whittem, William, died in Wellington on 15th March, 1895. A well-known Willis Street merchant. Was one of those who founded the pre-

sent Wellington Chess Club in 1876, being the Club's first Hon. Treasurer. Was later on a Vice-President of the Club for some years, and one of its leading players, taking board 3 in some of the earlier telegraphic matches, etc.

Willis, Henry, died in Wellington on 29th October, 1915, aged 80. Was a very prominent figure in Wellington chess circles in the seventies. When the Canterbury v. Wellington fixture was instituted in 1879 he played at board 3 for Wellington, and drew his game. In the second match (1883) and third match (1884) he played for Canterbury against Wellington, and won his game on each occasion. Captained the Ashburton Chess Club in the nineties. Returning to Wellington after an absence of about thirty years, he joined the Kilbirnie Chess Club, and assisted it to win the team's tourney that was held in 1911 (when seven teams competed, the weaker ones being allowed a handicap in points). The late Mr. Willis, who followed the teaching profession, was a very capable blind-fold player.

Wood, Joseph, died in Christchurch on 20th April, 1906 (after a long and painful illness), aged 67 years. Competed at four of New Zealand's Championship Congresses between the years 1892 and 1901. The "N.Z. Graphic" of 9th February, 1895, says:—"Mr. Joseph Wood, 23 years ago, learnt the game in Canterbury. He has since having at different times been a member of the Canterbury, Auckland, Napier, Melbourne, and Wellington Clubs. He won three prizes in Canterbury, and two in Napier, besides taking first and second places in Status Tourneys. He is well posted in the various openings, being exceptionally strong in the King's Bishop gambit. Like his club-mate, Barnes, he was handicapped in the recent Congress by

SIXTH TOURNEY—DEC. 1892—JAN. 1893—AT CHRISTCHURCH.

	Siedeberg ^{rs}	Hookham	Barnes	Eyre	Cleland	Jowitt	Sexton	Tait	Wood	Milner	Won	Lost
Siedeberg, F. V. (Dunedin)	---	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8½	½
Hookham, H. (Christchurch)	---	---	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	6½	2½
Barnes, R. J. (Wellington)	---	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	3
Eyre, W. B. (Christchurch)	---	0	0	---	1	1	1	1	1	1	5½	3½
Cleland, R. A. (Dunedin)	---	½	0	1	0	½	0	1	1	1	4½	4½
Jowitt, A. (Auckland)	---	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	½	1	4	5
Sexton, T. (Ashhurst)	---	0	0	0	1	1	---	0	1	1	4	5
Tait, P. W. (Wellington)	---	0	½	0	½	0	0	1	½	1	3½	5½
Wood, J. (Christchurch)	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	1	2	7
Milner, J. J. (Christchurch)	---	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	---	1	8½

Played in the Chamber of Commerce Hall (Christchurch).

Only one round a day was played. As in the previous year, Mr. Siedeberg went through without a defeat, again winning the first prize and Championship. Mr. Hookham won the second prize, and Mr. Barnes the third prize.

First appearance of the late Mr. Milner (vide Obituaries), and Messrs. Eyre, Cleland, Tait, and Wood.

SEVENTH TOURNEY—DEC. 1893—JAN. 1894—AT DUNEDIN.

	Edwards	Barnes	Cleland	Brown	Hookham	Borton	Lelievre	Mellor	Mouat	Pleasants	Smith	Won	Lost
Edwards, J. (Wellington)	---	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	7½	2½
Barnes, R. J. (Wellington)	---	---	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	3
Cleland, R. A. (Dunedin)	---	1	1	0	0	½	1	1	1	1	1	7	3
Brown, W. (Wellington)	---	0	1	---	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	7	3
Hookham, H. (Christchurch)	---	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	6½	3½
Borton, J. B. (Dunedin)	---	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5
Lelievre, A. A. (Wellington)	---	1	0	0	½	1	0	0	0	1	1	4½	5½
Mellor, J. (Dunedin)	---	0	0	0	0	0	1	---	1	1	1	4	6
Mouat, J. (Dunedin)	---	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	---	1	1	3	7
Pleasants, O. C. (Ashhurst)	---	½	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2½	7½
Smith, F. H. (Nelson)	---	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	---	1	9

Played in the Otago Chess Club's Rooms, in Manse Street, Dunedin.

