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[The following list contains titles of printed collections, inventories, and calendars of borough records of Great Britain. Most of the titles have been abbreviated. The compiler believes that no important collection of municipal records has been omitted. Only the more valuable contributions to periodical literature and to the transactions of learned societies are included in the list. With a few exceptions, parish and guild records and extracts published in town histories are excluded. H. or B. at the end of a title signifies that a book is in the Harvard College Library or the Boston Public Library respectively.]

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NOTES AND NEWS

The celebrated historian of Greece, Professor Ernst Curtius of Berlin, died on July 11, aged 82. Curtius was born in September, 1814, at Lübeck, of which town his father was syndic. Educated at the Katharinum, he went in 1834 to Bonn, where he was especially a pupil of Brandis. When Brandis, in 1837, was called to Greece by King Otto, he took Curtius with him. The three years which he spent in Greece, with Brandis and K. O. Müller, laid the foundation of that intimate knowledge of the land which gave character, in so important a degree, to his chief works. Obtaining his doctor's degree in 1841, he taught in a gymnasium at Berlin, where in 1844 he was made a professor extraordinarius, and was given charge of the historical and linguistic education of the prince who was afterward the Emperor Frederick. In 1850 his *Peloponnesos* was published. In 1856 he became a professor at Göttingen, whence in 1868 he was called back to Berlin. His most famous work was his *Griechische Geschichte* (1857-1861), than which no history of Greece since that of Grote has won a wider reputation. If inferior to Grote in respect to the political aspects of Greek history, Curtius was unsurpassed in the insight, enthusiasm, and eloquence with which he displayed the relations of Greek history to Greek art and literature. The great German excavations at Olympia and Pergamon and the founding of the German school of classical studies in Athens were due more largely to Curtius than to any other man, and his influence in the philological-historical section of the Prussian Academy was exceedingly great. He was, moreover, a man of noble character.

B. Hauréau, eminent as a student of mediæval manuscripts, literature, history, and philosophy, died in Paris on April 30, aged 83. He edited the fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth volumes of the *Gallia Christiana*, and wrote many of the notices in the *Histoire Littéraire de la France*, various works on the history of the scholastic philosophy, a *Histoire Littéraire du Maine* (1842-1852 and 1870-1877), etc.

M. Edmond de Goncourt, known by various works on French history, more especially the social and political history of the present century, died on July 16, aged 74.

M. Hector de la Ferrière, editor of the letters of Catherine de' Medici and author of various books respecting the history of the sixteenth century, died on May 2, aged 85.