

HERR LOWENTHAL. M. DE RIVIERE. MR. WYVILL, M.P. HERR FALKBEER. MR. STAUNTON. LORD LYTTELTON. CAPTAIN KENNEDY.
CHESS CELEBRITIES AT THE LATE CHESS MEETING.—FROM PHOTOGRAPHS BY SIGNOR ASPA (LEAMINGTON CHESS-CLUB) AND MR. RUSSELL.

the agreeable poet, the amiable and virtuous man—if that shade could look down at the present time and see his own beloved Hagley still the retreat of domestic happiness, and private virtue, and public independence, he would rejoice, and he was sure, likewise, he would applaud his accomplished successor for lending his encouragement and patronage to the improving game of Chess.

The noble Chairman said he had to thank Dr. Kennedy for the undeserved terms of eulogy which he had made use of in proposing his health, and the company for the manner in which they had received it; but, having said the little he had to say on the subject of Chess, he would not venture to take up

more of their time. It would give him great satisfaction to attend future meetings of the association.

Admiral Bigland gave "The Health of the Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Temple," whose absence was owing to the great exertions he had made for promoting that meeting. The toast was drunk with much applause.

The noble Chairman next proposed "The Health of the Vice-Chairman, Dr. Kennedy." It had given him great satisfaction indeed to be supported and assisted as he had been that evening by so eminent a man as the Head Master of Shrewsbury School.

Dr. Kennedy returned thanks or the honour done him, and mentioned several former pupils of his own, players of Chess, who had obtained high scholastic distinctions at the Universities.

The Chairman next gave "The Vice-Presidents of the meeting."

Mr. Fox responded.
The Chairman then gave "The Committee," which was duly honoured.
Captain Gowan responded.

The noble Lord next proposed "Their Foreign Visitors," whose absence, with that of some of the most distinguished English players who attended the meeting, had thrown a damp upon their festive proceedings.

Herr Horwitz briefly responded.

The Chairman next gave "The Game of Chess," and connected with it the name of Mr. Staunton, the greatest of English players, and, speaking on the authority of a great Russian player, the greatest player in the world.*

The Chairman said he had much pleasure in giving the next toast, which, although it was late on the list, was not the less important—"Prosperity to the Town of Leamington."

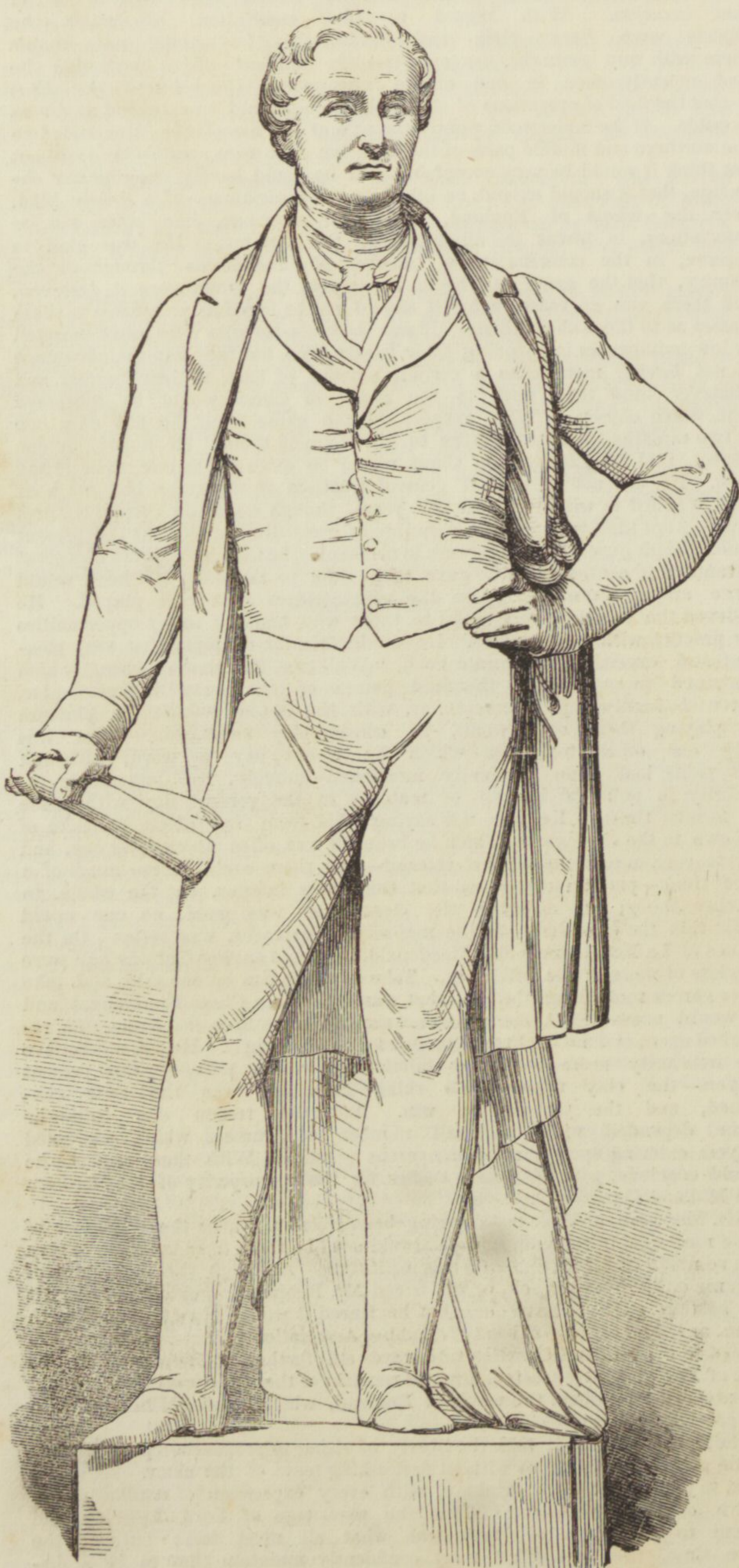
Mr. Hitchman, as an old inhabitant of the town, responded to the toast most cordially.