Prizes: £15, £10, and £5. First appearance of Messrs. Borton, Lelievre, Mellor, Pleasants, and F. H. Smith. Under the Sonneborn system, Mr. Barnes took the second Prize, and Mr. Cleland the third prize. Mr. Brown won the special prize offered by Mr. Jacobs for the best score made by a non-prize-winner. Another special prize, given by Mr. F. H. Smith, for the best defence displayed by non-prize-winners, was unanimously awarded to Mr. J. W. Mellor.

During the progress of the tourney the annual meeting of the N.Z. Chess Association was held, when Sir Robert Stout (the founder of the first Dunedin Chess Club in 1865) was elected President. Mr. F. W. Tait, of Wellington, was elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. The prizes were presented in the Otago Club's rooms at an entertainment "on Savage Club lines," Dr. Stenhouse presiding.

TWELFTH TOURNEY—DECEMBER, 1898—AT DUNEDIN.

Cleland, R. A. (Dunedin)	0	1	1	1	1	1	4	0	Lost.
Barnes, R. J. (Wellington)	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	1	
Lyders, H. (Dunedin)	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	
Edwards, J. (Dunedin)	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	
Mouat, J. (Dunedin)	0	0	0	0	0	—	6	4	

Prizes of £20, £10, £5, and £3 were announced by the Otago Committee. Played at the rooms of the Otago Chess Club in Liverpool Street, Dunedin. This is the only occasion on which 100 per cent. of wins has been achieved, Mr. Cleland thus creating a "reord win." It was also the only occasion on which

there was only one visiting competitor.

At the annual meeting it was decided (on the motion of Mr. Cleland) to amend the Constitution and appoint a Council consisting of delegates and office-bearers.

Mr. Justice Denniston was elected President, and Mr. F. K. Kelling Hon. Secretary. This necessitated a transfer of the Headquarters of the N.Z. Chess Association from Christchurch to Wellington. The previous Hon. Secretary was the late Mr. J. J. Milner, of Christchurch.

A motion was carried expressing deep regret at the death of Mr. Henry Hookham (New Zealand's first Champion) and a former President of the New Zealand Chess Association. (Vide Obituaries.)

THIRTEENTH TOURNEY—APRIL-MAY, 1900—AT WELLINGTON.

Mason	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	2	Lost
Mason, W. E. (Wellington)	0	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	2	
Barnes, R. J. (Wellington)	0	0	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	5½	3½	
Cleland, R. A. (Dunedin)	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	5½	3½
James, H. L. (Wellington)	0	½	0	0	—	1	1	1	1	1	4	5
Still, P. (Wellington)	½	0	0	0	0	½	—	1	0	1	1	4
Kummer, F. (Masterton)	1	½	0	½	0	0	0	—	1	0	1	4
Mackay, W. (Wellington)	½	0	½	0	0	½	1	0	—	1	0	4
Earee, W. (Masterton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	½	0	3	6
Edwards, J. (Dunedin)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	—	1	3
Brown, W. (Wellington)	0	0	0	1	½	0	0	0	½	0	—	2

New Zealand's first Easter Congress. Played in Social Hall of Wellington Working

Men's Club and Literary Institute.

In the play-off the first two games were drawn. Mason won the third game in 43 moves.

First appearance of Rev. Wyndham Earee, and Messrs. Still and Kummer.

Ties for every place except the "whipper-in" position.

Prizes: £20, £12, £6, and £3. Messrs. Cleland and James divided the third and fourth prizes.

FOURTEENTH TOURNEY—APRIL 1901—AT CHRISTCHURCH.

Forsyth, D. (Dunedin)	—	Forsyth.	—	1 Mason, W. E.	—	Wood.	—	Barnard.	—	Lost.
Barnes, R. J. (Wellington)	½	Barnes.	—	1 Mason, J.	1	1	1	1	4½	1
Mason, W. E. (Wellington)	0	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1
Mason, J. (Timaru)	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3½	1½
Wood, J. (Christchurch)	0	0	0	0	—	½	1	1	1½	3½
Barnard, J. O. (Christchurch).....	0	0	0	0	½	—	1	1	1½	3½

New Zealand's second Easter Congress.

