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## Early English Text Society.

STATEMENT FOR 1887 and 1888.

WITH this goes out to Members the third Text of the *Original Series* for 1886,

86. *The Prose Lives of Women Saints*, edited from the unique MS. ab. 1610 A.D., by Dr. Carl Horstmann, with a Glossarial and general Index by Mr. W. M. Wood.

The first and main Text of the *Extra Series* for 1886,

XLVII. *The Wars of Alexander*, edited by the Rev. Prof. Skeat, M.A., Litt. Doc.,

is nearly ready, and should be issued in March.

For the two Texts of the *Original Series* for 1887, the whole of the *Early English Lives of Saints* from the Laud MS., the earliest, and the *Life of St. Werburghe*, englishit A.D. 1513, and printed by Pynson in 1521, both edited by Dr. Carl Horstmann, will be in type by the end of March, and the volumes will no doubt be issued by May, if not before.

The *Original Series* Texts for 1888 will probably be two of these :

*Cursor Mundi*, Part VI, with Preface by the Rev. Dr. Richard Morris, and Essays by Dr. Haenisch and Dr. Hupe, and a Glossary by Dr. Kaluza.

The *Festiall* by John Mirk, Part I, edited from the MSS. by Dr. Carl Horstmann.

*Lyndesay's Works*, Part VI and last, edited by Mr. W. H. Utley.

*The Lay Folks' Catechism*, edited by the late Canon Simmons, and Frederic D. Matthew.

In the *Extra Series* the second Text for 1886, and the two for 1887 will be those three of the following Parts, all now at press, which are ready first:—

*Torrent of Portygale*, re-edited from the unique MS. by Dr. Adam.

*Bp. Fisher's English Works*, Part II, with his *Life and Letters*, edited by the Rev. Ronald Bayne, B.A.

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The fourth and fifth of the last-named Texts which are first ready will form the issue of the *Extra Series* for 1888, unless Mr. A. J. Ellis's fifth and last Part of his great work on *Early English Pronunciation*, that on our Dialects, is in time to be substituted for one of them. He hopes to send it to press this year.

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The Standard Collection of Saints' Lives in the Corpus and Ashmole MSS, the Harleian MS. 2277, &c. will repeat the Laud set, our No. 86, with additions, and in right order. The differences between the foundation MS., the Laud, and its followers, is so great, that, to prevent quite unwieldy collations, Dr. Horstmann decided that the Laud MS. must be printed alone, as the first of the Series of Saints' Lives. The Supplementary Lives from the Vernon and other MSS. will form one or two separate volumes. The Glossary to the whole set, the discussion of the sources, and of the relation of the MSS. to one another, &c., will be put in a final volume.

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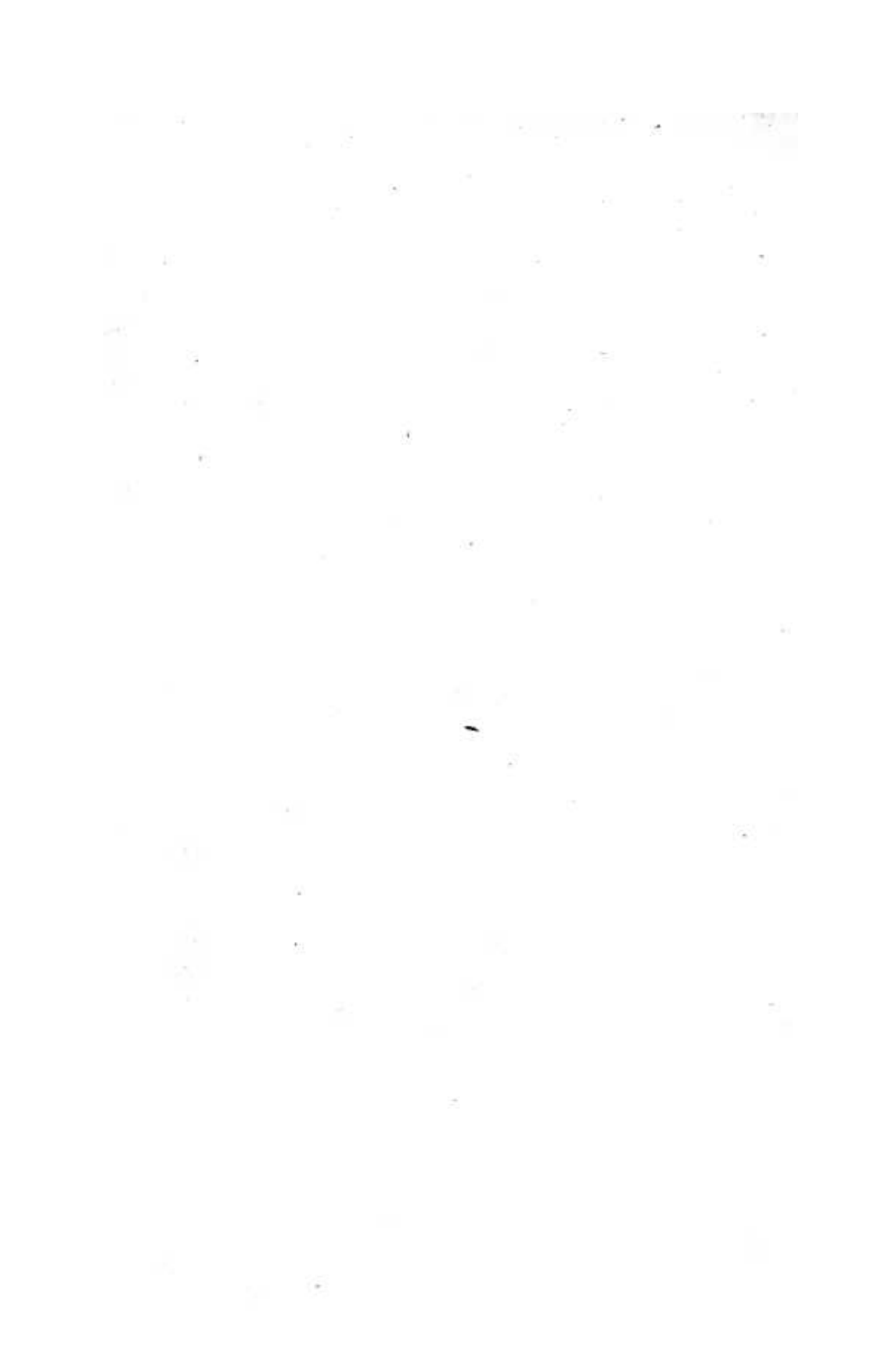
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