

WORDS AND PROPER NAMES - L

lecc duice

799. Greene (David): *Varia*: I. 1. *lecc diúice*.

In Ériu 33 (1982), pp. 161–163.

Lecc diúice (*duice, doice*) (occurring in legal texts, such as *Gábretha Caratniad* §15 and the legal commentary at *CIH* i 145.10-37, of which an English translation is given here) refers to ‘a physical defect which made a woman incapable of intercourse’; *diúice* may, as suggested by R. THURNEYSSEN (*in ZCP* 16 (1927), pp. 217-218 [Best² 2157]), represent *do-ícce* ‘incurability’ or, possibly, an abstract based on *diúic, diúing* ‘difficult’.