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2715. Schmidt (Karl Horst): The Celtic problem. Ethnogenesis (location, date?).


Addresses the issue of defining and locating Proto-Celtic with regard to the other branches of Indo-European.


In ZCP 45 (1992), pp. 66-84.

Provides a criticism of the view stemming from A. G. van Hamel that the early Irish lacked gods based on the discussion and rejection of the definitions of ‘magic’ and ‘religion’ offered in Religion and the decline of magic and Man and the natural world by Sir Keith V. Thomas.

2717. Hamp (Eric P.): ‘First’.

In ZCP 45 (1992), pp. 85-86.

Argues that an Indo-European syntactical rule underlies the Old Irish (and also Welsh) omission of the ordinal ‘first’ in complex numeral phrases, for which an Albanian parallel is found, and that in both these languages this deletion is replaced by a new form for ‘first’ based on the cardinal.

2718. Hamp (Eric P.): Welsh elfydd and albio-.

In ZCP 45 (1992), pp. 87-89.


2720. de Bernardo Stempel (Patrizia): New perspective on some Germánico-Celtic material.

In ZCP 45 (1992), pp. 90-95.

Argues, on semantic grounds, that the Germanic word for ‘fork’ (*gablo- vel sim.) is a loanword from Celtic (cf. OIr. gobal).


Investigates and describes the uses of preposition la and also of competing os*, including a summary of the signs foreboding the substitution of the former by the latter.
2721. de Bernardo Stempel (Patrizia): Zur Erstellung eines rückläufigen Wörterbuchs des älteren Irischen.
   
   
   Presents preliminary work on a reverse dictionary of Early Irish.

2722. Salberg (Trond Kruke): The question of the main interpolation of H into M's part of the *Serglige Con Culainn* in the Book of the Dun Cow and some related problems.
   
   
   Examines the interpolation at 48b11-49a16, and argues that the erased space could not have accommodated section x (48b12-49a5), thought by R. Thurneyse ([in Best 2: 1030]) to come from recension A, if written in M's hand, therefore concluding with M. Dillon ([in Best 2: 1138a]) that x is from recension B.

   
   
   Briefly informs of the treatment of Irish and Scottish Gaelic in this work.