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OBITUARY NOTICE.

THE LATE MR. R. DENNY URLIN.

AMONGST the more distinguished of our Associates who have passed from amongst us during the past year is Richard Denny Urlin, F.S.S. Born at Westminster in 1830, he claimed descent from a Huguenot family which left France before the edict of Nantes was revoked. He was for a short time at the old Charterhouse School, then in the heart of London, and afterwards at University College School, Gower Street.

Becoming a student of the Middle Temple, Mr. Urlin gained the third place in the Voluntary Examination for Honours, at the early age of nineteen, and in consequence was offered an appointment in the newly-formed Court of the Encumbered Estates of Ireland. In 1858, this court became by Statute, the Landed Estates Court, and Mr. Urlin was appointed one of its chief officers, in which position he remained until 1876, when he retired from the public service. Having been elected in 1882 a member of the London School Board for the Chelsea division, he devoted most of his time for the next three years to the arduous duties of this position, as one of an active minority who sought to promote economy and to defend the Voluntary Schools; and in retiring from the Board in 1885, he had the satisfaction of seeing a majority of members returned who were pledged to those principles. He was the author of several legal works, but the most successful of his books has been a *Life of Wesley*, written for the S.P.C.K., which has circulated largely in England and the Colonies.

One of Mr. Urlin's daughters is the wife of Professor Flinders Petrie; whose companion and help-mate she has been during her husband's explorations in Egypt and Sinai, sharing all his dangers and hardships, as well as his honours.

E. H.