Played at the Canterbury Chess Club's rooms, Chamber of Commerce.

Prizes: £20, £10, and £5.

Mr. Barnes missed the Championship by overlooking a stalemate in his game against the Champion.

First appearance of Messrs. John Mason and J. O. Barnard. The latter (who had lived in Gisborne before removing to Christchurch) at short notice took the place of F. W. Clayton (Amaru), who dropped out at the last moment

FIFTEENTH TOURNEY—DECEMBER 1901—JANUARY 1902—AT AUCKLAND.

Barnes, R. J. (Wellington)	—	Barnes.	—	1 Forsyth.	—	Edwards.	—	Jowitt.	—	Won.
Forsyth, D. (Dunedin)	0	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5½
Miles, E. J. (Auckland)	—	—	—	—	1	0	1	1	1	4
Jaquet, J. (Auckland)	0	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	3
Grierson, J. C. (Auckland)	0	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	3
Edwards, J. (Dunedin)	0	0	0	0	—	1	1	1	2½	3½
Jowitt, A. (Auckland)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4
									0	6

Played at the Harbour Board Offices, Auckland.

Prizes: Barnes, £20; Forsyth and Miles, £7 10s each. The prizes were presented at a social gathering in the Strand Cafe.

First appearance of Messrs. Miles (who was the youngest competitor) and Jaquet. For the second year in succession Mr. Barnes went through without a defeat.

TWENTY-EIGHTH TOURNEY—DEC. 1914—JAN. 1915—AT CHRISTCHURCH.

	Kelling	Barnes	Fox, C. E.	Hicks	Severne	Buckett	Grierson	Dodds	Hill	Moore	Mara	Pleasants	Fox, B. G.	Won.	Lost.
Kelling, F. K. (Wellington) ...	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11½	1
Barnes, R. J. (Wellington) ...	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	2
Fox, Rev. C. E. (Solomon Is.) ...	0	1	—	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	4
Hicks, E. A. (Napier) ...	0	0	0	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	4
Severne, E. H. (Christchurch) ...	0	0	0	1	—	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	5
Buckett, W. H. (Christchurch) ...	0	0	1	0	1	—	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	6½	5½
Grierson, J. C. (Auckland) ...	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	0	1	1	1	0	1	5½	6½
Dodds, G. F. (Nelson) ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	0	1	0	1	1	5	7
Hill, W. C. (Wellington) ...	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	—	1	0	1	1	5	7
Moore, S. W. (Carterton) ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	1	1	1	4½	7½
Mara, T. (Timaru) ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	—	1	1	1	4½	7½
Pleasants, O. C. (Wanganui) ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	—	1	2½	9½
*Fox, Rev. B. G. (Little River) ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	12

*Retired after second round, on account of ill-health.

Played in the Canterbury Chess Club's room, Y.M.C.A. Building. Prizes: Kelling, £14 13s. 4d.; Barnes, £10 13s. 4d.; Fox and Hicks, each £5 6s. 8d.; Severne, £2 13s. 4d.; and Buckett, £1 6s. 8d.

Kelling also won the Brilliancy Prize.

First appearance of W. H. Buckett and W. Cowper Hill. The latter was killed at the war.

TWENTY-NINTH TOURNEY—DEC. 1919—JAN. 1920—AT WELLINGTON.

	Mason	Severne	Barnes	Kelling	Hicks	Dodds	Fouhy	Faulkner	Ewen	Connell	Smith	Wild	Lindsay	Won	Lost
Mason, W. E. (Wellington) ...	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1
Severne, E. H. (ChCh) ...	0	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	2
Barnes, R. J. (Wgtn) ...	0	0	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	3
Kelling, F. K. (Wgtn) ...	0	0	1	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	3
Hicks, E. A. (Napier) ...	0	0	1	1	—	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	3
Dodds, G. F. (Nelson) ...	1	1	1	1	—	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	4
Anderson, G. F. (Wgtn) ...	0	0	0	0	1	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8½	4½
Fouhy, T. (Wellington) ...	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	0	1	1	1	1	1	6½	6½
Faulkner, S. (Wgtn) ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	1	1	1	1	1	6½	6½
Ewen, F. C. (Auckland) ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	—	0	1	1	1	5	8
Connell, J. A. (Gisborne) ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	—	1	1	1	4½	8½
Smith, F. H. (Gisborne) ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	—	1	0	3½	9½
Wild, D. (Wellington) ...	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	1	1	2	11
Lindsay, J. (Wgtn) ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	1	1½	11½

First post-war Congress. Played in the Wellington Education Board Room. First appearance of Messrs. Anderson, Fouhy, Faulkner, Ewen, Wild, and Lindsay. Mr. F. H. Smith reappeared in the arena after an absence of 25 years.

