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ADDENDA AND CORRIGENDA TO VOL. I.

Some errata have been detected by myself and others and, so far as they are of importance, may be mentioned here. Such typographical trifles as the wrong-found D (p. vi, line 13) and the misprint "Eisenmerger" (for "-menger"), top of p. 265, may be disregarded. The following should however be emended:—

p. 19, ¶ 6, l. 2: for "sinned" read "quarrelled."

p. 43, for "no wickedness is spoken here" read "no location is postulated here." This does not necessarily modify the references to the passage on pp. 15, 224: the gloss still makes the impression of a man seeking to reassure himself along the lines there indicated.

p. 87, line 5, for "there" read "here."

p. 226. I am indebted to Dr. Max Forster for calling my attention to two studies of his own which I have since referred to, and which should certainly be added to the bibliographical references in ¶ 27. "Adams Erschaffung und Namengebung, ein lateinisches Fragment des sudslawischen Henoch" (*Archiv für Religionswissenschaft*, xi [1908], 477. "Die mittelirische Version von Adams Erschaffung" (ZCP xiii, p. 47 ff.).

p. 246. A courteous reviewer has objected to the diagram-restoration on account of the implied treatment of the word *gid*. The disagreement is a matter of instinct rather than of argument: the passage makes an impression of *progressive* interpolation; and the examples of *cid* used emphatically, to which he refers me, do not seem to me to be parallel. Moreover my interpretation gains an effective antithesis (indicated in the note) which is lost otherwise.

Another reviewer, equally courteous, has made some suggestions which I had already considered, but rejected because they went too much against the ms. evidence. But I must demur to being chidden for ignoring *ninsa* in the translation (as on p. 153). This is a mere punctuation-mark, and to pepper an English version with "not difficult," where "?" would suffice is slightly absurd.

G. G. Coulton, *Medieval Panorama*, p. 272, should be referred to on p. 139 of this volume. The book did not come into my hands till after the sheet was printed off.

SECTION II.

THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE GAEDIL.

Introduction.

We have already seen (Vol. I, p. xxvii) that this section is based, not on genuine traditional matter (we may perhaps except a few personal names, though even this is uncertain), but on an artificial adaptation of the early history of the Israelites. It has suffered modification in translation from the original Latin and in subsequent transmission—a proof that the historians were not hampered by tradition—and in consequence two versions, R¹ and R², differing widely, have come into being. Even in matter common to both there is nothing traditional: the most striking is also the most obviously borrowed. The tale of the Sirens, outwitted by waxing the ears of the ships' crews, can be nothing more than an adaptation of the familiar Homeric tale of Odysseus: the druid Caicher, who invents this precautionary expedient, is merely a compound of the seer Calchas of Troy and the sorceress Circe, to whose suggestion it is ascribed by Homer.¹

Both versions start with Nel in Egypt, whither he has gone to teach Pharaoh his languages and where he has married Pharaoh's daughter, Scota I: but the genealogical antecedents of Nel differ in the two texts. In R² he is brought into association with Moses, who has encamped with his followers at "Capacirunt"—the Pi-Hahiroth of Exodus xiv. 2—where Nel has his estate: Nel gives them supplies, thereby angering Pharaoh, though the fate of the latter in the Red Sea averts

¹ Odyssey, xii, 47. A similar device appears in the story of the Yew of the Sons of Angcess (Book of Leinster, facs. 27 a, 35 ff.). A biographer of St. Brendan has borrowed it: the saint, having had a revelation of the music of Heaven, ever afterwards found earthly music disagreeable, and plugged his ears so as not to hear it. (Martyrology of Donegal, 16 May.)

for a time the royal vengeance. R¹ knows nothing of this, but seems to suggest that the Gaedil left Egypt under Sru, Nel's great grandson, because the death of Pharaoh had deprived them of royal patronage. In R² an outburst of Egyptian hostility in a later generation is the cause of their exodus.

Both versions, again, bring Sru to Scythia, where the descendant of Nel's brother Nenual is king. There is a cross-fighting between the Scythian kings and the Gaelic leaders, involving the usual royal vendetta, which continues through several generations.

At last Refloir son of Rifill, the Scythian king, is killed: R¹ says by Agno[mai]n, fifth in descent from Sru; R² says by Mil, the father of the "Milesian" leaders. From what source this "Refloir son of Rifill" reached the Irish historians is a question that has not yet been answered. In both stories this particular killing is regarded by the Scythians as especially heinous, though why Refloir was more sacrosanct than his ill-fated predecessors does not appear. In expiation for the crime, the Gaedil are exiled from Scythia. R¹ takes them north to the Rhipaeon Mountain, where they find a well with the taste of wine, and where Caicher prophesies their future journeys and the postponement of their arrival in the Promised Land: they then proceed to the Maeotic Marshes, where they remain for nine generations, after which they set out for Spain, their last halt on the trek to Ireland. R², however, conducts them back to Egypt, marries their then leader Mil to Scota II, daughter of Nectanebus, then King of Egypt; and keeps him there till his extensive family of sons is born. He then leaves, because Nectanebus is too weak, in the face of the conquering Alexander the Great, to be of any service to him as a patron; and he sets forth on the long voyage by the Rhipaeon Mountain (where he hears the prophecy of Caicher) and so on to Spain. The protracted sojourn at the Maeotic Marshes is unknown to this version.² The doubled personality of Scota is enough

² It is conceivable that this place is emphasized in the sequel because some wiseacre saw in *Gaethlaige* an etymology for *Gaedil*; and though the eponym Gaedel Glas prevented ∞ LG or his glossators and successors from perpetuating this notion, the "historical" influence remained.

to show that the two Egypt episodes in R^2 are doublets, which have developed independently, the second being a later interpolation in the text, made when the versions had become so different that the historians supposed them to be different stories. The original tale may have introduced Moses, who dropped out of R^1 and was much developed in R^2 : but the reason which it alleged for the departure of the Gaedil from Egypt was at first not so much fear of Egyptian vengeance as the death of the royal patron.

We may provisionally restore the original version in outline thus: Nel goes to Egypt: marries Scota (to account for the name "Scots"): meets Moses, but his extended dealings with him in R^2 are a later adaptation from the Biblical narrative: Pharaoh is drowned: Nel leaves Egypt with his wife and family: they wander far, hear the prophecy as to the duration of their voyage, set forth again and ultimately reach Spain. We have seen (Vol. I, p. xxvii) that in the story as originally devised, on the basis of the history of the Israelites, Nel corresponded to Terah (to some extent also to Moses) and Mil to Jacob. But as the tale passed from redactor to redactor it had parted company with its original form, and had indeed become distorted beyond recognition. The functions of Nel and of Mil became assimilated, so that the two heroes as they are presented in the text before us are virtually doublets of one another.

I take it that the Scythian episode is an etymological invention (Scots = Scythians), at first quite independent of the LG canon; it went through several modifications during its separate existence, and at last was incorporated, in two different versions, by the two traditions which culminated in R^1 and R^2 . The pointless delay at the Maeotic Marshes in R^1 is also an interpolation. Though this story had lost its original etymological purpose, it was still useful to square up a chronological discrepancy which some redactor had discovered.

The version in Min need not detain us: it does not differ essentially from R^1 . We turn now to R^3 , which in this section is a very clumsy and awkward patchwork, based upon the two earlier versions, with the addition of some extraneous matter.

The compiler has endeavoured to produce a composite

text; preserving as many details as possible, but abandoning the hopeless task of reconciling discrepancies. The close relationship of his ms. of R¹ (*Q), to F¹, observed in the preceding section, is here maintained.

The following table continues the analysis of R³, begun on Vol. I, p. 5, above. Paragraphs marked * are from R¹, those marked † from R², those unmarked from some independent source.

<i>Paragraph.</i>	<i>Source.</i>
*134	R ¹ ¶ 103 (reading <i>Magog</i> for <i>Gomer</i>).
135	Interpolated prefatory matter.
136 M version	Independent version.
† ,, H version	From R ² ¶ 16, 17, in § I.
*†137	R ¹ ¶ 104 + R ² ¶ 18 (the latter in H only).
*138	R ¹ ¶ 105.
†139	Chronological interpolation from R ² ¶ 17 in § I.
*140	R ¹ ¶ 106, with some preliminary matter apparently lost from extant MSS. of R ¹ .
141	Interpolation about Feinius and his study of History.
*142	R ¹ ¶ 107 + an interpolation on the divisions of Gaelic.
†143-150	R ¹ ¶ 118-123 (the Egyptian episode).
*†151-154	R ¹ ¶ 109, 110 + R ² ¶ 127 and some extraneous matter.
155-156	Matter from an independent source.
*157-162	R ¹ ¶ 110-115, given frankly as an alternate version of this part of the story.

There is on the whole a proportionally larger number of interpolated passages inserted into the text of these paragraphs than in § I; and some few passages have been dropped (or possibly did not exist in *Q). But it would be a mere matter of scissors and paste to divide this section of R³ into its component parts, and to restore almost all of the text of the MSS. of R¹ and R² which lay before the compiler.

We have now to consider the relations between R¹R²R³ and the later attempts at historical synthesis—O'Clery's

redaction (K) and Keating's *History* (Kg). The following details are apparent immediately:—

Nel is descended from Gomer R¹, from Magog R²R³—also KKg.

Rifaith Scot brings "Scotic" from the Tower R²R³—rejected by KKg.

Gaelic is fashioned by Gaedel Glas R¹, by Feinius R²R³. Not in K. Kg ascribes it to a different Gaedel, s. Ethor, unknown to LG.

The Nel-Moses episode, not in R¹ and certain mss. of R². In KKg, but with some differences of detail. Thus, in K, Nel reports to his own people his intention to succour the Israelites; the serpent does not bite, but winds itself around Gaedel, and the green mark is made by the coils, not by the bite; the numbers of the drowned Egyptians are substantially increased. In Kg the serpent attacked Gaedel when swimming (a detail borrowed from Poem no. XVIII); and a chronological disquisition assumes that Gaedel was not a young boy, but was eighty years of age; the numbers of the drowned Egyptians are reduced.

Sru, not Nel, is the contemporary of the Rea Sea disaster, and leaves Egypt immediately in R¹. In R²R³ Sru is the fourth descendant from Nel, who is the contemporary of the disaster—also KKg.

L¹ R²R³ Tuir follows Cineris immediately as King of Egypt. K agrees. Kg (who calls Tuir "Intuir") interpolates five kings.

Sru had 4 ships R²R³: K says 50. Kg merely quotes a poetical extract specifying 4.

Scota accompanied her descendants to Scythia in their flight and died immediately after landing, R¹ only: K follows, not Kg.

The simultaneous deaths of Sru and Nerual are attributed to a plague in K only. K is unique in supplying the Scythian king with a brother, Baath, who aids him in the fight against the followers of Sru.

Agnomain kills Refloir R¹. Mil kills him, R²R³; the latter gives the Agnomain story as an alternative. In KKg the slayer is Agnomain.

