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FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

An excellent account of the growth of the French administrative system is to be found in Dr. James T. Young's "Administrative Centralization and Decentralization in France," published by the American Academy of Political and Social Science (pp. 24, 25c., Philadelphia). Dr. Young shows how the tendency towards centralization dates from the earliest times, how it made France become a great nation, and why a movement towards decentralization is now necessary and consequently is being made. For a clear understanding of French history or government, this paper should prove of great assistance. The academy has lately issued a similar study of English administration, also by Dr. Young.

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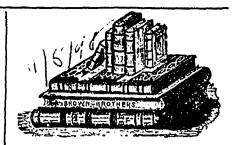
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