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ERRATA,

- p. 46, l. 26, for "capellenum," read "capellanum."
- p. 52, l. 5.—The date should probably be "c. 1305." Compare the third article at p. 81, of which the date must be "c. 1305."
- p. 64, l. 10, dele 1270 in the date. Compare the third article on p. 68, which should be dated "c. 1270-80."
- p. 68, l. 3 from bottom, for "e. 1280," read "after 1291."
- p. 70, l. 19, for "Urbemvetenem," read "Urbemveterem."
- p. 74. the two charters dated "[c. 1290]" and "[c. 1290-1300]" should be dated "[c. 1290-20]."
- p. 79, l. 16, for " for," read " from."
- p. eet, l. 32, for "quyshonya," read "quyshonys."
- p. 119, l. 26, for "Sept. 6-10," read "Sept. 6-11."

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PREFACE.

THERE are not many instances of the existence of original monastic muniments preserved together in their entirety from the foundation of the house to which they relate up to the time of its extinction. But such an instance occurs in the case of the Priory of Selborne. And the preservation of its records is due to the one cause which in every such instance has alone been the means of preserving them from dispersion and destruction, namely, the transfer of the monastic property, en bloc, to some collegiate foundation, which then laid up safely in its muniment room the documents which came with that property. But even in these instances the term "muniments" has to be taken in its strictly limited sense of "title-deeds." It was as title-deeds to property, not as historical documents of value in themselves, that the charters were preserved; and consequently such rich sources of information for later ages as sacrist-rolls, rent-rolls, farm-accounts, obit-rolls, and the like, and even, sometimes, for all that appears to the contrary, the contents of libraries,1 were disregarded.

In the Founder's Tower at Magdalen College, Oxford, the whole series of deeds relating to the foundation, enrichment, and dissolution of the Augustinian Priory at Selborne is preserved. They were calendared for the College by the Editor of this volume many years ago, together with the rest of the vast collection of charters preserved in the same place. And here, by the ready permission of the College, the members of the Hants Record Society are presented with that portion of the calendar which describes the deeds directly relating to the Priory

¹ None of the few books mentioned at p. 145 appear to be now in the library of Magdalen College.