

PASADENA CHESS CONGRESS.

This congress, of which much was expected, particularly in view of its following immediately after the Olympic Games at Los Angeles, proved a disappointment as far as entries were concerned. It is true that Dr. Alexander Alekhine duly made his appearance, fresh from his victory at Berne. But there was no J. R. Capablanca or F. J. Marshall. We read that Capablanca's non-participation was due to the fact that Dr. Alekhine demanded an extra honorarium of \$2,000 if Capablanca competed; and that Marshall did not play because the promoters of the tournament were unable to pay him an honorarium for which he asked. (We refrain from comment, but draw attention to a quotation from *The Newark Evening News* on another page.) Further, there was no return, as had been hoped, of W. E. Napier to the tournament-arena.

The entries were as stated by us last month, except that F. Planas, of Cuba, was missing. Apart from Alekhine, therefore, Araiza was the only competitor from outside the United States.

Dr. Alekhine added yet another to his formidable list of first prizes in tournaments. In the last round but one he lost in 38 moves to young Dake, whose failure to win a won game against Capablanca in the New York tournament of 1931 (*B.C.M.*, 1931, p. 282) will be remembered. In spite of his setback Alekhine was sufficiently ahead in the score for a draw with Fine in the last round to serve his purpose. It will be noted that he beat Kashdan, whom he has always previously found a very sturdy opponent. Kashdan lost no other game. In the triple tie which followed for the remaining prizes Dake showed himself the most uneven player, besides his loss to Reshevsky, the former boy-prodigy dropping a point to the lowly placed Araiza. Herman Steiner is the player who won the Premier Reserves tournament at Hastings over the New Year of 1929.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.	Prize.
1 A. Alekhine ..	—	I	0	I	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	I
2 I. Kashdan ..	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	II
3 A. W. Dake ..	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	6	} III- IV
4 S. Reshevsky ..	0	0	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	I	I	6	
5 H. Steiner ..	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	6	
6 H. Borochoy ..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	—	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
7 J. Bernstein ..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	5	
8 S. D. Faktor ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	5	
9 R. Fine ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	5	
10 F. Reinfeld ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	—	0	I	5	
11 J. J. Araiza ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	I	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
12 A. J. Fink ..	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	I	—	3	

The prizes were \$250, \$150, \$100, and \$50.

The Minor Tournament was won by the Rev. H. E. Ohman (8 $\frac{1}{2}$), followed by J. L. Sheets (8). The Women's Tournament ended in a popular victory for Miss La Vieve Hines of Pasadena.