PASTOR AND PEOPLE.

The Religious World Deeply Interested in Spurgeon's Illness.

STRONG HOPES OF HIS RECOVERY.

Some of the Topics to Be Discussed in Our City Pulpits.

GLEANINGS FROM CHURCH FIELDS

Mr. Spurgeon has been confined to his room since June 12, and a multitude of obituaries have been spoiled by his failure to shuffle off this mortal coil. An article in the *Sword and Trowel*, a leading religious paper of England, has this to say of the noted preacher's condition: "The delirium, which had been such a trying part of Mr. Spurgeon's sufferings, suddenly ceased, and from that time until the present has scarcely returned. This improvement made many friends imagine that the dear sufferer was rapidly recovering, whereas, so far as the actual malady was concerned, there was no material alteration." The note appended to the sermon of the first Sunday of September was as follows: "No progress can be reported in Mr. Spurgeon's general condition, while the serious malady from which he has been suffering remains much the same as it has been for many weeks." It is fondly hoped that Christendom's greatest preacher may weather the storm and disappoint premature obituary writers. Mr. Spurgeon is only 57 years of age, and if he should get around his present ills might do good work for many years to come.

Sunday Services in Pittsburg Churches.

EIGHTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. E. R. Donelson, pastor—10:45 A. M., "Progress in Doctrine;" 7:30 P. M., "Resisting an Enemy."

LIBERTY STREET M. E. CHURCH—Preaching at 10:30 A. M. by the pastor, Rev. J. P. McKee. Sabbath school at 2 o'clock. Preaching at 7:30 by the pastor.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH, on Grant street—There will be service forenoon and evening, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Edmund Belfour, D. D.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, Sheridan avenue, East End, Rev. Hirman J. Kuder, pastor —10:45 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Harvest Home services in the morning.

FIRST U. P. CHURCH, Seventh avenue, William J. Reid, D. D., pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M., "To a Higher Court," and at 7:30 P. M., "Renewed Strength."

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH, corner North Highland avenue and Kirkwood street, East End, Rev. John Weidley, pastor—Service at 11 o'clock and 7:45 o'clock.

SHADY AVENUE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Dr. J. W. McKay, pastor—11 A. M., "Sorrowless Riches;" 7:45 P. M., "Godliness Outpays Everything."

THE First Unitarian Church, corner Ross and Diamond streets, old University building—Service at 10:45 A. M. by Rev. Henry D. Maxson, of Menominee, Wis.

SEVENTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Herron avenue, Rev. C. S. McClelland, pastor—At 10:30 A. M., subject, "A Mind at Work;" 7:30 P. M., "What Think Ye of Christ?"

EMORY M. E. CHURCH, East End, Rev. C. V. Wilson, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Morning: "How Many Loaves Have Ye?" Evening: "The True Hearer."

CHRIST M. E CHURCH, Rev. G. W. Izer, D.D., pastor—Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., in the Duquesne Theater. Evening subject: "Unknown Paths."

OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, Bates and Atwood streets, William Ward West, pastor—Morning, 10:45, "Three Phases of Humility;" evening, 7:30, "The Veteran's Glory."

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, corner Pride and Colwell streets, Robert A. Cutler, pastor —At 10:30 A. M., preaching by the pastor. At 7:30 P. M., P. A. Cave, of Virginia, will preach.

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Sixth avenue, Rev. E. P. Cowan, D. D., pastor—Services 10:45 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Evening subject, "The Man Who Nearly Died From Eating Honey."

EIGHTH STREET REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. D. McAllister, pastor—At 10:30, "Christ, the Good Shepherd;" at 3, "The Christian Conqueror a Pillar in God's Temple."

HIGHLAND AVENUE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION, Rev. O. B. Milligan, pastor—Morning, at 10:30 o'clock, "The Sinfulness of Sin;" afternoon at 3 o'clock, "Wakefulness Enjoined."

THE SEVENTH U. P. CHURCH, Forty-fourth and Butler streets, services to-morrow conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Sands. Morning, "The Duality of Environment;" evening, "Salvation Near."

ST. MARK'S MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH, North Highland avenue, Rev. W. L. McClure —Services 11 A. M., subject, "Lead Us Not Into Temptation;" 7:45, subject, "What Think Ye of Christ?"

