

H. *Symbolum Electorum*. This is a collection of Gerald's favourite compositions. The full version, of which only one manuscript exists, contained four parts: letters, poems, selections from the *Top.* and *Exp.*, prefaces. The letters all date from before 1199 and no excerpts are included from works known to have been written after the St. David's case, 1199-1203. It seems defensible to assign the compilation of the *Symbolum Electorum* to c. 1199, just before the *cause célèbre* diverted Gerald's energies from literary activity. If this is the case, we have a valuable guide to his existing opus c.1199. This includes the Irish and Welsh works, *Vita Galf.*, the saints lives (except the *Vita Hug.*), and the *Gemma*. There is no problem in dating any of these to before 1199. The only doubt which might be raised springs from the inclusion in the *Symbolum Electorum* of all four prefaces from the *De Princpīs Instructione*. However, although the text of the *Prin.* as we now have it dates from c.1217, Gerald worked on it for many years and there is no compelling objection to the existence of a complete, short draft of all three books c.1199. The passage in the 'Praefatio Prima' (*Inc.* 'De principis instructione tractatum edere...') which refers to Prince Louis and was probably written in 1216-17 (*Prin.*, pp. 6-7), is absent from the *Symbolum Electorum* text of the preface. Cambridge, Trinity College R. 7. 11 (13th cent.).