The remaining incidents of the section are shuffled like the cards of a pack by the different authorities. We may tabulate them thus—

- A^a Agnomain banished from Scythia after slaying Refloir.
- A^m Mil banished from Scythia after slaying Refloir.
- B^a Assault of the Sirens.
- B^a Assault of the Amazons.
- C^m Journey via Sliab Riffe (and Caicher's prophecy) to the Maeotic Marshes.
- C^a Journey to Egypt.
- D^e Birth of Eber Glunfind.
- D^m Birth of Mil.
- E^b Brath leads the Gaedil to Spain.
- E^m Mil leads the Gaedil to Spain.
- G^{1a} Mil marries Scota.
- G^{og} Mil marries Seng.

—and on analysis we shall find that

R¹ has A^aB^cC^mD^eE^b. In this text Mil is never mentioned in the present section.

R² has A^mC^eG^{ta}B^sE^m.

R³ has G^{ng}A^mC^eG^{ta}B^sB^aE^m followed by the R¹ sequence as an alternative story.

In K we find A^aB^cC^mD^eE^b as in R¹: then D^m in Spain, whence Mil returns to Scythia, and G^{ng}. He then slays what must be supposed to be a later Refloir, followed by the first version of R³ with numerous interpolations, such as an interview with the Cruithne; and with the omission of B^sB^a.

Kg follows the same lines as K, but he introduces B^sB^a after A^a, and substitutes Gothia³ for the Maeotic Marshes. In Spain he is puzzled by the double leadership of Brath and of Bregon, and thus duplicates the city founded in Spain—Braganza is founded by Brath and Brigansia by Bregon.

Both these late writers have been misled by the alternative versions of the Scythian vendetta in R³. They have mistaken them for successive events, but knowing that Agnomain preceded Mil genealogically they have transposed them, inventing the clumsy device of "a visit to his kinsfolk" to bring Mil back to Scythia in order to have the second version fitted in. This is more than a mere literary curiosity: it is a most instructive illustration of the evolution of this kind of historical tradition. The story has developed on two lines. A compiler, finding the two versions, combined them as alternatives: later compilers fused the two versions into one story. Many duplicates, both of personality and of incident, are to be found in the text before us, and they are all to be explained in the same way.

For example, most of the eight sons of Mil form duplicate pairs. Colptha and Donn are eponymous intrusions, designed to explain certain place-names: but for the rest, Eber and Eremon, Amair-gen and Ir, (F)ebrua and Erannan pair off together, and the pairs are all variants of a single pair.

In another respect the later writers are instructive. They wrote when writing-materials were becoming cheap, and they could afford to spread themselves in a way which would be

³ Clearly by a confusion of *Gothia* with *Gaethlaige*.

impossibly extravagant to their predecessors. They set down on paper discussions which in the days of waxed tablets and expensive parchment would be left to the spoken word. Keating was not the only historical student who spent an infinity of futile energy in seeking to reconcile the obvious chronological and topographical discrepancies in the matters with which he dealt; they are so obvious that they must have constantly provoked discussion and controversy. Both Keating and O'Clery fill in outlines which are merely sketched in the earlier texts, and which must have been filled in *viva voce*. For example, the earlier texts merely say that the Sirens caused the mariners to sleep; that they subsequently devoured them is left to be understood, but is set forth in black and white by K and Kg.

O'Clery had opinions of his own about some of the matter which he copied, and we know from his own pen that only the command of his ecclesiastical superiors prevented him from altering whatever seemed to him incorrect or disagreeable.⁴ This admission throws a shadow of doubtfulness over all his work. In the text before us he regularly changes "Milid" back to "Golamh," and makes a number of other minor verbal alterations. Thus, he compares Lamfhind's hands, not to candles, but to the more dignified "lamps" (*lochranna*). He suppresses the Amazon episode, probably because he considered it inconsistent with the dignity and prowess of Mil. On the whole his favourite text seems to belong to R², but he had R³ in constant use, and occasionally, perhaps, referred to L or to some closely related text. Kg seems to depend chiefly on R³.

⁴ See Plummer, *Colophons and Marginalia of Irish Scribes* (Proceedings, British Academy, xii (1926), p. 32).

SECTION II.

Min. and First Redaction.

Min.

R¹.

(μΛ 26 a 5: μR 91 β 24.)

(L 1 γ 8: F 1 δ 22.)

103. ¹Atberait araile com-
bad ²Baadh mac Ibaid meic
³Gomer meic ⁴Iafēdh,⁵ γ is
ūad Gāidil γ fir na Scithīa :
γ macc do ⁶Fenius Farsaid.

Baath, † ⁷in dara mac
Ibath,⁷ || ⁸meic Gomer meic
⁹Iafēth, is ūad Gāedil γ fir
na ¹⁰Scithīa. Mac dō, ¹¹in
fer amra airegda¹¹ diar bo
ainm ¹²Faenius Farsaid.
‡ ¹³Issē-side in ¹⁴dara
tōesech sechtmogat do
chōid¹⁴ do dēnam in Tuir
¹⁵Nebrōith, dīa ¹⁶ro scāiltea
na bērlai. ||

¹⁷Nebroth imorro feisin, mac
Chaus meic Chaim meic
Noe. Is e in Faenius remrate
tuc Berla Fēne on Tur: γ is
aice bui in scol mor oc foglaim
na n-il-berla.¹⁷

103. *The text of Min. in this § follows μΛ, variants from μR unless otherwise stated; missing in μV*
¹-berat ²Baad ³Goimeir
⁴-feth ⁵ins. mc [Noe om.] ⁶Fenius Fars.— Variants in R¹
⁷⁻¹ om. ⁸mac Goimer ⁹Iafet

103. Others say that Baath was son of Ibath s. Gomer s. Iafeth, and from him are the Gaedil and the people of Scythia: and Feinius Farsaid was a son of his.

Baath, [one of the two sons of Ibath] s. Gomer s. Iafeth, of him are the Gaedil and the people of Scythia. He had a son, the noble eminent man whose name was Feinus Farsaid. [It is he who was one of the seventy-two chieftains who went for the building of Nemrod's Tower, whence the languages were dispersed.]

Howbeit, Nemrod himself was son of Cush s. Ham s. Noe. This is that Feinius aforesaid who brought the People's Speech from the Tower: and it is he who had the great school, learning the multiplicity of languages.

¹¹ Sgeithia ²¹⁻²² in taissech amra airigda ²² Feinius Farrsaid
²² is e siden ¹⁴⁻¹⁴ darna taissech .lxx. dochuaid ¹⁵ Nemhruaid ¹⁶ ro
sgailta na b^{er}ll^a (*sic, the sprs. vowels appear to be inserted in a different ink*) ²¹⁻²² om.

104. Dā mac la ¹Fenius .i. ²Noeniul, foracaib for flaithius na Scithia dia eis; ⁊ Nēl, ³in mac aile, ⁊ hicon Tur rucad-side. Ocus ba suī-side na n-il-⁴bēlra, ⁵conad hē rofucad ⁶ind Ēigipt, do ⁷foglaim na n-il-⁴bēlra ūad. ⁷Tānic imorro ⁸Foenius ond Assia dochum na Scithia as a luid do dēnom in Tuir⁸; conerbailt ⁹hi flaithius Scithia, ¹⁰hi cend cethrachat bliadan, ⁊ dorat ¹¹tāisidecht dia mac, do ¹²Noenal.

Dā mac imorro ¹³batar oe Foenius: ¹⁴.i. Noenual, ⁊ in ¹⁵dala mac, || ¹⁶foracaib i ¹⁷flaithius na ¹⁸Scithia dia eis; Nēl, in mac aile, ¹⁹icon Tur ²⁰rucad-side. ²¹Ocus ba ²²suī-side na n-uile mbērla, conid aire tāncas ⁊ ar a chend || ō Fōraind d'foglaim na n-il-bērla²² ūad. Tānic imorro ²³Faenius assind Assia dochum na ²⁴Scithia, assa l-luid do dēnam in ²⁵Tuir²⁶; conerbailt ²⁷i flaithius na Scithia, i cind cethrachat bliadan, ⁊ ²⁸co tarat tōesigecht dia mac, do ²⁹Noenual.

105. ¹Hi cind dā bliadain ²ar cethrachait iar scor ³in Tuir, rogab Nin mac ⁴Peil rīgi ³in domain.

⁵Hi cind dā bliadan cethrachat trā iar ndēnam⁵ in Tuir, rogab Nīn mac Bēil ⁶rīge in ⁷domuin.

⁸Ar nī ro thriall neeh aile smachtugud⁸ na tūath no na

104. ¹ Feinius Farsaid ² obscured in μ_A by grease; looks like Noenul: Fienual (sic, the capital N being miswritten) forfacaib i flaithius na Scithia μ_B ³ an mac ele ⁊ icon ⁴ berla (bis) ⁵ conide ⁶ an Egipt, a small g written above the ip ⁷ foglaim ⁸ tainic ⁹⁻⁸ Feinius on Aisia dochum na Scithia asa luid dochum na Scithi (sic) an tuir (sic) ⁹ i flaith na Scith- ¹⁰ i cinn ¹¹ toisigeet ¹² Nenual — ¹³ badar ic Feinius ¹⁴ om. i.: Nenual ¹⁵ dara ¹⁶ fodroacaib

104. Feinius had two sons: Nenual, whom he left over the principedom of Scythia behind him; and Nel, the other son, and at the Tower was he born. Now he was a master of the multiplicity of languages, so that it is he who was taken into Egypt, to learn from him the multiplicity of languages. But Feinius came from Asia to Scythia, whence he had gone for the building of the Tower; so he died in the principedom of Scythia, at the end of forty years, and passed on the chieftainship to his son, Nenual.

Now Feinius had two sons: Nenual, [one of the two], whom he left in the principedom of Scythia behind him; Nel, the other son, at the Tower was he born. Now he was a master of all the languages; wherefore one came [to summon him] from Pharaoh, in order to learn the multiplicity of languages from him. But Feinius came out of Asia to Scythia, whence he had gone for the building of the Tower; so that he died in the principedom of Scythia, at the end of forty years, and passed on the chieftainship to his son, Nenual.

105. At the end of forty and two years after the cessation of [work on] the Tower, Ninus son of Belus took the kingship of the world.

At the end of forty two years after the building of the Tower, Ninus son of Belus took the kingship of the world.

For no other attempted to exercise authority over the

¹¹ flaitus ¹² Sgeithia ¹³ ic ann ¹⁴ rucad e ¹⁵ om. 7 ¹⁶⁻¹⁷ sai
 esiden is na hili berla conad ar a cenn sin tangas o Forand flaith (*lenition-*
mark of t very faint) Egibt do oghloim na mberlad ¹⁸ Feinius asin Aissia
¹⁹ Sciathia ass do luid (*a stroke over the second s sec. man.*) ²⁰ tuiir
 (*dittography caused by change of line.*) ²¹ ins. Nemruaid i. Nemruad m.
 Cuis m. Caim m. Nae ²² a flaitus (*sic*) Scithia a cind da fichid bliadan
²³ dorad taisigecht ²⁴ Ninual.
 105. ¹ i cinn ² om. ar ³ an (*bis*) ⁴ Beil ——— ⁵⁻⁵ a cin da

⁹n-ill-chenēl do thabairt fō ¹⁰ōen
māin, ⁊ fo chīs¹⁰ ⁊ fo chāin, acht
¹¹seisium a ōenar. ¹²Tōesig
imorro batar ¹³and reme, .i. in
fer ba ¹⁴hūasle ⁊ ba mō rāth
¹⁵issin tūaith, ¹⁶issē ba cend
comairle do chāch: no ¹⁷chois-
ced cech n-ēcoir, no gressed
cech¹⁷ cōir. ¹⁸Ni thriallad
insaigid no smacht cenēl aile.