THIRTY-THIRD STREET U. P. CHURCH, Rev. J. McD. Hervey, pastor—Subjects: Morning, "The Principle of Spiritual Development;" evening, "The Unprofitableness of Doing Our Whole Duty."

LAWRENCEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Thirty-ninth street, between Penn avenue and Butler street, Rev. A. E. Linn, pastor—Subject, 10:30 A. M., "A New Fashion;" 7:30 P. M., "Too Much Counsel."

SECOND P. M. CHURCH, Cobden street, Southside, Rev. H. J. Buckingham, pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Subjects: Evening, "The Final Separation." Morning, "Showers of Blessings."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Wood street, Rev. George T. Purves, D. D., pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Evening subject, "A Man Whom God Took Care of and How He Took Care of Him."

DENNY M. E. CHURCH, Ligonier and Thirty-fourth streets—At 10:30 A. M.: "The Sacramental Table." At 7:30 P. M., Rev. J. W. Miles, D. D., will preach. Communion after morning and evening service.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner of Forbes and Seneca streets, Rev. A. A. Healy, pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning subject, "In His Name;" evening subject, "Christ's Temptation."

ALLENTOWN U. P. CHURCH, Rev. S. W. Douthett, pastor—At 10:45 A. M. subject, "Keeping the Feast," after sermon the observance of the Lord's Supper; at 7:45 P. M. subject, "The Feast Ended."

PRESBYTERIAN, Homewood avenue, corner Homewood avenue and Bennett street—Preaching at 10:30 A. M. by C. L. Chalfant, and at 7:30 P. M. by Rev. G. W. Chaliant, D. D., of Park Avenue Presbyterian Church.

FIFTH U. P. CHURCH, Webster avenue, Rev. J. W. Harsha, pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning text, "Keep Thy Foot When Thou Goest to the House of God;" evening, "Human Shortsightedness."

WALTON M. E. CHURCH, corner Sarah and Twenty-fourth street, Southside—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. S. W. Davis, 10:30 A. M., subject, "Christ, Our Life;" 7:30 P. M., "The Close of Our Lord's Ministry in Galilee."

FOURTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, corner of Ross street, H. C. Applegarth, pastor—10:30 A. M., "Christianity's Ideal;" 7:45 P. M., concert of song. A service for the people. Sermon on "A Question of Christ." Bible school 2:30 P. M.

UNITARIAN CHURCH, Curry University Hall, Sixth street and Penn avenue, Rev. Andrews, pastor—Morning service 10:30; evening service 7:30. Morning subject, "Religious Catholicism;" evening subject, "Friendship."

SIXTH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Collins avenue, East End, Rev. R. M. Russell, pastor—Services 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Morning sermon, "A Prayer for the Beauty of God;" evening, "Lost Opportunities Through Misdirected Energies."

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Wylie avenue and Congress street, Rev. J. B. Koehne, pastor—Morning subject, "A Political Principle and Its Spiritual Application;" evening, "A Business Principle and Its Spiritual Application."

SMITHFIELD STREET M. E. CHURCH, corner of Seventh avenue, Rev. Charles Edward Locke, pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Morning subject: "Dwellers in the Holy Hill." Evening subject: "What Shall Be Done With the Drunkard?"

HOMEWOOD AVENUE M. E. CHURCH, Rev. E. S. White, pastor—Service at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school 9:30 A. M. Morning subject: "The Indwelling Christ." Evening subject: "Facing the World." Reception of probationers at the morning service.

MT. WASHINGTON M. P. CHURCH, corner Virginia avenue and Bigham street, S. F. Crowther, pastor—Services, 10:30 A. M., 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 2 P. M. Morning, sermon by Rev. William West. Evening, "Christians God's Temples," by the pastor.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner Penn avenue and Seventh street, Rev. J. R. Sutherland, D. D., pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Subject in the morning, "The Great Preacher's Six Sermons;" in the evening, "Sneering at the World's Great Leaders."

SHADYSIDE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Baum street, near Liberty avenue—The pastor, Rev. J. K. McClurkin, D. D., will preach at 10:30 A. M.; subject, "Parable of the Sower," and at 7:45 P. M. on "Jehovah Ropheka," being the second in a series of sermons on the name of Jehovah.