Admiral Bigland proposed "The Ladies who had honoured the meeting with their company;" after which Lord Lyttelton left the chair.

* Owing to an injudicious arrangement entered into by Messrs. Staunton, Wyvill, and Kennedy, not to leave the Consultation Game they were engaged in until it was finished, much to the regret of everybody, these gentlemen, as well as their opponents, MM. de Riviere, Löwenthal, and Falkbeer, were precluded from attending the dinner.

INAUGURATION OF THE PEEL STATUE IN THE CITY.

On Monday this fine Statue, which has been executed for the Corporation of the city of London, by Mr. Behnes, was placed on its pedestal at the western end of Cheapside, nearly midway between the General Post-office and the eastern end of St. Paul's Cathedral. The statue, which is 11 feet 2 inches in height, weighing three tons and a half, has been cast by Messrs. Robinson and Cottam. The stone for the pedestal was supplied by Messrs. Gibb and Son, of the Aberdeen and Peterhead quarries. The base is of Aberdeen and the die-stone and moulding work are of Peterhead granite. The design of the pedestal, which is by Mr. Tite, M.P., the architect of the Royal Exchange, has been much admired for its simplicity and characteristic appropriateness. The fixture of the immense blocks, weighing together upwards of twenty five tons, was confided to the care of Messrs. Mowlem, Burt, and Freeman, of Paddington, who accomplished the laborious work of erecting the pedestal within ten hours. The statue, which had been for some months completed in the studio of the sculptor, is generally acknowledged to be a characteristic portraiture of the great statesman.



BRONZE STATUE OF THE LATE SIR ROBERT PEEL, JUST ERECTED AT THE WEST END OF CHEAPSIDE.

KENSINGTON GARDENS.

EVERY improvement of these delightful Gardens—a sort of Arcadia in relief to the contiguous brick-and-mortar Babel—will be received as a welcome contribution to the healthful recreation of the people. An addition of the above class has just been made to the Gardens by the office of Woods and Works, by the erection of a refreshment-room of picturesque design it adjoins the spot where the military band plays upon stated days in the height of the London season. The house is octagonal in form, slightly raised from the ground; and there is a broad covered way around the building, where the visitors can sit sheltered from the sun or shower. For the space of five or six feet around the ground is paved with red and yellow encaustic tiles. Under the verandah—if it may be so termed—or covered way, flowers are arranged, adding much to the pleasure of the scene. Besides the refreshment-room there is a waiting-room, which will be found a boon to the invalid or fatigued. This room is furnished with chairs and some small iron tables with revolving tops, around which may often be seen groups of fashionables partaking of the various refreshments which Mr. Richard Gunter has provided for them; and, it may be as well to add, at prices not exceeding those charged at his establishment in Motcomb-street.



REFRESHMENT-ROOM IN KENSINGTON-GARDENS.