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### DY CAPTAIN HUGH A. KENNEDY,

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> "Ludimus effigiem belli, eimulataque veris Preila, buxo acies fictas, et ludicra regna." VIDA. Sosceis Ladus.

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### THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF DARTREY,

PRESIDENT OF THE ST. GEORGE'S CHESS CLUB.

DEAR LORD DARTREY,

I have sincere pleasure in dedicating to you this little volume of Sketches and Essays, principally referring to "the most excellent game the wit of man has yet devised;" and in the practice of which you are so highly versed. That your Lordship may long continue to preside over the St. George's Chess Club is, I feel assured, the cordial desire of all its members, and of no one more than

Your faithful servant,

#### HUGH A. KENNEDY.

READING, December, 1875.

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OF the additional matter which the present edition of this little book contains, the papers entitled "Buckle as a Chess-player," "Buckle's Chess References," and "Albany Fonblanque as a Chess-player," originally appeared in *The Westminster Papers*, and are given with the consent of Charles Mossop, Esq. "My Match at Chess with Herr Springbok," is a reprint from the American *Chess Monthly*.

Since a portion of these sketches was penned, a period of thirty years has elapsed, and, during that time, wide gaps have been made in the ranks of the generation of chess-players to which the writer belongs. Death has called away many of them, and the time-worn survivors, to whom the practice of hard chess is now very much a thing of the past, shouldering their crutches, regard with complacent

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eye the achievements of their younger brethren of the exchequer; especially those who have fought their way to the front, and are worthily maintaining the honour and reputation of English Chess.

The four concluding articles were printed in *Punch* many years ago. I have appended them with the view of somewhat relieving the monotony of a naturally dry subject; although I by no means recommend Punch, in its ordinary liquid form, as an addition to chess over the board.

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READING, December, 1875.

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