Project Update - June 2008

The XML-checking program has now been finalised, and the very long process of checking the displays of the XML text files is about to begin, together with the production of explanatory material, and the finalisation of the complex Text Search mechanisms. The current plan is to make available as soon as possible the Browse and Search facilities which relate to the metadata so that users can benefit from these whilst the texts themselves are being finalised and any output or text-manipulation glitches debugged.

To allow for some holiday time and then for the checking and documenting which still needs to be done, I think we will be looking to the end of September as a realistic goal for the supplying to the website of the 2/3 of the texts which have been edited, glossed and translated, together with the Search facilities which will accompany them. Then there will be an opportunity for us to receive feedback on this body of material before proceeding to the editing, glossing and translating of the remaining 1/3 of texts. It will make sense to supply the Teaching Module and the Westminster Module concurrently with the texts in September, since they contain links to the XML-marked texts. Meanwhile we hope to supply the Metadata Browses and Searches some time next month, if not sooner.

You will see relatively little new on this 'new' website, but invisibly in the background all is humming.

It remains for us to apologise for the late running of this project, but we are confident it will be worth the wait.

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