THIRD U. P. CHURCH, Diamond street, J. T. McCrory, pastor—At 10:30 A. M., "Early Christian Preachers: Their Message and Methods;" at 7:45, the third sermon in the series on "Man's Eternal Destiny," "An Illustration From Life." Young people's meeting at 6:45, subject, "Am I Saved."

SHADY AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, near Penn avenue, Dr. W. A. Stanton, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Morning subject, "A Paradoxical Proverb;" evening subject, "Good People." The formal and public opening of the new auditory in this church will take place the first Sunday in October.

FIRST CHURCH OF SPIRITUALISTS, No. 6 Sixth street, second floor, Mr. F. A. Wiggin, of Salem, Mass., speaker—Service begins at 10:45 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Subject for morning lecture, "What Good in Spiritualism;" evening lecture, "No Night There." Messages from the spirit world are given at the close of each lecture.

Allegheny Churches.

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Lincoln avenue—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. The pastor, Rev. John Fox, D. D., will preach.

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Liberty near Chestnut streets, Rev. W. A. Kinter, pastor—Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M.

NORTH AVENUE M. E. CHURCH, corner Arch street, Rev. J. T. Satchell, pastor—10:30 A. M., "The Hidden Life;" 7:30 P. M., "My Dreams."

SECOND U. P. CHURCH, Rev. W. H. McMillan, D. D., pastor—10:30 A. M., "Members of Christ's Body;" 7:30 P. M., "Satisfied at Last."

THE Sandusky Street Baptist Church, Allegheny City, B. F. Woodburne, pastor—10:30 A. M., "Religion and Morality;" 7:30 P. M., "Prisoners of Hope."

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, corner North and Grant avenues — "My Father Worketh Hitherto and I Work." Evening: "Paul's Voyage on the Adriatic."

ARCH STREET M. E. CHURCH, Rev. W. F. Conner, pastor—10:30 A. M., "Servants of Christ;" 7:30 P. M., preaching by Rev. A. L. Petty, D. D., Presiding Elder Allegheny district.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner Anderson and Lacock street, Rev. S. B. McCormick, pastor—Subject, 10:45 A. M.: "The Courage of Trust." 7:45 P. M.: "Moses at the Bush."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Carnegie Hall, Rev. David S. Kennedy, pastor—Morning service 10:30. Theme, "The Power of the Word. Evening service 9:45. Theme, "The Way of Salvation."

MCCLURE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. L. J. Glass, pastor—The morning service will be conducted by Rev. C. B. Newton, D. D., of India. Evening theme, "The Old Paths and the Good Way."

GREEN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, Scott and Robinson streets, Rev. R. S. Laws, D. D., pastor—Praise meeting at 10:30 A. M.; communion at 3 P. M., and preaching at 7:30 P. M. Subject: Baptismal birth.

BUENA VISTA STREET M. E. CHURCH, Rev. J H. Miller, pastor—At 10:30 A. M.: "Conditions of Success in Church Work." At 7:30 P. M.: "The Sabbath Question." The Epworth League meets now at 6:30 P. M.

FOURTH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner Arch street and Montgomery avenue, Joseph Kyle, pastor—Morning subject, "Work, Rest and Recompense;" evening, "Constancy in Doing and Enduring."

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Arch street, Rev. W. T. Richardson, pastor—A service of lilies on Sunday evening. The choir will be assisted by Mrs. J. Sharpe McDonald, Misses Glassar and Ward; Messrs. Ross Holden and Hays. The lilies of the field and the rose of Sharon will occupy a prominent place in the service.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, corner Franklin and Manhattan streets, Rev. S. W. McCorkle, pastor—The pastor will preach both morning and evening. Morning subject: "Is the World Growing Better?" Evening: "God's Love for the Youngest and Weakest." Orchestra at night.

Miscellaneous.

DR. I. C. PERSHING will preach morning and evening and conduct the reopening services of the Second M. E. Church, Brownsville, Pa.

GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MEETING every Sunday night at 27 Federal street, Allegheny. Mr. C. Hunt and other good speakers will address the meeting.