106. Is ī sin ¹trā aimsir
²hī r-ro genair ³Gāidel
Glass—

⁴Is hī sein trā amser hī
ro genair Gāedel Glass ⁊
ōtat ⁴Gāedil ||, ō ⁵Scotta
ingen Fōraind. Is ⁶ūadi
ainmnigtir “Scuitt” de
Gāedelaib, *ut dictum est*⁶

Fēne ō Fēinius asbertar . .

107. — ro chum ¹in
mbērla tōbaide as na dib
bērlaib sechtmogat: ²hit ē
inso a n-anmann-side —

Is ē ¹Gāedel Glass ro
chum in nGāedilg¹ as na
dā bērla ²sechtmogat: ³it
ē inso ⁴a n-anmand-side,⁴
Betin, Scitin, etc.^(a) ⁵Unde
poeta cecinit

Bērla in domain, dēchaid lib . . .

fīd bliadan ⁊ da deich tra ar nenam ⁶rīgī ⁷domain ⁸⁻⁸ar
nir triall neach aili smachtugadh ⁹hil-chenela L: n-ill-chenal do tabair
(*a final t ye sprs.*) F ¹⁰⁻¹⁰aen smacht .i. fo chiss ¹¹aeiun a aenur
¹²taissig ¹³ann (*the stroke over the n ye*) reime ¹⁴uasla *wrongly in*
O'Curry's transcript of L: huaisli F ¹⁵isan ¹⁶is e ba cenē comairli
¹⁷⁻¹⁷chosnad cach ecoir no gresad cach ¹⁸om. ni: do triallad insaigid
cenal ⁊ smachtugadh ar cenalaibh aili.

106. ¹om. ²om. hir- ³Goidil Glas — ⁴⁻⁴i sin tra
aimsir i rogenir Gadil Glas otait: *to this is is prefixed (sprs.) in a late and*

peoples or to bring the multitude of nations under one hand, and under tax and tribute, but he alone. Aforetime there had been chieftains: he who was noblest and most in favour in the community, he it was who was chief counsellor for every man: who should avert all injustice and further all justice. No attempt was made to invade or to dominate other nations.

106. That is the time when Gaedel Glas was born—

Now that is the time when Gaedel Glas, [from whom are the Gaedil] was born, of Scota d. Pharao. From her are the Scots named, *ut dictum est*

Poem no. X.

107. — who formed the Elect Language out of the seventy-two languages: these are their names —

It is Gaedel Glas who fashioned the Gaelic language out of the seventy-two languages: these are their names, Bithynian, Scythian,^(b) etc. *Unde poeta cecinit*

Poem no. XI.

bad hand. ⁵Scota ingen Forain ⁶⁻⁸uad ainmnigter Sguit do Gaedilaib amail isbert in fili.

107. ¹an berla ²it e innso a n-anmann (*om. side*). —

¹⁻¹Gaedil (*om. Glass*) do chum in Gaedelg ²sectmogat L: a *lenition-mark over the c in O'Curry's transcript, but I cannot trace it in the MS.* ³is iat so ⁴⁻⁴*om. F; apparently also om. sL, and yc L* ⁵is dia chumnigad sin adbert in fili na briathra.

(a) See p. 78.

(b) See the note on this ¶, and below, p. 148.

107A. [At this point *Min.* interpolates a version of the passage, beginning *Ceithre randa* (below, ¶ 142). Its readings are there recorded. The passage is not found in R'.]

108. Srū ¹trā mac Esrū meic ²Gāidil, is ē ³tāisech do Gāidelaib luid a ⁴Hēigipt eo ro ⁵bāigead Foronn. Sechtmoga ⁊ ⁶ceitre cēt bliadan o ⁷dilind conaice sin.

Srū mac Esrū ⁸trā meic Gāedil, ⁹issē tōesech do ¹⁰Gāedelaib luid a ¹¹Hēigipt o ro ¹²bāided ¹³Foraind † ¹⁴cona slūag i m-Muir ¹⁵Rūaid, ¹⁶in degaid mac nIsrahel ¶. Sechtmoga ⁊ secht cēt bliadain o dilind ¹⁷eo sin.

¹⁸Ceathracha ⁊ ceithre cet bliadan o n-amsir sin inār ¹⁹baidid Forann ⁊ o thainic Sru mac Esru a Heigept cosand n-amsir tancatar Meic Milidh in Erinn .i. Eber ⁊ Eremon : dia n-ebart¹⁸

Cethracha ⁊ ceithri cēt . . .

109. Lucht ceitre long luid Srū a ¹Hēigipt, ⁊ ceitre ²lānomna fichit, ⁊ trīar ³amus gach lunga.³ Srū ⁴⁊ a mac ⁵.i. Ēber ⁶Scott, batar eat tōisich na loingsi ⁷sin.

Lucht ¹²cethri long luid Srū a ¹³Hēigipt ¹⁴⁊ ¹⁵cethri lānamna fichet cada ¹⁶lunga, ¹⁷⁊ triar ¹⁸amus cada ¹⁹lunga.¹⁷ Srū ⁊ a mac .i. Ēber ²⁰Scott, batar

108. ¹om. ²Goidil ³toisech: a full stop after Gaidelaib μR
⁴Hegipt ⁵baided Forainn ⁶.iii. ⁷dilinn conici ———
⁸om. ⁹is e toissach ¹⁰Gaedilib ¹¹Haeigift ¹²baid
¹³Foronn ¹⁴om. cona sluag and m- ¹⁵Romuir for Ruaid L. ¹⁶in
eagaid mac nIssarthel ¹⁷conuici ¹⁸⁻¹⁹this passage and the appended
verse in F only: marks of contraction and lenition in ceathracha touched
up sec. man. ²⁰lenition-marks added to the d's sec. man.

108. Now Sru s. Esru s. Gaedel, he it is who was chieftain of the Gaedil who went from Egypt until (*sic*) Pharao was drowned. Four hundred and seventy years from the Flood till then.

Now Sru s. Esru s. Gaedel, he it is who was chieftain for the Gaedil who went out of Egypt after Pharao was drowned [with his host in the Red Sea in the wake of the sons of Israel]: Seven hundred and seventy years from the Flood till then.

Four hundred and forty years from that time in which Pharao was drowned, and after Sru s. Esru came out of Egypt, till the time when the sons of Mil came into Ireland, to wit Eber and Eremon: whereanent [one] said—

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109. Four ships' companies strong went Sru out of Egypt, with twenty-four wedded couples and three hirelings for every ship. Sru and his son

Four ships' companies strong went Sru out of Egypt. There were twenty-four wedded couples and three hirelings for every ship. Sru and his son

109. ¹ Hegipt ² -amna ³⁻³ amas cecha lungai ⁴ om. 7 ⁵ om. .i.
⁶ Scot ⁷ om. sin ⁸⁻⁸ búí Noenal ua Feinusa i flaithius (a) ⁹ ins. 7
¹⁰ om. ¹¹ richtain na ——— ¹² ceitri ¹³ Eghept (*what looks like an aspiration-mark, now very faint, inserted before the E in a later bad hand*)
¹⁴ .i. for 7 ¹⁵ ceitri F: triar L, erased and cethri substituted
¹⁶ luingi (*bis*) ¹⁷⁻¹⁷ ditigraphed and erased L ¹⁸ amas ¹⁹⁻¹⁹ Scot, ba

(a) *atbath* has evidently dropped out of the Min. tradition; μR has doctored the text, but μA has been imperfectly successful in doing so.

‡ Is í sin aimsir ⁸Noenail ua (*sic*) Feniusa, flatha⁸ na Scithia. || ⁹Marb Srū ¹⁰dana fōcētoir iar ¹¹riachtain Scithia.

iat tōesig na l-longse.¹⁹
‡ Is ²⁰in tan sin atbath ²¹Noenuail mac Baath meic Noenuail meic Foeniusa Farsaid ²¹i. flaithe na ²²Scithia, ²³γ || ²⁴marb Srū ²⁵dana ²⁶fōchētōir ²⁷iar rochtain na Scithia.

110. Gabais Ēber ¹Scott rīgi na Scithia ‡ ²er ēcin || ōs clainn ³Noenuail, co torchair la ⁴Noenius mac ⁵Noenuail. Bāi cosnam etir Noenius ⁶γ ⁷Boamain mac Ēbir ⁸Scuitt. Gabais ⁷Boamain rīgi co ⁹torchair la ¹⁰Noenius. Rogab ¹¹trā ¹²Noenius ¹³flaitheas, co torchair la ¹⁴Hogomain mac Boamain an dīgail a athar. Rogab Ogamain rīgi conerbailt. Gabais ¹⁵Rephill mac Nemi rīgi co torchair la ¹⁶Taitt ¹⁷mace ¹⁸Ogamain. Do rochair ¹⁶Taitt iarom do ¹⁹lāimh Refloir meic ¹⁵Rephill. ²⁰Bōi cosnam

Gabais Ēber ²²Scott ‡ ar ²³ēcin || rīge na Scithia ōs chlaind Noenuail, ²³ ²⁴co torchair la Noenius mac Noenuail. ²⁴ ²⁵Bōi cosnam ²⁶etir ²⁷Noimius γ ²⁸Boamain mac Ēbir Scuitt. Gabais ²⁸Boomain ²⁹rīge ³⁰co torchair la Noenus. Gabais Noinus flaitus co torchair la Hogaman mac mBoman i ndigail a ³¹athar. Gabais Ogaman rīgi³⁰ conerbailt. Gabais ³²Rifill mac ³³Noemi rīge co torchair la ³⁴Taitt mac Ogomain. Do rochair ³⁵Taitt iarom do ³⁶lāim Refloir meic Rifill. ³⁵Bōi cosnam ³⁷flathiusa ³⁸iarom

hiat taissig na loingsi sin ²⁰ann amsir ²¹⁻²²Nenuail uha (*sic*) (a) Feiniusa rogab Noennel mac Baait meic Nenuail meic Fenus (*written* Fēu;) Farsaid ²²Sgeithia ²³om. γ ²⁴barb ²⁵dono ²⁶fochethoir L fo.c.oir F ²⁷ar tiahtain Scethia.

110. ¹Scot ²ar eicin ³Nenuail ⁴Naeinius ⁵Nenuail ⁶ins. mac Nenuail ⁷Boamin (*bis*) ⁸Scuitt ⁹torchoir ¹⁰Noinius ¹¹om. ¹²Naoinius ¹³rīgi ¹⁴Hogamain m. Boamin ¹⁵Refill (*bis*) ¹⁶Tait (*bis*) ¹⁷mace ¹⁸om. μΛ (*sic*) ¹⁹laim ²⁰bai ²¹Aghnon m. Tait ——— ²²Scot ²³⁻²⁴eigin rīgi na Sgeithia os claind Nenuail

Eber Scot, they were the chieftains of that expedition. [That was the time of Nenual grandson of Feinius, prince of Scythia.] Sru died immediately after reaching Scythia.

