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Die Chronik des Klosters Lüne über die Jahre 1481–1530

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The Convent of Lüne's adoption of the Bursfeld Reform in 1481 brought about a flowering of spiritual, artistic and written culture that would last until the introduction of the Lutheran Reformation by Duke Ernst I of Lüneburg. The learned nuns produced liturgical 'ordines', statutes, and archived their correspondence. They also kept a diary, of which only fragments remain, and used it to compile a chronicle as late as 1530, a time when the emergence of a new era had already begun to cast its shadow over the convent. The record the nuns made for posterity bore witness to their community and a way of life that had been inspired by the monastic reform movement. An important source is presented here for the first time as a fully annotated edition in which selected passages of the chronicle are compared with their counterparts from the preserved fragments of the diary.

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