MONONGAHELA PRESBYTERY will meet in the Shadyside Church, Baum street, next Tuesday. Rev. J. K. McClurkin, D. D., will be installed at 7:30 P. M.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Mansfied Valley, Pa., O. H. Phillips, pastor—Morning, "Small Things;" evening, united service United Presbyterian Church. Young people's meeting at 6:30.

THE Presbyterian Ministerial Association will meet Monday, September 21, in First Presbyterian Church, on Wood street. Election of officers for next six months and other business.

MRS. J. P. E. KUMLER will teach the lesson for the coming Sabbath at the meeting of the Primary Teachers' Union at the Second Presbyterian Church at 12:45 o'clock Saturday, September 19.

LINCOLN—Colonel A. K. McClure tells in THE DISPATCH to-morrow how Lincoln was smuggled from Harrisburg to Washington to escape assassins. The facts now first revealed.

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WANT WATER TO DRILL

Wells and Streams at McDonald Destroyed and Exhausted.

AN EXPERT'S OPINION OF THE POOL.

Some Wells Completed Yesterday in the Southwest Limits.

THE PRODUCERS AND THE PIPE LINES

McDonald is in Washington county and consequently is without a liquor license. The inhabitants, however, have never complained of a lack of liquor, as scarcely a day passes without a carload of beer being shipped to the place. It is water they want now. Water to drink, water to use in cooking and loudest of all the oil operators are crying for water to use in their boilers. It is not a question of oil as it is of water. Water is almost as valuable as petroleum. The oil escaping from the wells has destroyed the springs and brooks, and the salt water from the oil wells has rendered useless many of the water wells. Notwithstanding the wealth it brings some of the old timers among the natives look upon the oil as a curse to their once fair land. To the oil operator the lack of water means the loss possibly of thousands of dollars, and in several cases they have been compelled to put down thousands of feet of pipe to get water to their drilling wells. It is a grievous question. The natives can aptly quote: "Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink," while the operators murmur: "My shekels for a drink of water." In consequence of the drouth, many of the drilling wells have been shut down until water wells can be drilled.

New Wells Completed.

There were several good wells drilled into the fifth sand yesterday in McDonald borough. The old wells which came in big are still holding up their wonderful records. There has been no break. One of the big operators of the field said yesterday in speaking of this fact: "Why should they not hold up? Look at the immense amount of territory each has to pull from. It is nearly four miles from the Wright well, in southwest McCurdy, to the lower end of the McDonald pool, and the big wells scattered along this line are all isolated. There is nothing near them to hinder their producing powers. On each side of them up and down this line they have from half a mile to a mile of first-class oil sand, and it is only a conjecture yet as to how far the belt extends sideways. This great field cannot be compared to any of the other white sand pools. Take Thorn creek, Wildwood, or the rich Washington county pool, and here we had big wells within a few hundred feet of each other and they would come in at an astonishing rate; but when there were three or four of them pulling from one little rich spot they soon exhausted all of the oil and gas and dropped to less than mediocre producers.

Satisfied With a Good Thing.

"The owners of the big wells in the McDonald field, where they are fairly well protected, have been satisfied to let well enough alone, and have not been rushing things to puncture the shell in every accessible spot, and thereby, perhaps, kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. This is the wisest course, and in the long run they will, no doubt, get more oil from one of these big wells than from three or four put down around it indiscriminately. Each of the big ones is draining a vast amount of rock, and it would be the height of folly to drill close to any one of them. If the belt should not be wide it is safe to say that a quarter of a mile would not be more than a safe distance from one of these on a 45-degree line. Within the next 30 days there will be at least 40 wells completed in the field, and I believe that the biggest general production is yet to come. I do not believe that there will be any bigger wells than we have now. The Mathews well, is probably the most remarkable man ever struck anywhere. It has produced over 125,000 barrels of oil in less than three months, and shows no signs of diminishing its enormous output. In fact, whenever it changes it is for the better."

Extending to the Southwest.

