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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 GaBhach*: unnecessary to distinguish between ‘compurgation’ and ‘preserving statement’.

   *In IJ 17 (1982)*, pp. 131–144.


   Argues that the sevenfold division of the grades of laity is an artificial imposition of the church grades on an older, native order, and seeks to establish this original model.

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

   *SSCS, 1*. Sydney: Centre for Celtic studies, University of Sydney, 1992. 340 pp. (*Sydney series in Celtic studies, 1*).
   Includes an edition of *Di astud chor*: normalized text accompanied by manuscript readings; with English translation.
   *Rev. by*
   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.

   òl Pátraic, òl Féine.

   On the meaning of the legal terms *tochus etarcarthach* and *tochus nemetarcarthach*.

   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 1136.1-8 from *Britha nemet dèlennach*. 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.

   Binchy (D.) (ref.), Charles-Edwards (T.) (ref.), MacNeill (E.) (ref.), Patterson (N.) (ref.)
McLeod (Neil): The not-so-exotic law of Dian Cécht.

McLeod (Neil): Diéircib fola.

McLeod (Neil): Compensation for fingers and teeth in early Irish law.

McLeod (Neil): The metalworking tradition in medieval Irish law.
In Between intrusions (2004), pp. 103–113.

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

In New Norcia studies 13 (Sep., 2005), pp. 90–94.

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

McLeod (Neil): Crólige mbáis.
In Ériu 59 (2009), pp. 25–36.

vs. D. A. Binchy’s interpretation (in Ériu 12 (1938), pp. 78–134; cf. Best² 2175 of Béatha crólige 2 (as ed. by D. A. Binchy 1938; cf. Best² 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 Cethairídithe anghabála, and argues that §1 was composed in strict verse together with §2 with the purpose of illustrating the law of distraint. 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. Binchy’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 gablaich?

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: deoghairt ‘cupbearer’ [on the resemblance between cupbearers and magicians seen in CMT §§77-80].


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