

## BIOGRAPHY.

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**R**ICHARD TEICHMANN was born on Dec. 24, 1868, at Lehnitzsch, near Altenburg, in Thuringia. He was educated at the Gymnasium at Altenburg, and, after passing the examination with distinction, he read for three years modern philology at Berlin and Jena. Besides English, he is conversant with the French, Italian, and Spanish languages.

Chess he learned at the age of seventeen, and improved in Berlin through practice with the local masters in general; but he is especially indebted to Herr Th. v. Scheve for an almost English tenacity—v. Scheve being noted for that quality.

He has vastly improved since his arrival in England, so that he must be considered now, if not already one of our best, certainly one of the masters who has the best qualifications, youth included, of becoming so.

Of a modest and retiring disposition, he has not (as yet) acquired the art of *fin de siècle* self-advertisement; so much so, that the Leipsic committee doubted even his qualification to take part in the Masters' Tournament at the recent Congress; although he must be counted amongst the most talented players that Germany has produced of late.

His record, though meagre in events, is one of the best in quality. He has emerged with distinction from all contests in which he has taken part.

In 1891 he won the first prize in the tournament of the Berlin Chess Association;

In 1892 (the year of his arrival in England) he won the fourth prize in a handicap at Simpson's Divan;

In 1893, he divided the second and third prize in the "Black and White" Masters' Tournament;

He defeated Loman in a match seven games to none and two draws;

Subsequently he won the first prize in the handicap at Simpson's; and,

Finally, the third prize at the recent Leipsic Congress—the first important contest in which he took part. As a simultaneous player, Mr. Teichmann is second to none, and he is eminently qualified as a chess professor by reason of his scientific attainments; in the latter capacity he has already gained the good opinion of a great number of our leading amateurs.