

LORD JOHN RUSSELL.

Lord John Russell is worthy of being called an English Nobleman. From the distinguished height to which his family has elevated him, he comes down to the level of the common people in his addresses before Mechanics' Institutes, Young Men's Christian Associations, and various other enterprizes for the good of the people. His abilities and virtues as a private gentleman and as a Christian, together with his eminent services as a distinguished and successful statesman, have shed a lustre and a *halo* of glory around the aristocratic house of Bedford. "Junius" made a strong attack upon the Duke of Bedford; and he found many vulnerable points of attack, which he improved to his own advantage and the great discomfort of the noble Duke and family; but were "Junius" now living, and disposed as he formerly was, to puncture and annoy that ancient and proud family, he would find some difficulty in discovering a single vulnerable point of attack in the private or public character of Lord John Russell. Lord John is the youngest son of the sixth Duke of Bedford; he was born in Hertford Street, London, on the 18th day of August, O. S., 1792, so that he will soon be 69 years of age. His mother was the daughter of the fourth Viscount of Torrington. The present Duke of Bedford* is his eldest brother, a man not much known, nor very much distinguished in any way, only that he has a title, and the *prestige* of a name. Lord John received a liberal education; indeed this does not fully express the facts of the case, for he received a first class education—first at Westminster School, where he distinguished himself by his extraordinary progress and attainments, and was proverbially known as the "Universal Scholar," and book-worm. He afterwards attended the University of Edinburgh, where he attended the lectures of the great Dugald Stewart, and, at a later period, the lectures of the no less distinguished scholar and philosopher, Thomas Brown. He was, at one time, the youngest member of the House of Commons, having entered in 1813, when he was only 21 years of age. He first represented the borough of Tavistock, then at the disposal of the Duke of Bedford, his father, and threw himself into the opposition ranks, endeavouring to maintain the whig principles of the family, against the Liverpool and Castlereagh Ministry. He now devoted himself to politics as a business and as a study; and his honesty and candour, and great abilities, together with his uncommon industry, courage and perseverance, concurred with the advantages of his birth and education, and his very fortunate matrimonial connections in life, to give him a prominent place in the House, and very soon the position of a leader among the whig party. He sprang into political life at a very oppor-

* The last mail brings intelligence of his death.—Eds.