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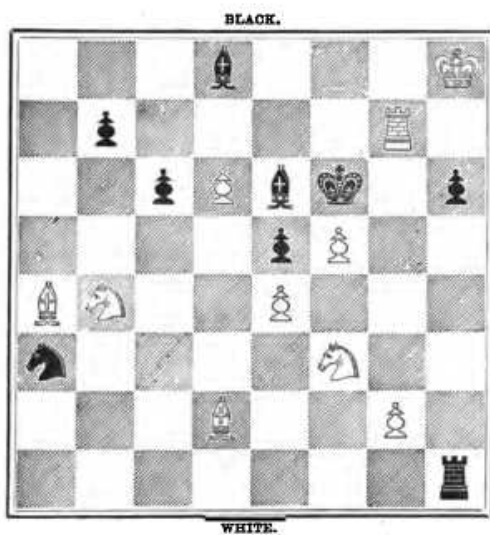
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SOME marvell'd much when on thy laureate brow,
Caissa's wreath was seen amid the bays;
And yet they greatly err'd, unknowing how
Thro' her domains the brightest fancy plays:

Not knowing all the loveliness she keeps
For those who love her, they but saw the stern,
Hard-featur'd Queen who rules o'er heights and deeps,
Obscure and cold, whose paths but few discern.

Therefore they err'd; but thus, with instinct true,
Thy kindly aid our zealous votaries sought;
And his* who hath reveal'd to deeper view
Earth's miracle of beauty hourly wrought.

Nor vain they sought; as generous friend to friend
Ye answer'd, giving, with a ready zest,
Immortal treasures,—hair-looks to descend
To children's children of our champions best.

Great poet, in the splendour of thy song,
Sublime the gift enkindled hearts have own'd;
Thro' myriad lives its light shall stream along,
Beside our Shakspeare thou wilt sit enthron'd.

This scanty growth of many toilsome hours
We offer thee: perchance thou mayst descry,
Amid the gather'd sprays, a few fair flowers,
To yield a grateful scent before they die.

* Professor Ruskin, Vice-President of the British Chess Association.

SOME hand, perchance, may turn these pages o'er
In distant years; some critic eye may light
On this or that, and with new knowledge bright,
Deem all as fragments of unvalued lore.
So past to future yields, and more and more
Knowledge is rear'd upon the buried might
Of mouldering forms of thought that vanish quite,
Like some forgotten implement of yore.

As insects small a coral island build
Blindly content their humble work to do,
Living their little life, unwitting who
May thro' their toils see higher aims fulfill'd,
So pass we on our gather'd heritage,
That thus more precious grows from age to age.

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