

**CLOSE OF THE CHESS TOURNAMENT.**—The proceedings of the Chess Tournament were closed last evening by the award of the prizes for the several matches. The ceremonies took place at the rooms of the Pioneer Society. The first prize, a fine gold watch, was won by Selim Franklin, Esq.; the second prize, a beautiful rose-wood chess table, inlaid, was won by Edward Jones, Esq. The first prize in the first division of the second class, an elegant marine chessboard and set of men, was won by John S. Ellis, Esq. The second prize in the same division, a beautiful gold specimen watch seal, was won by R. H. Bacon, Esq. The first prize in the second division of the second class was won by J. H. Gardiner, Esq., and the second prize, in the same division was won by G. O. F. Sharpe, Esq. Each of these prizes consisted of a beautiful quartz specimen seal. The problem prize, an elegant set of Staunton chessmen, was won by Wm. L. Wheaton, Esq. The prizes were presented by B. F. Voorhees, Esq., in a very happy manner, and were accepted on the part of the recipients with becoming responses. The ceremonies were of a very pleasing character, and formed an interesting closing scene for the tournament. The success of this, the first Chess Tournament ever held in California, has been highly satisfactory, and it is to be hoped that it may be kept up annually, until California can boast a school of chess players unrivalled throughout the world.