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GREEK CITIES. Sixty-four full-page Photographs and an Essay.
By Peter Hutton. (J. M. Dent, Ltd.; 10/6.)

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PHILIP II OF SPAIN. By David Loth. (Routledge; pp. 295;
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Mr. Loth possesses a considerable knowledge of sixteenth-century Europe and his character studies have the charm of consistency, but the lack of detailed reference to his authorities deprives his life of Philip II of much of its value. Still on points of fact he maintains a high standard of accuracy even if he writes of the responsibility for the Escovedo murder, the development of court ceremonial or the intricacies of Spanish economics with an assurance that the evidence hardly warrants. His theories are always tenable even if as explanation they are at times too facile, and if his conception of Philip as an Average Man seems a little inadequate, it is at least a pleasant contrast to that of the Great Romantics, of the *Ballad of Lepanto* or the *Rise of the Dutch Republic*. Indeed the whole of his new book is marked by an admirable restraint and by a strong sense of reality.

G.M.

MEMOIRS OF PRINCE BLUCHER. Edited by Evelyn Princess Blücher and Major Desmond Chapman-Huston. Introduction by Lieut.-Col. Rowland Feilding, D.S.O. (London; John Murray, 1932. Pp. 351; 15/-.)

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