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THE LAIRD STATUE AT BIRKENHEAD.—We are enabled to announce that the competition for the Laird statue, to be erected at Birkenhead, is concluded, and that the fortunate competitor is Mr. Albert Bruce Joy, of South Kensington, London, who will commence the work forthwith. There were 15 or 16 models sent in, and the prize model which has obtained the commission does great credit to the selection of the committee. Mr. Joy was a pupil of the late Mr. Foley, and his works have commanded merited recognition in the salons of Paris and exhibitions in England. One particular work of his, *Des Pfarrers Tochter von Taubenhayn*, is conceived in the true classical spirit, and stamps its author as worthy of holding a prominent place in the sculptor's art. The proposed statue is ten feet high, and will be placed upon a pedestal of 13 feet. It has not been decided yet where it is to be placed, but two sites have been mentioned, one in Hamilton Square and the other near Woodside Ferry, but nothing has been yet decided.