

was diligently studying Aristotle during a walk near Shotover Hill. His book being his only defence he thrust it down the boar's throat, exclaiming "græcum est." The boar found it very difficult to digest and died on the spot, and the head was borne in triumph to the college. That was 500 years ago, and ever since the Boar's Head has graced the Christmas feast.

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The founder of the College has preserved his memory by directing that on New Year's Day a needle and thread, which form a rebus on his name, *Aiguille et fil* (Eglesfield), should be given to each member of the College. The bursar performs this duty every year, adding the wholesome moral "Take this and be thrifty."

Proceedings of Societies.

BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The first meeting of the Winter Session was held in the Abbey Gate on October 21st, when an interesting lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, was given by Miss M. A. Murray, of University College, London, on "Social and Domestic Life in ancient Egypt, with some account of Recent Excavations." Miss Murray spent last winter conducting the excavations at Abydos under the direction of Professor Flinders Petrie. An enthusiastic member proposed that the Society should organise an expedition to Egypt to witness Miss Murray and her helpers at work, but we fear that we may not be able to wander so far afield.

The second meeting was held on November 19th when Mr. Nigel Bond, Secretary of the National Trust for the Preservation of objects of historical interest and natural beauty, lectured on the aims and work of this useful and important society. His lecture was illustrated by lantern slides, and amongst other objects now entrusted to the care of the National Trust is the Falkland Memorial at Newbury. It was suggested that the Berks Society should co-operate with the National Trust and assist its work by calling the attention of the Society to objects which ought to be preserved.

Members of the Society who desire to read papers for the subsequent meetings are requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary.