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## PREFACE

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THIS volume contains all the reports of Hilary term and all save a few of those of Easter term 4 Edw. II. In almost every instance the report has been identified with the corresponding case on the record. The exceptions are where the particulars in the report are inadequate for the identification or where a report is misplaced and really belongs to some earlier term. In the preparation of the text two new manuscripts have been used, that is to say, one which was recently purchased by the Trustees of the British Museum from the present owner of the Phillipps Collection, the other a manuscript in the University Library at Cambridge which had escaped the notice of our late Literary Director. More use has been made of the manuscript here called Y than in previous volumes of this series. It will be remembered that these reports are arranged according to subject-matter, and not chronologically. A very large number of them are undated, and dates can only be assigned to them by identifying them with versions in other manuscripts or where, as often happens, there are no other versions, by identifying them with cases on the records of the Court. This has involved prolonged research, which has materially delayed the publication of the volume. It may here be noticed that this manuscript contains a considerable number of reports of the first three years of the reign which have not been printed. Professor Maitland was unfortunately unacquainted with it when he published his first volume, and owing to absence from London he was unable to make full use of it in his subsequent volumes.

In the present volume the variant readings of the text have been printed somewhat more lavishly than in previous volumes, in order to show as clearly as possible how the different manuscripts are related to one another. The relation between them is of great importance in the history of the Year Books, and may perhaps assist in solving some of the problems of their origin and purpose. The cases are here arranged according to the writs on which they are based, and not, as in the first four volumes, according to the order in which they occur in one of the