110. Eber Scot took the kingship of Scythia [by force] from the progeny of Nenual, till he fell at the hands of Noemius s. Nenual. There was a contention between Noemius and Boamain s. Eber Scot. Boamain took the kingship till he fell at the hands of Noemius. Noemius took the principedom till he fell at the hands of Ogamain s. Boamain in vengeance for his father. Ogamain took the kingship till he died. Refill s. Noemius took the kingship till he fell at the hands of Tat s. Ogamain. Thereafter Tat fell at the hands of Refloir s. Refill.

Eber Scot, they were the chieftains of the expedition. [It is then that Nenual s. Baath s. Nenual s. Feinius Farsaid, prince of Scythia, died: and] Sru also died immediately after reaching Scythia.

Eber Scot took [by force] the kingship of Scythia from the progeny of Nenual, till he fell at the hands of Noemius s. Nenual. There was a contention between Noemius and Boamain s. Eber Scot. Boamain took the kingship till he fell at the hands of Noemius. Noemius took the principedom till he fell at the hands of Ogamain s. Boamain in vengeance for his father. Ogamain took the kingship till he died. Refill s. Noemius took the kingship till he fell at the hands of Tat s. Ogamain. Thereafter Tat fell at the hands of Refloir s. Rifill.

²⁴⁻²⁴ om. ²⁵ bi (*bis*) ²⁶ itir (*bis*) ²⁷ Noinus (*written* Noiu; *hic et ubique, except* Noenu; *once*) ²⁸ Boaman (*bis*) ²⁹ rigi ³⁰⁻³⁰ om. L
³¹ athair ³² Reiffill ³³ Nemin rigi ³⁴ Tait m. Ogaman ³⁵ Tait iaram
³⁶ Refloir meic Refill ³⁷ flaithusa ³⁸ om. iaram: *O'Curry's transcript of L inserts here* Rifill meic, *but I cannot trace or find room for these*

(a) The ms. has the appearance as though the scribe first wrote ula, and he or another afterwards changed the l to an h in ink of a slightly different colour. C
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iarom etir Refloir mac ²⁶etir Refloir mac ³⁹Noemi
 Refill ⁊ Agnon mac Tait, ⁊ ⁴⁰Agnon mac Taitt, co
 co torchair Refloir la torchair Refloir ⁴¹la
²¹Hadnon mac Taitt. Hagnon.⁴¹

111. Conid aire sin ro ¹⁸Conid aire sin ro
¹hindarbtha sil ²nGaidil innarbat¹⁸ sil ¹⁹Gaedil for
 for muir, .i. ³Adnon ⁊ muir, .i. ²⁰Agnomain ⁊
⁴Lāmhfīnd a mac, com- Lāmhfīnd a mac, co mbatar
 batar secht mbliadna for secht mbliadna for
 muir ⁵timecall in domain ²¹timchiull in domain
⁶atūaidh. Is lia tuirim ⁊ ²²atūaid. Is lia ²³tuirim an
 aisnēis in ro ⁷chēsatar do ro ²⁴chēsatar d'ule. † Is
 ulce. † Is aire tucadh aire thucad Lāmhfīnd for
⁸Lāimhfīnd fair, ar nī ⁹mō mac ²⁵Agnomain, ar nī ba
 badis soillsi ¹⁰coinnle ¹¹in- mō,soillsi chaindell andate²⁵
 daat ¹²a lāmha hicon imrum. a lāma ²⁶ocond imram. ||
 || Teora longa dōib, ⁊ Trī longa dīb, ⁊ cengal
¹³cengul eturro [. . .] fri ²⁷eturru, na digsed cāch dīb
 araile.¹³ Trī ¹⁴tōisig batar ²⁷ōraile.²⁷ Trī ²⁸tōisig batar
 acco iar n-ēc Adhnoin¹⁴ ²⁹accu iar n-ēc ³⁰Agnon
 forsin ¹⁵muincind mōir- ³³forsin muinciund mōr-
 mara Caisp .i. ¹⁶Lāmhfīnd mara Caisp .i. ³⁴Lāmhfīnd ⁊
 ⁊ ¹⁷Alldoit ⁊ Caicher drui. ³⁵Alldoit ⁊ ³⁶Caicher drui.

words in the original MS. They are not in F. ³⁹ Noime ⁴⁰ Ogaman
 m. Tait now lost from L: restored from O'Curry's transcript ⁴¹⁻⁴¹ om.
 111. ¹ -ta μ_A, innarbtha μR ² om. n- ³ Agnon ⁴ Lamfīnd
⁵ timchell an ⁶ atuaid ⁷ chesastar ⁸ Lamfīnn ⁹ ba mor
¹⁰ written oile μ_A: cainnle μR ¹¹ indat ¹² a lama ocon ¹³⁻¹³ each
 dīb a cengal fri araile ¹⁴⁻¹⁴ tōisich dōib iar nēc Agnon ¹⁵ muincinn mōr-
¹⁶ Lamfīnn ¹⁷ Elloit ——— ¹⁸⁻¹⁸ con aire sin ro hindarbad ¹⁹ nGaedil
²⁰ Agnon ⁊ Lamfīnd (the latter hic et semper) ²¹ timecell ²² atuaidh
²³ turim: then follows si which has been erased and annsin do substituted
²⁴ cesadar ²⁵⁻²⁵ nAgnoin ar na ba soillsi caennell anait ²⁶ ocon n-
²⁷⁻²⁷ aturru na dechsad each o cheili ²⁸ taissaig ²⁹ aca ³⁰ Agnoin
³¹ isin muincid (sic) mara. The sin of forsin not traceable in L, restored

Thereafter there was a contention between Refloir s. Refill and Agnomain s. Tat, till Refloir fell at the hands of Agnomain s. Tat.

111. For that reason was the seed of Gaedel driven forth upon the sea, to wit Agnomain and Lamfhind his son, so that they were seven years upon the sea, skirting the world on the north side. More than can be reckoned or related are the hardships which they suffered. [The reason why he was called Lamfhind was, because not greater used to be the radiance of a candle than his hands at the rowing.] They had three ships with a coupling between them <that they should not separate> from one another. They had three chieftains after the death of Agnomain on the surface of the great Caspian Sea, Lamfhind and Allot and Caicher the druid.

Thereafter there was a contention for the principedom between Refloir [grand]son of Noemius and Agnomain s. Tat, until Refloir fell at the hands of Agnomain.

For that reason was the seed of Gaedil driven forth upon the sea, to wit Agnomain and Lamfhind his son, so that they were seven years on the sea, skirting the world on the north side. More than can be reckoned are the hardships which they suffered. [The reason why the name Lamfhind was given to the son of Agnomain was, because not greater was the radiance of candles than his hands, at the rowing.] They had three ships with a coupling between them, that none of them should move away from the rest. They had three chieftains after the death of Agnomain on the surface of the great Caspian Sea, Lamfhind and Allot and Caicher the druid.

from O'Curry's transcript ²¹ The f in Lāmfind and similar names never dotted in F: -Find 7 Alldoit . . . drui now lost from L, restored from O'Curry's transcript ²² Alloth ²³ Caicher drai.

112. Is ē Caicher dorat dōib ¹leges ²for medradh na murdūchunn, ² .i. cēir do ³leghadh na clūasaib. ⁴Conus ruce in gōeth isin ⁵ocēian mōr, co ro ⁶cēsaisēt mōr ⁷ngorta ḡ n-itadh; co torachtatar i ⁸cind sechtmaine in rind mōr otā Slēib Rīphī fotūaidh, ⁸ conid ⁹isin rind sin fuaratar ¹⁰topur co mblās fīna, co ro ¹¹loingsit ann, ¹²ḡ batar trī ¹³lāithe ḡ teora haidche ann i n-a codlad: ¹⁴conerbairt Caicher friu: ¹⁵Ēirgidh, nī ¹⁶anfum de co ¹⁷risem co Hērinn. Cia ¹⁸airm atā Ēriu? ar ¹⁹Lāmfinn. ²⁰Is sīa ūait indā in Scithīa, ḡ nī ²¹sinni fēin ²²rosficefa ar chenn, acht ār clann, hi cind trī cēt mbliadan.²²

Is ē in ²³Cacher ²⁴druī ²⁵dorat ²⁶in leges dōib, ²⁷dia mboī in murdūchand oca medrad, ²⁷ .i. ²⁸boī in cotlud oca forrach ²⁸frisīn ceōl. Is ē ²⁹in ³⁰leges fuair Cacher dōib, .i. cēir do legad na ³¹clūasaib. Is ē Cacher ³²ro rāid friu, dia ³³ruc in gāeth ³⁴mōr iat ³⁵issīn n-ocēian, ³⁶co ro chēsaisēt mōr re gortai ḡ re hīttaid and: co torachtatar i cind ³⁶sechtmaine ³⁷in rind mōr atā a Slīab Rīfī fo thūaid: ³⁸conid isin rind sin ³⁹fuaratar topor co mblās ⁴⁰īna, co ro longset and, co mbatar trī laa ḡ teora aidche⁴⁰ na ⁴¹cotlud andsin. Conerbairt Cacher druī, ⁴¹Ērgid, ar sē, ⁴²nī anfam ⁴³co r-risam Hērind. ⁴⁴Cia hairm atā ⁴⁵ind Hēriu? ar Lāmfind mac ⁴⁶Agnōin. Is ⁴⁷fate, ar ⁴⁸Cacher, andās in Scithīa, ḡ nī sind fēin ric, ar Cacher,

112. ¹ om. ²⁻² ar medrad na murduehonn ³ legad ina ⁴ conarue in gaeth ⁵ ocēian mōr siar ⁶ -sed ⁷ ngortaid ḡ itaid ann ⁸⁻⁸ cinn tsechtmaine i rinn mōr otha Sliab Rife fotuaid ⁹ om. isin: rinn-sin ¹⁰ tobar ¹¹ -set ¹² om. ḡ ¹³ la ḡ .iii. aidche ¹⁴ condebairt ¹⁵ -gid ¹⁶ anfam, the f yo μR ¹⁷ risam Erinn ¹⁸ hairm ita lan Er, the la (an erroneous anticipation of Lamfind) partly erased ¹⁹ Laimfinn ²⁰ isia and om. uait ²¹ sinne ²²⁻²² ric acht ar clann hi cinn .ccc. bliadan — ²³ Caicer hic et semper ²⁴ om. ²⁵ dorind F: this word defaced in L by grease: O'Curry's transcript gives dorigni leges, but his i should be ī (= in) and the letter before it is certainly c. The preceding Δ is not quite so clear, but the letter can hardly be anything else: and the p before that, though faint, is beyond doubt. Dorigni is

112. It is Caicher who gave them a remedy against the melody of the Sirens, namely to melt wax in their ears. So the wind took them into the great Ocean, and they suffered much of hunger and thirst; till at the end of a week they reached the great promontory out northward from the Rhipaeae Mountain, and in that promontory they found a spring with the taste of wine, and they feasted there, and were asleep there three days and three nights. But Caicher said to them: Rise, we shall not rest therefrom till we reach Ireland. What place is 'Ireland'? said Lamfhind. It is further from thee than Scythia, and not we ourselves shall reach it, but our children, at the end of three hundred years.

