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On the analogical spread of certain verbal endings, some of which gain independent pronominal status, e.g. -(e)as (1 sg.); -(a)ir, -(a)irís, -(e)asír, -(f)xír (2 sg.); -(e)ar, -(e)amuid, -(e)muis(t) (1 pl.); -(e)ar, -(e)ad, -(e)dís(t) (3 pl.); -(f)xí, -(f)xís (impers.); -(f)xar, -(e)adh, -(e)as (impers.) with irregular verbs; -(e)acs, -(e)í, -(e)asts, -(e)ír (impers.).

Discusses the cosmic motif of the three elements (earth, air/sky, water/sea) in early Irish literature. Contains a brief appendix on the deity Núada.

OIr. lítche ‘accused person’ (cf. lid ‘accuses’) and Lat. litus ‘lawsuit’; also OIr. ad ‘law’, adae ‘due, fitting, proper’, adas ‘suitable, appropriate to’ and Umbrian arsic ‘sancti’, etc; OIr. coll ‘injury, violation’ and Lat. culpa ‘blame’; cf. *-aín- in trídenus ‘three days’ and Lat. nundinum ‘nine days’.

901. Mac Gearailt (Uáitéar): The Edinburgh text of Mesca Ulad.
Edition of the text in MS NLS Advocates’ Library 72.1.40, with notes; discussion of its relationship to other manuscripts of the two extant versions.

902. de Bláidhráithe (Tomás): Varia: I. 1. troimse; 2. leicearn.

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*In Ériu* 37 (1986), pp. 185–186.

On ScG crecair.

*In Ériu* 37 (1986), pp. 187–188.

On the pattern of the same element occurring in the names of son, father and mother.


Discusses the evidence for the existence of a verbal compound *fo-bá* 'dies' of the simple verb *báid* 'dies' in (Early) Old Irish.

907. Breatnach (LIam): Varia: VI. 1. The earlier form of *laur* 'enough'.  

ad R. THurneysen, in ZCP 13 (1919), p. 105. Provides an example of the conjectured non-dissimilated root from the Old Irish legal text *Céin Fuithirbe*.

1029. Breatnach (LIam): Varia: VI. 2. The preterite of *sichid/seichid* 'says'.  

ad D. A. Binchy, in Céltica 5 (1900), pp. 80–81. 3 sg. rel. *siche* attested in an Old Irish gloss in *Céin Fuithirbe*.  
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*ardri* and gen. sg. *ardroich, ardruach* attested in Old Irish sources, incl. *Céin Fuithirbe*. Brief discussion of *triath* as being of higher status than a king.

908. Ó Cuív (Brian): Varia: VII. The two herons of Druim Ceat.  

As related by Keating in his *Foras Feasa ar Éirinn*. In this case, the phrase *do-chluinin óna láin do dhaoineb* is not evidence of Keating's use of oral sources but rather his way conveying the hearsay element of earlier tradition.