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791. McLeod (Neil): The two *fer midboth* and their evidence in court.
   The distinction between the two kinds of *fer midboth* described in *Críth Gablach*: unnecessary to distinguish between 'compurgation' and 'preserving statement'.

   *In IJ* 17 (1982), pp. 131–144.
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   Argues that the sevenfold division of the grades of loyalty is an artificial imposition of the church grades on an older, native order, and seeks to establish this original model.

   Reconstructs the honour-prizes corresponding to the previously discussed grades and examines the units of currency used in payments.

   Includes an edition of *Di astud chor*. Normalized text accompanied by manuscript readings; with English translation.

On the origin and significance of the numerical series 1, 3, 5, 10, 15, 30 (supplemented by 2, 20, 42) used to set periods of time and to calculate payments, and the anomalous reordering of grades found in certain texts.

_ol Pátraic, ol Féine._

_in IJ 31 (1996), pp. 280–295._  
_On the meaning of the legal terms tochus etarscarthach and tochus nemetarscarthach._

_Includes edition of four legal passages: A = CIH vi 2076.21-2079.36 (with variant readings from other MSS); B = CIH vi 2029.31-34; C a composite text reconstructed on the basis of the commentaries to text A; D = CIH iii 1136.1-48 from Brotha nemed dídennach. Selected glosses and commentaries supplied in English translation in Appendix: CIH i 133.26-135.18; CIH vi 1934.31-38; CIH vi 2076.21-2084.2._

_Perth, Western Australia: Centre for Irish Studies, Murdoch University, 1999. 26 pp._  
_A public lecture by Prof. N. McL., Murdoch University, 20 October 1999._

_in Éiriú 51 (2000), pp. 1–22._  
_Binchy (D.) (ref.), Charles-Edwards (T.) (ref.), MacNeill (E.) (ref.), Patterson (N.) (ref.)__


[1.] Introduction; [2.] The dubious evidence for a bānb éim of three sét; [3.] The three-sét single-symptom blow (c. AD 650?); [4.] The demise of the three-sét single-symptom blow (from c. AD 675?); [5.] The rise of the two-and-a-half-sét single-symptom blow (c. AD 697?); [6.] The early commentaries (from c. AD 1000?); [7.] Subsequent commentaries (from c. AD 1100); [8.] Later developments; [9.] Crólige cumaile and the seven-sét bandage-wound; [10.] An edition of DEF [normalised with transl. based on the various texts in CHF]; [11.] The commentaries; [12.] Legal procedure in injury cases; [12.] Dating the commentaries; [13.] The MS traditions; [14.] The compilation of MS A; [15.] The relationship between the MSS; [16.] The common material; [17.] Other sources; [18.] An edition of the commentaries to DEF [normalised with transl.].

Incl. brief index to lexical notes.

Discusses in particular the problem posed by the fact that compensation payments made for the loss of a little finger appear to be lower than those for other forms of injury not involving amputation.

In Between intrusions (2004), pp. 103–113.

8993. McLeod (Neil): The blood-feud in medieval Ireland.
In Between intrusions (2004), pp. 114–133.

3305. McLeod (Neil): A true companion to the Corpus iuris Hibernici.

Review article of: A companion to the Corpus iuris Hibernici, by Liam Breathnach (Dublin: DIAS, 2005).

Includes a subject index to Chapter 2 of the Companion.

In Exile and homecoming (2005), pp. 142–162.

In Ériu 59 (2009), pp. 25–36.

vs. D. A. Binchy’s interpretation (in Ériu 12 (1938), pp. 78–134; cf. Best 2 2175) of Bretha crólige 82 (as ed. by D. A. Binchy 1938; cf. Best 2 2174); argues that this legal term maintained the same meaning throughout its textual history.

Studies the saga of Fergus mac Léti, focusing on the version in the opening two sections of Cethairidlicht athgabálach, and argues that §1 was composed in strict verse together with §2 with the purpose of illustrating the law of distrain. Includes the restored text and English translation of §1 of this version and of §2 of the Old Irish commentary version (which is also argued to be composed in verse), and supplies an additional section of the commentary version omitted in D. A. Bиніхy’s edition in Ériu 16 (1952), pp. 33-48 (discussion in Appendix).

In Language and power in the Celtic world (2011), pp. 241-265.

In ACJ 11 (2013), pp. 31-54.


Suggests that the airliciud is different from the ón in that the former involves proprietary rights (rather than merely possessory) and included the right to alienate the property to a third party.

13443. McLeod (Neil): Cid ara n-eperr Críth gablach?  
In ACJ 12 (2014), pp. 41-50.  
Explains the title of this law tract as ‘bifurcated acquisition of status grades’.

In 14th ICCS, Maynooth 2011 (2015), pp. 75-94.  
Elucidates passages in Cath Maige Tuired and Lebor gabála (concerning Bres’s fitness for kingship and the threefold taking of Ireland by the sons of Míl respectively) with the aid of concepts from early Irish law. In Appendix: deo ghaire ‘cupbearer’ [on the resemblance between cupbearers and magicians seen in CMT §§77-80].


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