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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

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THE *Idylls of the King* was first published in 1859, but not in the complete form in which the collection now stands. The volume contained *Geraint and Enid*, *Merlin and Vivien*, *Lancelot and Elaine*, and *Guinevere*. In 1862 the dedication to the *Memory of the Prince Consort* was prefixed. In 1869 four new idylls were published in the volume entitled *The Holy Grail and other Poems*; these were *The Coming of Arthur*, *The Holy Grail*, *Pelleas and Ettarre*, and *The Passing of Arthur*. This last, however, is the *Morte d'Arthur*, first published in 1842, but provided now with an introductory passage, and with a concluding one in place of the conclusion, which in the earlier form professed to make the poem a fragment of a larger work. The *Last Tournament* appeared first in the *Contemporary Review* for December, 1871, and *Gareth and Lynette* was published as a separate volume in 1872. When the *Library edition of Tennyson's Poems* was published in 1873, all of these poems were arranged in the present order and the epilogue *To the Queen* added.

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