It is Caicher the druid who gave the remedy to them, when the Siren was making melody to them: sleep was overcoming them at the music. This is the remedy which Caicher found for them, to melt wax in their ears. It is Caicher who spake to them, when the great wind drove them into the Ocean, so that they suffered much with hunger and thirst there: till at the end of a week they reached the great promontory which is northward from the Rhipaeae Mountain, and in that promontory they found a spring with the taste of wine, and they feasted there, and were three days and three nights asleep there. But Caicher the druid said: Rise, said he, we shall not rest until we reach Ireland. What place

however a preferable reading, and appears in *Q ²⁸ om. in ²⁷⁻²⁷ diambai
 in *murdhann aca mbregad* ²⁸⁻²⁸ bi in collad ca forarrach ²⁹ om. in
³⁰ leig; ³¹ om. and yc L ³² adubairt ³³ rosFuc ³⁴ om. mor iat
³⁵ isin aecan ³⁶⁻³⁶ cor cessadar mor do gorta 7 ditaid and co torchrat a
 cind ³⁷ i rind moir o tsleib Rifi fo tuaid ³⁸ conad ³⁹ fuaradar tobair
⁴⁰⁻⁴⁰ fina cor loingsid ann combadar tri la 7 tri haidechi (*an accidental blot,*
not a lenition-mark, above and to the right of the d) ⁴¹⁻⁴¹ eodlad annsin
 conerbailt (*sic*) Caicer drai ⁴² ins. 7 ⁴³ co raisim Er ⁴⁴ Ca ⁴⁵ om.
 ind: Er ⁴⁶ Agnomaid ⁴⁷ fata ⁴⁸⁻⁴⁸ Caicer drai inan Sgethia 7 ni

acht ār cland riefat, i eind
trī ⁴⁹chēt mbliadan ōndiu.⁴⁸

113. Gabsat ¹imorro is na
Gaethlaigib ²Medontaeda,
γ is ³andsin rucad mac do
⁴Lāmfind, .i. Ēber Glūn-
find⁴ † .i. ⁵comarthai gela
batar for a ⁶glūinibh ||. Is
ē ba tōisech ⁷dar ēis a
athar. ⁸Hua dōside Febri
† Glass ||, hua dōside
Nuadhō.⁸

¹⁷Gabsat ĩarsin ¹⁸na
Gaethlaige Meoteeda, ¹⁹acus
is ²⁰andsin rucad mac do
Lāmind, .i. Ēber Glūnfind
† ²¹.i. ²²comartha gela
²³robatar for a ²⁴glūinib ||.
Is ²⁵hē ba tōisech dar ēis
²⁵a athar. Ua ²⁶dōside,
Febri † ²⁷Glūnfind ||, ua
²⁶dōside, ²⁸Nuado.

⁹His aire ¹⁰dono ro ¹¹hindarb-
tha Gāidil asin Scithā, i
¹²cinaidh ¹³marbtha Refloir
meie ¹⁴Rephill meie. ¹⁵Noemi
meie Noenuail meie Baaith
meie Ibaith meie ¹⁶Foeniusa
Farsaid.

114. Brath mac ¹Deatha
meie^(a) Ercada meie Alldoit
meie Nuadat meie ²Noenu-
aill meie Febri Glaiss meie

Brath^(b) mac Deatha meie
⁵¹Ercada meie ⁵²Elloith
meie ⁵³Nuadat meie
⁵⁴Noenuail meie ⁵⁵Febri

sin fen reichfis acht ar cland a eind tri. .c.c.c. bliadan oniu (bliadan *sprs.*
sF) ⁴⁹chēt in *O'Curry's transcript, wrongly.*

113. ¹om. ²Medote γ is annsin ³the -sin *sprs.* *yc* μ_A ⁴⁻⁴Laimfinn
. . . Glunfinn ⁵comarda ⁶gluinib ⁷tar ⁸⁻⁸ua dosin Febria Glas
ua do-saide Nuada ⁹is ¹⁰dana ¹¹innarbtha Goidil ¹²cinaid

(a) Written *mec* μ_A.

(b) This genealogy in a marginal column in L.

is that 'Ireland'? said Lamfhind s. Agnomain. Further than Scythia is it, said Caicher. It is not ourselves who shall reach it, but our children, at the end of three hundred years from today.

113. Then they settled in the Maeotic Marshes, and there a son was born to Lamfhind, Eber Glunfhind: [white marks which were on his knees]. It is he who was chieftain after his father. His grandson was Febri [Glas], his grandson was Nuadu.

Thereafter they settled in the Maeotic Marshes, and there a son was born to Lamfhind, Eber Glunfhind: [white marks which were on his knees]. He it is who was chieftain after his father. His grandson was Febri [Glunfhind (*sic*)], his grandson was Nuadu.

This is why the Gaedil were driven forth from Scythia, for the crime of slaying Refloir s. Refill s. Noemius s. Nenuail s. Baath s. Ibath s. Foenius Farrsaid.

114. Brath s. Death s. Ercha s. Allot s. Nuadu s. Nenuail s. Febri Glas s. Agni Find s. Eber Glunfhind s. Ercha s. Allot s. Nuadu s. Nenuail s. Febri Glas s. Agni Find s. Eber Glunfhind s.

¹³ om. ¹⁴ Refill ¹⁵ Noemil m. Nenuail ¹⁶ Feniusa ——— ¹⁷ gabsad
¹⁸ is na Gaethlaigib Meobacda ¹⁹ om. 7 ²⁰ annsin ²¹ om. i.
²² comartada ²³ badar ²⁴ glunib L ²⁵⁻²⁶ e ba taissach deis ²⁶ 007i (*bis*)
which might be either dosin or doside F. It is bofe in L ²⁷ sic L, Gl. F:
it should be Glas ²⁸ Nuada.

Agni meic ³Ēbir ³Glūnfind
⁴meic ⁴Lāimfind⁴ meic
⁵Agnoin meic ⁵Thaitt meic
 Ogomain⁵ meic ⁵Beoamain
 meic ⁵Ēbir Scuit.

Glais meic ⁵⁶Agni ⁵⁶Fīnd
 meic ⁵⁷Ēbir ⁵⁷Glūnfind meic
 Lāmfind meic ⁵⁸Agnomain
 meic ⁵⁹Thait meic ⁶⁰Oga-
 main ⁶¹meic ⁶¹Boomain meic
 Ēbir Scuitt meic ⁶¹Srū meic
 Esrū⁶¹ meic ⁶²Gāidil ⁶³Glais
 meic ⁶³Niūil meic ⁶³Fēiniusa
 Farsaig.⁶³

Occe ⁷Ucce da mac ⁷Alldoit
 meic ⁸Noenail meic ⁸Nemid
 meic ⁷Alldoit meic ⁹Ogomain
 meic ⁹Thotachta [meic] ⁹Theth-
 righ⁹ meic ⁹Ēbir ⁹Duib meic
⁷Alldoit meic ⁹Agnoin. ⁹Mantan
 mac ⁹Caichir meic ¹⁰Ercadha
 meic ¹¹Coemhechta meic
 Soethachta¹¹ ¹²meic ¹²Mantan¹²
 meic ¹³Caicher ¹³drūad.

Is ē Brath mac ¹⁴Deatha
 tānic assin ¹⁴nAlbain air-
 teraig¹⁴

Is ⁶⁴hē in Brath ⁶⁵tānic
 as na ⁶⁶Gaethlaigib

do crīch ¹⁵Narboscorda, dar
 sruth ¹⁵nEoxanda, dar ¹⁵Slebi
¹⁵Riphi, do na ¹⁶Goethlaigi
 Meotachdai, co ¹⁷Muir ¹⁷Torren,
 dar ¹⁸cumgaib ¹⁸fotaib ¹⁸Mara
 Torrian do ¹⁹Eilispoint, dar in
²⁰n-ucht ²⁰Maicidonda ²¹don ucht
²²Pamphilecda, dar inis ²²Tir do
 inis ²³Crēit, do inis ²³Caissiop,
 dar inis ²⁴Cephail, do inis
 Crēit, do ²⁵Murrusc na ²⁵Pelorda,
 do inis ²⁵Siail, dar ²⁵cenn ²⁵Slēbe

iar fut ⁶⁷Mara ⁶⁷Torrian do
⁶⁷Chrēit, ⁶⁷γ do ⁶⁸Shicil. ⁶⁸Rōisit
 co ⁶⁸Hespāin iarsain.

Lamfhind s. Agnomain s.	Lamfhind s. Agnomain s.
Tat s. Ogamain s. Boamain	Tat s. Ogamain s. Boamain
s. Eber Scot.	s. Eber Scot s. Sru s. Esru
	s. Gaedel Glas s. Nel s.
	Feinius Farsaid :

Oece and Uece, two sons of
 Allot s. Nenual s. Nemed s.
 Allot s. Ogamain s. Toithecht
 [s.] Tetrech s. Eber Dub s.
 Allot s. Agnomain. Mantan s.
 Caicher s. Ercha s. Coemthecht
 s. Soethecht s. Mantan s.
 Caicher the druid.

This is that Brath s.	it is that Brath who
Death who came out of	came out of the Marshes
Eastern Albania	

to the land of Narboscorda, ^(a)	along the Torrian Sea to Crete
over the Euxine River, ^(b) across	and to Sicily. They reached
the Rhipaeian Mountain, to the	Spain thereafter.
Maeotic Marshes, to the Torrian	
Sea, by the long straits of the	
Torrian Sea to the Hellespont,	
by the Macedonian Gulf to the	
Pamphylian Gulf, by the island	
of Tyre to the island of Crete,	
to the island of Coreyra, by	
the island of Cephallenia, to	
the island of Crete, to the shore	
of the Pelorians, to the island	

(a) On this name see the notes.

(b) The Bosphorus.

Hetna, dar leth an Mara
²⁶Torren, do Sardain, do
²⁷Chorsic, do inis Sardī, darsin
²⁸Ler mBreda, do ²⁹munciund
³⁰Gaidiain, do innsib Sab, do
³¹Cholomnaib Ercoil i. Talpes
³²Habenna a n-anmann, don
 Gaeth ³³dianid ainm Coir, dond
³⁴Abhys ³⁵immectraigh ³⁶nem-
 forenedhaigh, do ³⁷Espāin, do
³⁸fidhdruimnibh ³⁹Pyrinetaib.