McDONALD—W. P. Black & Co.'s well on the George lot is in the fifth sand, and good for 40 barrels an hour. Their No. 1, on the Crooks lot, is also in the fifth, and making 20 barrels an hour. Both of these are southwest of the U. P. Church lot well from 250 to 300 feet. The George lot well was making 75 barrels a day from the Gordon sand and the Crooks lot 125 barrels a day from the same stratum. Their wells on the McNall, Springer and Jamison lots will get the Gordon sand to-day. McGee Bros. & Co.'s well on the Smith lot is making 135 barrels a day, and will be shot. Clark & Campbell's well on the Sauters property, which is several feet in the fifth sand, is making about 200 barrels a day. Shafler & Co. were reported to have gotten a 300 or 400 barrel well on the hill west of the U. P. Church lot late last night. Guckert & Steeles No. 1 on the Mevey was drilled a little and is making 125 barrels an hour. Their No. 2 is down 1,050 feet. No. 3 is shut down at 600 on account of the scarcity of water; No. 4 is 400 feet deep, and No. 5 is spudding.

J. T. Sauters withdrew his suit against Guckert, Steele & Co., yesterday, which was brought to restrain them from drilling through coal which he owned under an acre and a half of the Mevey farm. Mr. Sauters is the owner of the Nickel Plate mine. As a consequence of the withdrawal of the suit Guckert & Steele have commenced spudding in their No. 5 Mevey Boviard. Seyfang & Co.'s well is showing strong in the fifth sand.

It Will Be a Small Well.

McCURDY—Hoffman & Co.'s well on the Moore farm was reported last night to be from 12 to 15 feet in the fifth sand and good for only 60 barrels a day. This is a disappointment to the owners as well as many of the leaseholders in the vicinity. It is only about 400 feet from the Forest Oil Company's Wright farm well. In the extreme northeastern part of the McCurdy field a number of rigs have been built.

Gailey & Gailey have a rig on the James Spear farm, three-fourths of a mile northeast of the schoolhouse lot well and east of the old Groveton field. The Wheeling Gas Company has a rig on the Samuel Phillips farm, about 1,500 feet east of the schoolhouse and north of the Annie Adams No. 1. The Smith Farm Oil Company has a rig up on the Stewart farm, 300 feet northeast of the schoolhouse. The Philadelphia Gas Company is building a rig on the Aiken farm. It is 2½ miles ahead of developments in the old McCurdy field, on a 45° line. Black & Co. are fishing at 1,200 feet on the William Phillips, one-half mile northeast of the Annie Adams No. 2. These are all in an extension to the northeast of the McCurdy field proper, and if any good will add a big scope of valuable territory to that field.

In Butler County.

CALLERY—Single, Lentz & Co.'s No. 1, on the Newton Garvin farm, is making 350 barrels a day, and their No. 2, on the same farm, 10 barrels an hour. They have made a location for No. 3, on the Newton Garvin, and are down 400 feet in their No. 2, on the Benjamin Garvin. The Forest Oil Company's No. 1 Reichley is making 170 barrels a day, and they are spudding in No. 2 on the same farm.

ZELIENOPLE — Guckert & Steele's No. 2 Snuffer is making 15 barrels an hour and they are building a rig for No. 3.

What the Producers Want.

The following communication from the Hon. David Kirk, of the McCalmont Oil Company, who is recognized as one of the leading spirits in the Producers' Protective Association, fully explains itself:

To the Oil Editor of the Dispatch:

What the producers require is so reasonable that their demands have only to be stated to be complied with. For the information of all concerned, especially the pipe line authorities, that they be prepared, I will state about what the producers want.

We have no objections that the oil delivered to the minor lines go into the lines of the National Transit Company; indeed, we prefer that this company should be the custodian of all, as it possesses the capital, credit and facilities to insure responsibility and the proper transaction of the business, but before we deliver to it our goods we desire that certain definitions and rules be established so that when we give we shall understand definitely what shall be returned. The usages of the trade has established five different kinds of crude petroleum, viz: Lima, Bradford, Tiona, Middle and Southern. These kinds have been run, held and delivered separately, and each has commanded a different price. We desire that these distinctions and separations be maintained, so that each shall stand upon its own merits in the market and the owner shall receive the same kind and quality he contributes.

We object to various kinds being run in together like succotash or egg-nogg. If we give beans we desire beans back, if whisky, we will take ours straight.