Six prizes, viz.: £9 7s., £7 13s., £5 19s., £5 19s., £4 5s., and £3 8s., and two Special Prizes: (a) Brilliancy Prize, donated by Mr. W. Mackay (President), was won by Mr. R. J. Barnes; and (b) Prize donated by Mr. W. E. Grantham (Hurt) for the best end-game, was won by Mr. J. A. Connell.

THIRTIETH TOURNEY—DEC. 1920—JAN. 1921—AT DUNEDIN.

	Dunlop	Davies	Mason	Severne	Gyles	Fouhy	Coombs	Kelling	Won	Lost
Dunlop, J. B. (Oamaru) ---	---	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1
Davies, A. W. O. (Dunedin) ---	---	---	---	1	1	1	1	1	6	1
Mason, W. E. (Wellington) ---	0	0	---	1	1	1	1	1	4½	2½
Severne, E. H. (Nelson) ---	0	0	½	---	1	1	1	1	4	3
Gyles, A. W. (Wellington) ---	---	0	0	0	---	1	1	1	3	4
Fouhy, T. (Wellington) ---	---	½	0	0	0	---	1	0	2	5
Coombs, L. D. (Dunedin) ---	½	0	0	0	0	0	---	1	1½	5½
Kelling, F. K. (Wellington) ---	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6

Played in the School of Art, Moray Place, Dunedin.

Mr. Dunlop won the play-off, the Championship thus going to an Oamaru competitor for the first time, and to the South Island for the first time since 1901.

Mr. Dunlop also won two special prizes, viz. (a) Rev. N. Friberg's prize for the "best recovery," and the Otago Chess Club's "Brilliance Prize," his three-fold success being described as "the hat trick." Mr. Mason won 3rd prize, and Mr. Severne the 4th.

Mr. T. Fouhy won Mr. F. Kummer's special prize for making the best score against the "placed" men.

Mr. Coombs was the only competitor making his first bid for the Championship.

THIRTY-FIRST TOURNEY—Dec. 26th, 1921—JAN. 6th, 1922—HELD IN AUCKLAND.

	Dunlop	Severne	Gyles	Davies	Hicks	Kelling	Grierson	Pickett	Miller	Stevens	Roberts	Howard	Evans	Connell	Won	Lost
Dunlop, J. B. (Oamaru) ---	---	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	2
Severne, E. H. (Nelson) ---	---	---	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	3
Gyles, A. W. (Wellington) ---	---	1	---	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	3
Davies, A. W. O. (Otago) ---	---	½	1	---	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	9½	3½
Hicks, E. A. (Wellington) ---	---	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	4
Kelling, F. K. (Wellington) ---	---	0	0	0	1	---	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	6
Grierson, J. C. (Auckland) ---	---	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	5½	7½
Pickett, A. (Auckland) ---	---	0	0	0	0	1	0	---	1	0	1	1	1	0	5	8
Miller, A. (Westport) ---	---	0	½	0	1	0	1	1	---	1	0	0	1	1	5	8
Stevens, J. E. (Canterbury) ---	---	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	---	1	1	1	1	5	8
Roberts, C. C. (Auckland) ---	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	5	8
Howard, Dr. E. H. (Taumarunui) ---	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	---	1	1	1	4½	8½
Evans, H. V. (Auckland) ---	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	4	9
Connell, J. A. (Wellington) ---	---	½	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	10
									1	0	0	0	1	---	2½	10½

Played in the Social Hall of the Working Men's Club.

(a) First prize and Championship; (b) and (c) divided second and third prizes; (d) fourth prize; (e) fifth prize; (f) sixth prize; (g) special prize (given by Mr. F. Kummer) for the best score against the prize-winners. Mr. A. W. Gyles also won the Brilliance Prize.

*These six players were competing for the first time.

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