⁴⁰corgabsat ³⁷Espāin ar Gabsat Hespāin ar ecin.⁶⁸
 ēcin :

⁴¹γ fichset ceithre catha cōicat
⁴²forro ō thūs co ⁴³deireadh :
 γ ⁴⁴eo ro eumtacht ⁴⁵cathraich
⁴⁶and la ⁴⁷Bregunn mac
 Bratha. Ocus ⁴⁸turgaib tor ann
 ar a hinchuib, conid ⁴⁹ass
 atchess Ēriu iarom, ⁵⁰hi fescor
 gaimhrigh.⁵⁰

114. ¹Death m. Erchada m. Alloit ²Nenuaill m. Eb. Glais ³-finn
⁴⁻⁴ om. μ_A ⁵⁻⁵ Tait m. Tait (*sic*) m. Ogamain ⁶Uicce ⁷Alloit (*ter*)
⁸the e sprs. yc μ_A: Noinel μ_R ⁹⁻⁹ Ogamain m. Totachta Tétrig
¹⁰ Erchada ¹¹⁻¹¹ Coemtechta m. Soeta ¹²⁻¹² om. μ_R ¹³ druadh and
 ins. m. Eber Scuit ¹⁴⁻¹⁴ Death tainie asin Albain airtheraig ¹⁵ Rife
¹⁶ Gaethlaigib Medotē ¹⁷ Toirr- ¹⁸ fota Mara Toirren ¹⁹ Elispoint
²⁰ om. n- ²¹ donducht ²² -pilecdai ²³ Caisioib ²⁴ Cepail
²⁵ ceann Sleibe Ethna ²⁶ Toirren ²⁷ Coirsic ²⁸ Leribredda
²⁹ -cind ³⁰ -diani ³¹ col- ³² Abennai ³³ a faint dot over the d μ_A:
 dianad μ_R ³⁴ aibys ³⁵ -chtraich ³⁶ dot of lenition over g very
 faint μ_A -nedaigh ³⁷ Hesp- (*bis*) ³⁸ fiddruimnib ³⁹ Pymetaib μ_A
⁴⁰ congabsat ⁴¹ om. μ_R ⁴² ins. caechat (*a*) fised: forru tús ⁴³ déad

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of Sicily, across the top of Mount Etna, by the side of the Torrian Sea, to Sardinia, to Corsica, to the island of Sardis, over the Balearic Sea to the surface of the Strait of Gibraltar, to the Strong islands,^(c) to the Columns of Hercules, (Calpe [and] Abyla are their names) to the swamp called Coir, to the outmost bottomless abyss [the Atlantic Ocean], to Spain, to the Pyrenaean wood-ridges

till they took Spain by force.

They took Spain by force.

And they fought fifty and four battles there first and last, and a city was built there by Bregon s. Brath. And he erected a tower there to protect it, and thence was Ireland seen thereafter, on a winter evening.

both MSS. ⁴⁴ conrotacht ⁴⁵ co traig μΛ ⁴⁶ ann ⁴⁷ Bregainn m.
 Bratha ⁴⁸ turcaib ⁴⁹ ann atees ⁵⁰⁻⁵⁰ om. ⁵¹ Erchadha
⁵² Alloit ⁵³ Nuadhad ⁵⁴ Nenuail ⁵⁵ Febrig ⁵⁶ Agnoin Find
⁵⁷ Gluinfid ⁵⁸ Agnamaid ⁵⁹ Tait ⁶⁰ Ogaman ⁶¹⁻⁶¹ om. and ins.
sec. man. in upper marg. of column: m. Beomain m. Ebir Seuit .i. (sic)
 Sru m. Esru ⁶² Gaedil ⁶³⁻⁶³ om. and ins. o tait Gaedil ⁶⁴ c
⁶⁵ ins. sin (b) ⁶⁶ Gaethlaighibh ar fud ⁶⁷ Creit ⁶⁸⁻⁶⁸ Sicir 7 do
 riachtatar co Esbain iar sin: gabsad Esbain ar eicin.

(a) Although .liiii. catha is written just before.

(b) *Brath sin* in F looks as though it had been inserted in a different ink (*prima manu*). There is no trace of an erasure.

(c) See the note on this paragraph.

115. Agnon ¹dana mac ¹²Agnōn trā mac Taitt, Tait, is ē ²Gāedel-tōisech isse tōisech tānie de tānie asin² Scithīa. ³Dā Gāelaib assin Scithīa. Dā mac leis, Lāmfind ⁊ Elldoit. mac lais .i. Lāmfind ⁊ Aen mace Lāmfind,³ .i. Elloth.¹² ¹³Ōen mac ic Lāmfind ¹⁴.i. Ēber ¹⁵Glūnind. Mac ¹⁶don Elloth ¹⁴.i. ¹⁷Ēber Dub, i ¹⁸comamsir is na Gaethlaigib. Dā ¹⁹hua occo i comlaith .i. Toeht mac Tetrig¹⁹ meic Ēber Duib acus ²⁰Noenel mac ²¹Febri meic ²²Agni meic Ēber ²³Glūnind; ⁊ ²⁴Soeht mac Mantain meic ²⁵Cachir.

²⁶Ucca ⁊ ²⁷Occa, dā mac Aldoith ²⁷meic Noenil meic Nemid meic Alloid²⁷ meic ²⁸Ogamain meic Thoehta meic Teitrig meic Ēber Duib meic Elloit.²⁶

116. Lucht cetheora long Lucht ²⁰cethri long trā trā tāncatar ¹Gāidil co tāncatar Gāedil co ²¹Hes- ²Hespāin. Ceithre ³lān- pāin. ²²Cethri lānamna dēc omna ⁴dēce, ⁊ ⁵sē ⁶hamais cech lunga,²² ⁊ ²³secht n- cen mnā ⁶cecha lunga. amois cen mnaa.²³ ²⁴Brath, lucht lunga. Ucce ⁊ Occa,²⁴ lucht dā long; † dā brāthair ⁊ Ucce, † dā mac Alloit ||,

115. ¹ om. ²⁻² Goidel-toisech tainic assin ³⁻³ om. ⁴ -finn
⁵⁻⁵ dana ic ⁶ ua ⁷ i comflaith ⁸⁻⁸ Toitech m. Tethrig ⁹ Nenbual
¹⁰⁻¹⁰ -brig m. Agni ¹¹ Sohett m. Mantain ——— ¹²⁻¹² Agnoman . . . Tait,
 ise Gaedil-toissach tainic asin Scethia. Da mac leis .i. Lamfind ⁊ Alloth
¹³ aen ¹⁴ om. .i. (bis) ¹⁵ Glunfind ¹⁶ ic Alloth F: O'Curry's
 transcript has don ic Elloth, which I cannot find in L ¹⁷ the b under-

115. As for Agnomain s. Tat he is the Gaidil-leader who came forth from Seythia. He had two sons, Lamfhind and Allot. One son had Lamfhind, Eber Glunfhind. Allot had a son, Eber Dub: at the same time as <the sojourn> in the Marshes was he born. They had two grandsons in joint rule, Toithecht s. Tetrech s. Eber Dub and Nenual s. Febri s. Agni s. Eber Glunfhind; there was also Soithecht s. Mantan s. Caicher.

As for Agnomain s. Tat, he is the leader of the Gaedil who came out of Seythia. He had two sons, Lamfhind and Allot. Lamfhind had one son, Eber Glunfhind. Allot had a son, Eber Dub, at the same time as <the sojourn in> the Marshes. They had two grandsons in joint rule, Toithecht s. Tetrech s. Eber Dub, and Nenual s. Febri s. Agni s. Eber Glunfhind; there was also Soithecht s. Mantan s. Caicher.

Uece and Oece, two sons of Allot s. Nenual s. Nemed s. Allot s. Ogamain s. Toithecht s. Tetrech s. Eber Dub s. Allot.

116. Four ships' companies strong came the Gaedil to Spain: in every ship fourteen wedded couples and six unwived hirelings. Brath, a ship's company. Oece and Uece,

Four ships' companies strong came the Gaedil to Spain: in every ship fourteen wedded couples and seven unwived hirelings. Brath, a ship's company. Uece and Oece,

dotted L ¹⁸ eomainsir ¹⁹⁻¹⁹ ua aco i comlaitus .i. Toitechta m. Teitrig
²⁰ Nenuail ²¹ Febrig ²² Aigne ²³ Glunfind ²⁴ Sothechta
²⁵ Caic- ²⁶⁻²⁶ om. ²⁷⁻²⁷ added *sec. man. in marg.* L ²⁸ the m in
Ogamain and the ec in Thoechta underdotted L [*such underdotting, which has no obvious meaning, is a frequent feature of L*].

(a) This form has probably arisen by confusion with the proper name Oece.

lucht dā long. Mantan,
 lucht ⁸lunge. Trī catha
 imorro ro brisetar: ⁹cath
 for ¹⁰Toseno, cath for
¹¹Bacra, cath for ¹²Long-
 bardu. Co ¹³tānic tāmh
 dōib, conaphatar¹³ ceithre
 ar fichit dīb ¹⁴dē. ¹⁵Nocho
 tērno as na dā luing acht
 dā ¹⁶chōicfuir, ¹⁷im Ēn mac
¹⁸nOicee γ ¹⁷im Ūn mac
¹⁹nUcece.

²⁵iat .i. dā ²⁶mac ²⁷Elloid
 meic ²⁸Noema meic Nemid
 meic Alloit meic Ogamain.²⁷
 || Mantan²⁶ † ²⁹mac Cachir
 drūad meic Erchada
 meic Oitechta,²⁹ || lucht
³⁰lunga. ³¹Trī catha
 imorro ³²ro brissetet iar
 ndul in Espāin,³² .i. cath for
³³Tosceno, cath for Long-
 bardu, cath for ³⁴Barchu.
 Co ³⁵tānic tām ³⁶forru,
 conapdatar³⁶ ceithre ar
 fichit dīb, im ³⁷Ocece γ im
 Ucece. Noco tērna ass na
 dā luing acht dā cūiger,³⁷
 im Ēn mac ³⁸Ocece γ ³⁹Ūn
 mac ³⁸Ucece.

117. ¹Macc maith ²hic ³Bāi mac maith ic ⁴Brath,
⁵Brath, Breogond a ainm.³ .i. Bregon, candernad⁹ ¹⁰in
 Is ⁴laiss ro cumdaighd⁴ Tōr ¹¹γ in ¹²chathir .i.

116. ¹Goidil ²Hespaine ³-amn- ⁴déc ⁵amais ⁶cech longa
⁷⁻⁷Brat dana lucht a lunga ⁸luinge ⁹ins. i. ¹⁰Toisenu
¹¹Bachra ¹²Longbarda ¹³⁻¹³tainic tam doib conaptatar ¹⁴om.
¹⁵nocha ¹⁶coicer ¹⁷um (bis) ¹⁸nUce ¹⁹nUice ———
²⁰ceitri ²¹Espain ²²⁻²²om. F. *O'Curry's transcript has ceitri,*
but the mark of lenition is there, though very faint ²³⁻²³morfeisir
²⁴am; can a mna ²⁴⁻²⁴Brat lucht luingi Oco γ Uca. ²⁵iad
²⁶mac underdotted L (bis) ²⁷⁻²⁷Alloith meic Nenuaill m. Nemid
 m. Alloith m. Ogaman m. Toitechta m. Teitrig m. Ebir Duib m. Alloith
 m. Oghaman ²⁸*O'Curry and Facs. read this name Noenill:*
the ms. is not quite clear. The following name, Nemid, is torn from L

[the two sons of Allot], two ships' companies. Mantan, a ship's company. They broke three battles—one against the Tuscans, one against the Bacra, one against the Lango-bardi. But there came a plague upon them, and four and twenty of their number died thereof. Out of the two ships none escaped, save twice five men, including En s. Oece and Un s. Uece.

two ships' companies: [two brethren were they, the sons of Allot s. Nenual s. Nemed s. Allot s. Oga-main]. Mantan [s. Caicher the druid s. Ercha s. (Coemthecht^(b))] a ship's company. So they broke three battles after going into Spain: a battle against the Tuscans, a battle against the Lango-bardi, and a battle against the Barchu. But there came a plague upon them, and four and twenty of their number died, including Oece and Uece. Out of the two ships none escaped, save twice five men, including En s. Oece and Un s. Uece.

