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A collection of all the surviving textual witnesses to the saint's life. Includes: (chap. 4) 'The early vernacular life: texts and translation' [semi-diplomatic texts from MSS Brussels 2324-2340, Book of Fermoy and RIA A iv 1; with English translation of Brussels]; (chap. 6) 'The Latin life: texts and translation' [from Marsh Z 3.1.5 and Rawlinson B 485]; (chap. 8) 'The late vernacular life: edition of the text' [based on King's Inns 19 and four other MSS; with variants from St. Colman's College Fermoy 24 and RIA 23 M 50].

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