WALLACE E. NEVILL.

San Francisco is a stronghold of American Chess concerning which players in the East hear all too little, except on those rare occasions when a Lasker or a Pillsbury finds his way to that somewhat isolated center. That there are players of some weight out on the Pacific coast is evident from the fact that neither of the two great masters named have come away unscathed on the occasion of their pilgrimage there. The leading club at the Golden Gate is that of the Mechanics Institute, the championship tournament of which was recently concluded in favor of

Wallace E. Nevill, who secured chief honors with a final score of $12\frac{1}{2}$ points out of a possible 16. The other scores were Martin, 10 to 5; Spaulding, $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$; Jones, 8 to 8; Thompson, $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$; Colesworthy, $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$; Cleve, $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$; Durkin, $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$; Sternberg, 4 to 11. The winner is a native of Victoria, Australia, but, since coming to this country, some eleven years ago, has become an American citizen. Mr. Nevill is also quite expert at simultaneous chess and is of a literary turn of mind. A list of the Mechanics Institute champions for the past ten years will be of interest; 1894-1895, Dr. W. R. Lovegrove; 1895, George Thompson; 1896 (May), Walter S. Franklin; 1896 (October), Oscar Samuels; 1897, Oscar Samuels; 1898, Dr. W. R. Lovegrove; 1899, J. J. Dolan, 1901, Valentine Huber; 1902, Hobart K. Eels; 1903, Nathaniel J. Manson; 1904, Wallace E. Nevill.