
These volumes contain the historical works of Gerald du Barry, who lived in the reigns of Henry II., Richard I., and John. The Topographia Hibernica (in Vol. V.) is the result of Giraldus's two visits to Ireland, the first in 1183, the second in 1185-6, when he accompanied Prince John into that country. The Expugnatio Hibernica was written about 1188. Vol. VI. contains the Itinerarium Cameraria et Descritio Cambria; and Vol. VII., the lives of S. Remigius and S. Hugh. Vol. VIII. contains the Treatise De Principium Instructum, and an index to Vols. I.-IV. and VIII.


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The principal contents of the volumes are some diplomatic Papers of Richard III., correspondence between Henry VII. and Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain; documents relating to Edmund de la Pole, Earl of Suffolk; and a portion of the correspondence of James IV. of Scotland.


The letters of Robert Grosseteste range in date from about 1210 to 1265. They refer especially to the diocese of Lincoln, of which Grosseteste was bishop.