The present certificate to deliver back crude petroleum is not sufficient; we wish it to state the kind and quality that it represents and where it will be delivered, and in the interests of small producers we ask certificates for 250 and 500 barrels as well as the 1,000 barrels as at present. We desire the form of the certificate, the rules and regulations established by competent authorities representing all concerned, so that they can not be changed arbitrarily by one party, as was done recently when the market was dropped 20 cents a barrel in a day on the mere change in definitions. In short, we demand an unchangeable paper for the goods we deliver, that will give the holder thereof a clear title to the same kind and quality as was placed in the company's charge by the owner thereof. Boards of trade or chambers of commerce representing all classes usually establish such rules. For this purpose the constituted authorities of 3,000 producers will ask for a conference with the National Transit Company, when no doubt everything in controversy will be satisfactorily arranged.

DAVID KIRK.

Yesterday's Local Features.

Oil brought more money. There were more buyers out. Trading was moderate. Cash opened at 57⅜c: highest, 59c; lowest, 57⅜c: close, 59c. October opened at 58c: highest, 59⅝c; lowest, 58c; close 59⅝c—a gain for the day of 1⅝c for cash, and 1⅝c for October. The close was firm. There was no change in refined.

OIL CITY, Sept. 18.—National Transit certificates opened at 57⅜c: highest, 60c: lowest, 57⅜c; closed, 59⅝c. Sales, 181,000 barrels; clearances, 380,000 barrels; shipments, 90,424 barrels; runs, 98,377 barrels.

BRADFORD, Sept. 18.—National Transit certificates opened at 58¼c; closed at 59⅝c; highest, 59⅝c; lowest, 58¼c. Clearances, 104,000 barrels.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 18.—Petroleum easy; S. W. 110° 6½c; 74° gasoline, 7c; 86° gasoline, 10c; 63° naphtha, 6½c.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Petroleum opened strong and advanced ⅛ on covering of shorts, closing strong. Pennsylvania oil—Spot, opening, 58c; highest, 58c; lowest, 58c; closing, 58c; October option, opening, 58c; highest, 59c; lowest, 58c; closing, 59c. Total sales, 99,000 barrels.

CHESS.

All communications should be addressed to the Chess Editor, P. O. Box 453.

The Pittsburg Chess Club meets at the Pittsburg Library, Penn avenue.

The Allegheny Chess Club meets at Dr. Miller's Hall, North avenue, every Monday evening.

TWO-MOVE PROBLEM SOLUTION TOURNEY.

PROBLEM NO. 87.

[Composed for The Dispatch.]

BY OTTO WURZBURG.

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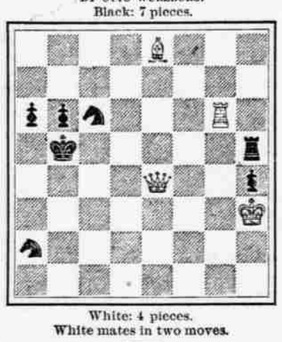

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PROBLEM NO. 88.

BY DR. B. M. RANDALL.

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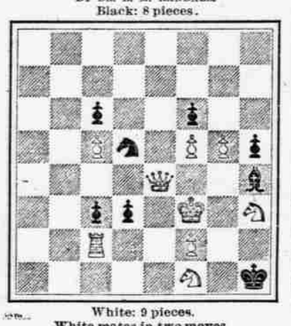

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PROBLEM NO. 89.

[From the Baltimore News.]

BY W. I. KENNARD.

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PROBLEM NO. 90.

BY W. I. KENNARD, MELROSE, MASS.

The subjoined problem was awarded the first prize for difficulty of solution in the special three-move problem contest in Brownson's Chess Journal.

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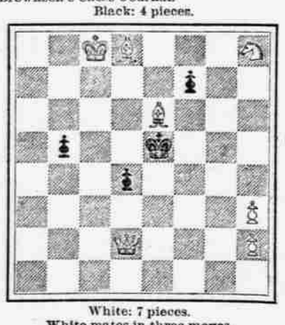

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GAME ENDING NO. 33.