117. Brath had a good son, Breogan by name. By him was Braganza founded,

Brath had a good son named Breogan, by whom was built the Tower and

and here restored from O'Curry's transcript ²⁹⁻²⁹ om. F. The lenition-mark in Erchada is worn away, and omitted by O'Curry ³⁰ luigi (sic)

²¹ ins. mac Caicir meic Erchada m. Caemthecht m. Toithechta m. Mantan m. Caicir Druad fec[it profes]sim 7 (yc F sprs.) mac Ehir Echruaid m. Ogaman. (a) The letters in square brackets have been scraped away

²²⁻²³ do brisid iar nul an Esbain ²³ might be Toiscend L: Toisicha 7 cath for Long barda F ³⁴ Barcu ²⁵ tainie ³⁶⁻³⁶ fora conaptatar

²⁷⁻²⁷ Oici 7 Uici conna terno as na da luing acht da .u. (da .u. also in L) ²⁸ Uici (bis) ²⁹ ins. im.

(a) Written Ogaan.

(b) This is the right name: the ms. reading is incorrect.

Brigantia, 7 ⁵rognīth in ¹³Brigantia ainm na ¹⁴cath-
 Tor,⁵ *ut supra diximus.* rach. A Tur ¹⁵Bregoin
 Unde Gilla ⁷Coeman imorro atchess Hēriu;
⁷cecinit— fescur lāthi gemreta
 atoscondaire¹⁵ Ith mac
¹⁶Bregoin, ¹⁷unde Gilla
 Coemain cecinit,¹⁷

Gāedel Glas ótat Gāedil

Second Redaction.

(V 2 β 6; E 2 α 9; P 2 β 30; D 3 δ 23.)

118. Ro ¹aitreb trā ²Nēll mac ³Foeniusa Farrsaid
⁴thes in ⁵nĒigipti.

⁶Issē ferand rogab, ar ⁷imlib Mara ⁸Rūaidhi, 7 im
 Capacirunt;^(a) 7 bāi andsin ⁹eo rossēlasad Meie Israhel ō
 Forand 7 ō ¹⁰slūagh Ēgipti. Ocus is ed dolotar Meie ¹¹Israel,
 for ¹²ind ēlod sain, cosin ferand a mbāi Nēl 7 a mac .i. ¹³Gāidel
 Glass. Ro gabsat trā Meie Israhel longport ¹⁴ie Capacirith,^(a)
 for brū Mara ¹⁵Rūaidi. Is ¹⁶andsin do riacht Nēl mac Fēnius
 da ¹⁷n-acallaim; 7 is ¹⁸andsin dorala ¹⁸Arōn † brāthair Aprāim
 || do Nēl: 7 ro ¹⁹indis Arōn dō scēla Mac nIsrahel, 7 ferta 7
 mirbuile ²⁰Maisi, 7 amail tucait na dēce ²¹plaga † foillsi
²²fiadnuise || for lucht na ²³Hēgipti trē na ndāerad-som. Ocus
 dō ²⁴snāidmsid caradrad annsin, 7 dober Nēl fin 7 cruithnecht

117. ¹Mac ²la ³⁻³Brath brath (b) Bregainn ainm ⁴⁻⁴leis ro
 cumdaiged ⁵⁻⁵úrognith (sic) an tor ⁷Coemain and om. cecinit ———
⁸bi ⁹⁻⁹Brat .i. Brogan ieanernnad ¹⁰om. in ¹¹ins. mBrogain
¹²chathair ¹³Brigansia ¹⁴catrach ¹⁵⁻¹⁵tur Brogain imoro atches
 Er-, fescor gemrid (om. lathi) ideonaire ¹⁶Brogaind ¹⁷⁻¹⁷amail ro
 chan G. Caemhain.

118. ¹aithreabh trath E aithreph P aithreth D ²Nel ED ³Feinius E
 Feniusa P ⁴tes an E theas P tes in D ⁵Eibipt (no g sprs. to b) E
 Egipt P Egipt D ⁶ise P. From here to ¶ 126 (¹), om. ED and
 substitute: conerbailt 7 eo ro baided Forand Cingeris [Forainn Cincris D]

and the Tower made, *ut supra diximus. Unde Gilla Coemain cecinit* —

the city — Braganza was the city's name. From Breogan's Tower it was that Ireland was seen; an evening of a day of winter Ith s. Breogan saw it. *Unde Gilla Coemain cecinit* —

Poem no. XIII.

118. So Nel son of Feinius Farsaid dwelt southward in Egypt.

This is the estate which he received, upon the shores of the Red Sea, and around Phi-Hahiroth: and he was there till the Sons of Israel escaped from Pharaoh and from the host of Egypt. Now it fell out that the Sons of Israel, in that flight, came to the estate where Nel was, and his son, Gaedel Glas. The Sons of Israel took camp at Phi-Hahiroth, on the border of the Red Sea. Then Nel son of Feinius came to converse with them: and there Aaron [brother of Abraham (*sic*)] met Nel; and Aaron told him tidings of the Sons of Israel, and the miracles and marvels of Moses, and how the ten plagues—[a clearness of testimony!]¹—were brought upon the people of Egypt by

i [im D] Muir Ruaidh. Do comhlaisit [cumlaiscit D] iarsin clanna Niuil
 ⁊ Scota ingine Foraind [-nn D] .i. [*ins. hi D*] ceithri longaib ⁊ ceithri
 [ceithri D, *bis*; an i, *now very faint, sbs. the first time*], etc. ¹imlip P
²Ruaidh P ³coruselait mic P ⁴sluag Egip, with t *sprs.* P
⁵Isral. V Isrl. P ⁶inn elodh sin gusan bferann i mbai P ⁷-dh. P
⁸ig P ⁹Ruaidh P ¹⁰ann. P (*bis*) ¹¹nagallam P ¹²Aaron P
¹³innis Arón dó secela P ¹⁴Maisi *sprs. yc* V: Maoissi P ¹⁵plagha P
¹⁶fiadnacha V fiadnusecha P ¹⁷Heigipti tre na ndaorad-somh P ¹⁸-sit P

(a) In VP this is written as though two words; *Capa cirunt, Capa cirith.*

(b) Dittography due to change of line: a meaningless flourish added in ms. to the top of the *a*.

do tūathaib Dē do lōn. Ocus dochuaidh Arōn iarsin co hairm a mbāi ²⁵Maisse, ⁊ ro ²⁶indis dō ind ²⁷fāilte fuair ²⁸ie Nēl, ⁊ in maith ro ²⁹gell re ³⁰Macaib Israhel. Ocus ba buidech ²⁵Maissi do Nēl de sin.

119. ¹Imtussa Niuil imorro, (a) issi ind ²aidehe sin ro benastair ³nathair neme ⁴rissin mac mbic ⁵rucad (b) do Niul, .i. Gāideal Glas, ⁊ ro bo comfocus bass dó. † Co rop uaithe fuair-sin ainmniudugh .i. Gāidel Glass. || Ocus rucad in mac ar amus Maissi, ⁊ dogni Maissi urnaiehi ndiera fri Dia, ⁊ dorat in fleise n-urdaire frissin inud in ro ben in nathair fris, cor bo slan ⁶in mac. Ocus ro ráid Maissi iar sin: Cet lem-sa, ar se, do chet Día, na ro ircoitigi nathair don mac so, na duine día sil co brath; ⁊ na ro aitreba nathair tir bunaig a clainde. Ocus bed, ol sē, rīga ⁊ ruirigh, naim ⁊ fireóin, do sil in meie so; ⁊ bidh an indsi tuaiscert in domain bias aitreb a chinigh. Conid edh sin fodera cen ⁷nathraaigh an Erinn, ⁊ cen ureoit do ⁸denam do nathair fria duine do sil Gaidil Glais.

120. Is andsin ro ráidh Nēl: Doria Forann eucaind, ol se, ⁊ no dáerfa sinn, ar in failti doratsom daibsi, ⁊ i einaidh cen bar nasstod. Tair-¹siu lindi, ol Maissi, con t'uilib muindteraib isin sligid ambairech, ocus madh ail duit, fugeba comroind forba issin tir ro tairngir Dia do Macaib Israhel. No mad ferr lat, doberam-ne libera Foraind ar do commus, ⁊ eirgigh indtib for muir, ⁊ fuirgid co fesar cindass seerum-ne ⁊ Forand, ⁊ dēna do chomairle assa haithle.

121. Docomlai in lín bāi is na longaib, ⁊ ro fuirig co féicedh gnúmrada in lāi iar na mārach: .i. dluigi Mara Rúaid in diaig in popuil, ⁊ badug Foraind cona slūagaib inti .i. sē fichēt mili coisighi ⁊ cōica mile marcach, is e lín luid i n-daíl bāis, do muindtir Foraind, i Muir Rūaid.

²⁵ Maisi P (*bis*) ²⁶ innis P ²⁷ fáilte P ²⁸ ag P ²⁹ geall P
³⁰ macuiph P.

119. ¹ -thusa P ² aidhqi P ³ an atair P ⁴ risin P ⁵ rug- P
⁶ in *yc* V (*bis*) ⁷ *dittography of a due to a change of line* ⁸ *written*
denom, *the o* changed to a.

reason of their enslavement. And they ratified a friendship there, and Nel gives wine and wheat to the peoples of God for provision. So Aaron went thereafter to the place where Moses was, and told him of the welcome which he had received at the hands of Nel, and the good which he promised to the Sons of Israel. Moses was grateful to Nel for that.

119. Now as for Nel, in that very night a serpent stung the little son that had been born to him, to wit Gaedel Glas, and death was near to him. [From that circumstance he received his name, Gaedel Glas.] And the lad was carried to Moses, and Moses made fervent prayer before God, and put the noble rod upon the place where the serpent had stung him, so that the lad was cured. And thereafter Moses said: I command, by the permission of God, that no serpent harm this lad, or any of his seed for ever; and that no serpent dwell in the homeland of his progeny. There shall be, he said, kings and lords, saints and righteous, of the seed of this lad; and in the northern island of the world shall be the dwelling of his race. This, then, is the reason why there are no serpents in Ireland, and why no serpent does harm to any of the seed of Gaedel Glas.

120. Then it is that Nel said: Pharao shall come to us, said he, and shall enslave us, for the welcome that we have given you, and for the guilt of failing to hinder you. Come thou with us, said Moses, with all thy people, upon tomorrow's route, and if thou wilt, thou shalt receive an equal share of heritage in the land which God hath promised to the Sons of Israel. Or, if thou dost prefer, we shall put the pinnaces of Pharao at thy disposal: embark ye therein upon the sea, and stand ye by, to know by what means we shall separate us from Pharao, and thereafter do thy good pleasure.

121. The company that was in the ships set forth and they stood by to see the transactions of the following day: the division of the Red Sea in the wake of (*sic*) the people, and the drowning of Pharao with his hosts therein—six score thousand footmen and fifty thousand horsemen, that is the tally which went to meet death, of the people of Pharao, in the Red Sea.

