

# Oxford Ladies' Archaeological and Brass-Rubbing Society

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THE Society this year completes its 28th year. There has been no diminution in the number of members, but we regret to say that Mrs. Odgers and Mrs. Musgrave have felt obliged, through illness, to resign their places on the Committee. Miss Hulbert and Miss Fanny Ward, who have both done much kind work for the Society, have been elected to succeed them.

There have been five meetings during the year; all have been very fully attended and the Lectures given have been very full of interest.

On November 9th, Sir Ambrose Poynter (whose death so soon afterwards the Society most sincerely deplores) gave a very original and well-illustrated Paper on 'London Houses.' Miss Poynter kindly received all present at tea afterwards. The meeting was held in Hannington Hall.

On Tuesday, November 21st, the Rev. Canon Moore gave a lecture, in Hannington Hall, on 'Monastic Life in Mediaeval England.' It was illustrated by many beautiful photographic slides of old monastic buildings, and the lecturer gave much useful and interesting account of the daily life and good works of the early monastic orders.

On February 27th, Miss Fanny Ward gave a graphic account of a recent visit she had paid to Rome and other noted

Italian cities. She spoke of the discoveries made in them owing to recent excavations, and showed many beautiful sketches she had taken, photographs and paintings.

On March 6th, a meeting took place in Hannington Hall, when Miss Martin gave another of her most interesting lectures. She spoke of 'The Egypt of Moses and Joseph,' and showed some strikingly beautiful slides of the persons and places of which she spoke. Mrs. Macintosh most kindly received the large party of members and friends at tea afterwards.

On May 12th, the Rev. Prof. Sayce gave another of his fascinating lectures. On this occasion he spoke of recent excavations in Rome and Pompeii. This was specially interesting after Miss Ward's paper on her visits to Rome and other Italian cities and her account of the recent discoveries made in them.

## The Benedictine Priory of Broomhall, Berks.

By FREDERIC TURNER.

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**M**ORE than forty years after the suppression the College suffered from a similar act of folly on the part of the nuns. Land in Egham had been granted for a long term at inadequate rents, and when in 1568 the College granted a new lease, the tenants, who were descendants of the original lessees, claimed the freehold, and apparently with success, for the College does not appear as owner afterwards. A lease dated 1511 was apparently never executed, or if so the seal has been cut away; in any case the land it purports to let was lost to the College. The rental set out in the Terrier of 1489 was 21/4d., and the land was to be leased for two hundred years at 22/-! No doubt the consideration which induced the nuns to grant these absurd leases was a sum of money paid down where-with to tide over the wants and necessities of the moment.

The writer in the 'Victoria County History, Berks,' remarks that 'It seems impossible to ascertain the exact facts that led to the suppression of this small nunnery,' but the muniments