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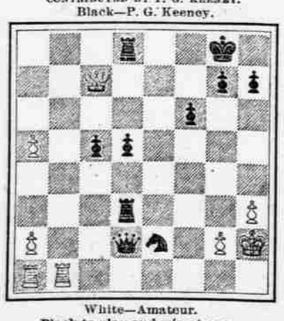
Black—P. G. Keeney.



White—Amateur.
Black to play and win at once.

GAME NO. 83.

Played at the Dundee Chess Club, Scotland. Score and notes from the *Illustrated London News*.

EVANS-GAMBIT.

POLLOCK'S VARIATIONS.

White. Fraser.	Black. Turnbull.	White. Fraser.	Black. Turnbull.
1. P K 4	P K 4	6. Castles	P Q 3
2. K Kt B 3	Q Kt B 3	7. P Q 4	P x P
3. B B 4	B B 4	8. P x P	B Kt 3
4. P Q Kt 4	B x P	9. P Q 5	Kt R 4
5. P B 3	B B 4	10. B Kt 2	Kt x B
11. B x P	Q Q 2	14. Kt B 5	Q K B 2
12. B x R	P K B 3	15. Kt Q B 3	
13. Kt Q 4	Kt K 4		

Threatening Kt to Q Kt 5, an awkward move to parry.

15.	B Q 2	19. P B 5	Q R 3
16. K R 1	Q Kt 3	20. Kt K 6	Kt x B
17. Kt x Kt ch	K x Kt	21. R B 3	
18. P B 4	Kt B 2		

Black is now almost forced to rid himself of this Kt in order to afford a retreat for the queen if attacked by the rook.

21.	B x Kt	23. R K Kt 3	Q Kt 2
22. Q P x B	P Q B 3	24. P K 5	B P x P

If the Q P makes the capture then R x R P.

25. Kt K 4	R Q 1	27. R Kt 3	Q R 2
26. Q R 5	P K R 3	28. R x Kt	

Conclusive, whatever the reply.

28.	R x R	30. P B 6 ch and wins.	
29. Q R 4 ch	R Kt 4		

GAME NO. 84.

Played recently at Lexington, Ky., Mr. Showalter giving the odds of the K B P and two moves.—*From the Louisville Courier-Journal.*

White. Logan.	Black. Showalter.	White. Logan.	Black. Showalter.
1. P K 4		7. B K 3	B Kt 5 ch
2. P Q 4	P K 3	8. Kt B 3	Castles
3. P Q B 4	K Kt 3	9. Q Kt 4	P B 4
4. B Q 3	P Q 4	10. Q x P (K5)	P x P
5. P K 5	Kt K 5	11. R Q 1	P x B
6. B x Kt	P x B		

The initial move of a beautiful and sound combination carried through in Mr. Showalter's best style.

12. R x Q	P x P ch	21. Q x P ch	K R 1
13. K B 1	P x Kt ch	22. R K 1	R Q 7
14. K x Q	B B 4 ch	23. Q Kt 4	P K R 3
15. R Q 4	Kt B 3	24. R K 2	R x R
16. Kt K 2	B Q 2	25. Q x R	R B 7
17. P K R 3	K t x R	26. Q Kt 4	R x P ch
18. Kt x Kt	B B 3	27. Q x R	R x Q
19. Q Kt 4	Q R Q	28. K x B	B Q 5
20. K R 2	R x Kt	29. Resigns.	

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 83.

BY GODFREY HEATHCOTE.

B to K 4.

Correct solutions received from P. G. Keeney, C. S. Jacobs and B. H. Lutton.

GAME ENDING No. 29.

Prize Position.

The prize for the shortest and best solution of this ending has been awarded by Mr. C. S. Jacobs to Palmer G. Keeney, of Newport, Ky.

SIMULTANEOUS CHESS.

Mr. B. Koehler will give a public exhibition of simultaneous play against all comers on Monday evening, September, 21, at the rooms of the Allegheny Chess Club, in Dr. Miller's Hall, No. 221 North avenue. Play begins promptly at 7:30 P. M. The members of the club are requested to bring their men and boards with them.

Chess News.

Dr. Persifor Frazer, President of the Franklin Chess Club, of Philadelphia, a few days ago presented the club with several standard works on chess that once formed part of the library of the late Paul Morphy. Steps are being taken to increase the library of the club.

The annual meeting of the English Counties Chess Association was held this year at Oxford. The following is the final score: Rev. A. B. Skipworth, 7½; J. H. Blake, 7½; Trenchard, 4½; Owen, 4½; Lambert, 4½; Bateman, 4½; Thorold, 4; Dr. Hunt, 3½; Pinchy, 2½; Scott, 2.

Two games were played last week in the pending match between Major Hanham and Mr. Kemeny, each player winning one.

Loyd, Kemeny, Mungo and Otten are competitors in the tournament that has just been organized for the championship of the City Chess Club, of New York.

Louis Poulsen drank water only—no spirits, coffee or tea. He did not smoke. Too bad!

THE GAME OF DRAUGHTS.

CONDUCTED BY J. B. FERGUSON.

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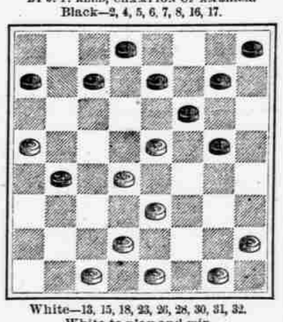
PROBLEM NO. 82.

BY J. P. REED, CHAMPION OF AMERICA.

Black—2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 16, 17.



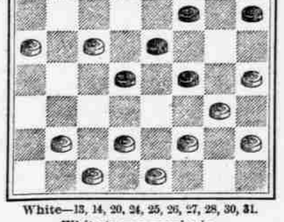
White—13, 15, 18, 23, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32.
White to play and win.

The above problem, solved by Mr. Reed in the time limit in his last match with Mr. Barker, earned for him the title of champion of America. The position was diagrammed on a silver cup and presented to the Chicago Chess and Checker Club by Mr. R. W. Patterson, of Pittsburg.

PROBLEM NO. 83.

BY C. F. BARKER, EX-CHAMPION.

Black—1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 15, 18, 19.



White—13, 14, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31.
White to move and win.

GAME NO. 165 "CROSS."

Played at Williamsport, Pa., between Mr. T. P. Warner and Mr. J. W. Edgerly:

11—15	19—15	7—11	10—7	26—30
23—18	16—20 a	15—19	19—28	22—18
8—11	24—19 b	6—15	7—2	30—21
27—32	4—8	19—10	20—21 *	18—11
10—14	27—24	11—15	27—20	1—6
23—19	2—7	30—26	18—22	7—2
14—23	22—17 c	8—11	2—7	21—17
19—10	14—18 d	25—22	3—10	2—9
7—14	28—24 e	11—16	14—7	17—10
26—19	9—13 *	21—17	23—26	B. wins.
11—16	17—14	16—19.	17—14	

(a) White has now a hard game to play. 30-26 is stronger.

The above game was played in New York nearly 20 years ago, and published in the *Turf* in the '70s.

GAME NO. 167—CROSS.

By H. Mackay, in Glasgow Herald.

11—15	7—14	18—25	2—7 *	10—14	26—31 †
23—18	22—17	29—22	21—17	18—9	9—18
8—11	14—18	4-9—13	14—21	6—14	31—27
27—23	24—29	17—14	10—7	26—23	19—15
4—8	11—15	2—6	4—6	13—17	12—16
23—19	13—10	14—10	23—19	7—2	15—10
10—14	6—15	* 6—9	15—24	17—22	8—12
19—10	5-32—27	27—23	28—19	2—6	10—7
14—23	8—11	9—14	6—10	22—26	11—15
26—19	25—22	31—26	23—18	6—2	Draw.

*In a note at this stage, Mr. Strudwick remarks that 6-9 seems to win for black. I cannot see it. I beg to submit the inclosed play, showing that white has an easy draw in hand; in fact, black has the weakest game. —*H. Mackay.*

VARIATION 1.

14—17	9—14	25—22	7—10	19—24	29—16
19—16	17—22	7—3	27—23	18—15	White
12—19	14—18	8—12	10—14	24—28	wins.
23—7	22—25	3—7	23—19	15—19	
26—31	18—22	31—27	14—18	28—32	

VARIATION 2.

5—9	10—6	10—6	21—19	15—10	1—5
28—24