120. ¹ *siu yc V.*

(a) A sentence lost here from the R² text, but preserved in R³: see ¶ 144.
 (b) Here P breaks off. Till ¶ 126 V is our only authority.

122. Othonaire imorro Nel Forand cona sluagaib do bādugh, ro an issind ferund cētna, ar nì bai uamun air and : 7 ro forbair a eland 7 a sil in nĒigipt iarsin, corsat milidh mōr-chalma a eland. Marb Nel iarsin iar cein mair, isin nĒigipt. Gabais Goedel Glass 7 a mathair in ferand, 7 ro genair mac do Gaidel iar sin, .i. Esru mac Gāidil : 7 ro genair mac dō-saiden is tīr cētna, .i. Sru mac Esru meic Gāidil Glais.

123. Dala sluaigh Eigipte imorro iarsin, gabais Forand Tuir in flaitus tar eis Foraind Cingeris. Ocus ba Forand tuilled anma cech rígh rogab Eigipt, otá Forand Cingeris co Faró Nectenibus. Ocus ba heside † in cōicedh ri trichat no || in cōicedh ri dée iar Forand Cingeris ro baidedh i Muir Ruaidh. Ocus ba ar cūis onóraigthe adbertha riú-son sin-sen.

124. Imtusa Foraind Tuir iarsin 7 sluaigh Eigipti, ō ro batar co tren, ro cuimhnigset an anbfolaib mbunaid do elandaib Niúil 7 d'fine ¹Gáidhil, .i. a caratrad re macaib Israhel, 7 longa Foraind do breith do Niul leiss, in tan do eladar Meic Israhel. Ro moradh cocad 7 anbfolta for elandaib Niúil iarsin, co ro hindarbud a Hegipt iat.

125. Sru † 7 a mac, .i. Eber Scot ||, iss íat ba taisich do Gaidelaib ic an indarba. Sechtmoga 7 secht cēt bliadan ō dilind conice sin: cethracha 7 ceithre cēt bliadan on aimsir sin inar báidedh Forand 7 ō hanc Sru mac Esru a Hegipt eosin aimsir i tancatar Meic Miled i Erenn. Dia nebrad,

Cethracha 7 cethri cēt

126. Docomlaiset iarsain elanda Niu(i)l 7 Scota ingen Foraind .i. i cetri longaib, 7

¹ceitri lānamna ²fichet in ³cech luing, for Muir ⁴Rūaidh, do Inis ⁵Deprofāne, ⁶timehull ⁷Slēibe Ríphi ⁸atūaidh, co ⁹rāncatar Seithīa : ¹⁰7 consnīsīt im ¹¹flaitus Seithīa¹⁰

124. ¹ Gaidhil *yc* V.

126. ¹ *Here* ED *resume*. .iii. (*reinked as .iiii.*) V, ceitri ED ² -it E

122. Now when Nel saw Pharao with his hosts drowned, he remained upon the same estate, for he had no fear there: and his progeny and seed increased in Egypt thereafter, so that his progeny were warriors of great valour. Thereafter Nel died, after a long space, in Egypt. Gaedel Glas and his mother took the estate. Thereafter a son was born to Gaedel, Esru s. Gaedel: and to him was a son born in the same land, Sru s. Esru s. Gaedel Glas.

123. But as for the host of Egypt thereafter, Pharao Tuir took the princedom after Pharao Cineris. Now "Pharao" was an additional name of every king who took Egypt, from Pharao Cineris to Pharao Nectanebus: and he was the [thirty-fifth—or] the fifteenth—king after Pharao Cineris who was drowned in the Red Sea. It was for the sake of honouring them that this (name) was bestowed upon them.

124. As for Pharao Tuir thereafter and the host of Egypt, when they attained strength, they called to mind their hereditary hostility against the progeny of Nel and the family of Gaedel: the friendship which these had shown to the Sons of Israel, and Nel's taking of the ships of Pharao with him, when the Sons of Israel escaped. War and hostilities were increased upon the progeny of Nel thereafter, till they were expelled from Egypt.

125. Sru [and his son Eber Scot], they were the chieftains for the Gaedil at the expulsion. Seven hundred and seventy years from the Flood till then: four hundred and forty years from that time when Pharao was drowned, and from when Sru son of Esru came out of Egypt, to the time when the Sons of Mil came into Ireland. Whereanent this was said—

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126. Thereafter the progeny of Nel, and Scota daughter of Pharao, collected in four ships,

with twenty-four wedded couples in each ship, upon the Red Sea, to Taprobane Island, around the Rhipaeon Mountain northward, till they reached Scythia: and

³ gach E each D ⁴ Ruad D ⁵ -faine E ⁶ -ceall E -choll D
⁷ Sleibi Ribhthi E ⁸ atuaid D ⁹ ranghadar E -gatar D ¹⁰⁻¹² om. in
text and ins. in upper marg. E: consnisid E -set D ¹¹ flaithius D

¹²clanda Niūil ⁊ ¹³Noenuail, dā mac Feiniusa Farsaid, ¹⁴ōnd aimsir sin co haimsir ¹⁵Refelair meic Nema ⁊ Miled meic ¹⁶Bile, † .i. ¹⁷Galum a ainm. ^(a)|| Mōr do ¹⁸cathaib ⁊ do ¹⁹chongalaib ⁊ do ²⁰choiethib ⁊ do ²¹figalaib ro ²²imirset ²³etorru frissin rē sin, ²⁴co ro gon Miled mac Bile Refelair mac Nema. Dā bliadain dēce ar ²⁵nōe ²⁶cētaib ro ²⁷būi in ²⁸cosnum sin.

127. ¹Doluid Miled for longais ²iarsain: ³ceithre ⁴longa dōib, ⁊ cōice ⁵lānumna dēc, ⁊ ⁶amus, in ⁷each luing ⁸dīb. Lotar ⁹timehell na ¹⁰Hassia ¹¹sairdess co ¹²Hinis ¹³Deprofāne. ¹⁴Ansar trī ¹⁵mīss intī. Trī ¹⁶mīss ¹⁷aile ¹⁸dōib for muir, co ¹⁹rāncatar ²⁰Ēigipt, ²¹hi cind ceitre bliadan cōicat ar trī cēt ar ²²mīle iar cēt-gabāil ²³Ērenn do Parthalōn sin. Hi ²⁴cind inorro ceithre bliadan dēce ar nōi cētaib iar ²⁵mbādudh ²⁶Foraind ²⁷i m-Muir ²⁸Rūaidh ²⁹rāncatar ³⁰Ēigipt in tan sin.

128. ¹Forond Nechtenibus ba rī ²ind Ēigipt ind inbaid sin. ³Hiss ē sin in ⁴cōiced rī dēc ar fichit ⁵iarsin Forand ro ⁶bāiged ⁷i m-Muir Rūaidh: ⁊ ⁸ba sī ind aimsir sin doluid Alaxandir Mōr mac Pilip isin ⁹nAsia, co riacht ¹⁰Ēigipt, ⁊ dobreth ¹¹ind Ēigipt dīa rēir, ⁊ ¹²ro dīchuir in Ēigipt, ⁊ do chart a rīg Nectenipus a Hēighipt ¹³ind

¹² clanda D ¹³ Neanbail E Noenbail D ¹⁴ on ED ¹⁵ Relair E
¹⁶ Bili E ¹⁷ Galam D ¹⁸ chathuib D ¹⁹ con- E -uib D ²⁰ choctaib E
²¹ fingaib corrected to -gal- VE -uib D ²² -sed E -seit D ²³ final n
 written in error and corrected to u V: etorra frisun ED ²⁴ cor E
²⁵ nai E noi D ²⁶ ced- E ²⁷ baol E boi D ²⁸ cosnam D.

127. ¹ -dh E ² iarsin ED ³ .iiii. written in V and corrected by
 dotting the minims of the u: ceitri E ⁴ longai doibh E ⁵ lainamhna
 (written lai^hnamna) E lanamna D ⁶ ambus E ⁷ gach E cech D
⁸ dibh ED ⁹ timecall E ¹⁰ Haisia E ¹¹ sairrdes E sairdes D
¹² Hiniss D ¹³ -aine E ¹⁴ ansad E ¹⁵ mis ED (bis) ¹⁶ oile D
¹⁷ doibh E ¹⁸ rangadar E, rangatar D ¹⁹ Eighipt E Egipt D
²⁰ i cinn ceitri mbl. E ²¹ mhile iar geed ghab. E ²² Eir. do Partalon E

the progeny of Nel and of Nenual, the two sons of Feinius Farsaid, contended in the matter of the principedom of Scythia, from that time till the time of Refloir son of Noemius and of Mil son of Bile [whose name was Galam]. Many battles and conflicts and wars and kin-murders did they wage between them during that time, till Mil son of Bile inflicted a mortal wound upon Refloir son of Noemius. Nine hundred and twelve years did that contention last.

127. Thereafter Mil came into exile. They had four ships, with fifteen wedded couples, and a hireling, in every ship. They went south-east around Asia to Taprobane Island. They stayed three months therein. Three other months had they on the sea, till they reached Egypt: that was at the end of one thousand three hundred fifty and four years after the first Taking of Ireland by Partholon. They reached Egypt at the end of nine hundred and fourteen years after the drowning of Pharao in the Red Sea.

128. Pharao Nectanebus was king of Egypt at that time. He is the thirty-fifth king after the Pharao who was drowned in the Red Sea. Now it was in that time that Alexander the Great, son of Philip, came into Asia and arrived in Egypt, and brought Egypt into obedience to himself, laid Egypt waste, and drove out her king

Herenn do Phartalon D ²³ cinn im. ceitri E ²⁴ mbad- E mbadhud D
²⁵ Forainn ED ²⁶ a E ²⁷ Ruaid E Ruad D ²⁸ rangatar ED ²⁹ Egipt D.

128. ¹ Forann Neictinibus E Forann Nechtinibus D ² om. ind E: ind Egipt D ³ his ED ⁴ coig- E ⁵ iarsind Foraind D ⁶ baided E baidhed D ⁷ i E ⁸ bai sin aimsir doluid Alsgandair E aimser and om. sin; Alaxandir D ⁹ Aisia E Aissia D (both om. n-) ¹⁰ The spelling of this word varies at random between Egipt (the commonest form), Eighipt, and Egipt ED ¹¹ an Eighipt E in Egipt dia rer D ¹² do diochair na Heigeptagda ⁊ do chard a righ Neichteinibus a Heigeipt E: ⁊ dieuir . . . arrig Nechtinibus a Hegipt D ¹³ in n-Eiteoip E in

Eitheōip; 7 ro ¹⁴chumtacht prīmchathair laiss ind Ēigipt, .i. Alaxandria a hainm. ¹⁵Anaiss trā Miled mac Bile ¹⁶ocht mbliadna ¹⁷in Ēigipt, 7 ro ¹⁸foglaindseat a ¹⁹múinnter ²⁰prīmdāna ²¹indti: .i. ²²Sētga 7 ²³Sobairchi 7 ²⁴Suirge fri ²⁵sāirse, ²⁶Mantan 7 Caicher 7 Fulman fri ²⁷druidheacht. Batar ²⁸buadlaind 7 ²⁹atar ³⁰brethemnaigh in triar ³¹aile, .i. Goiscen 7 ³²Amargen 7 ³³Donn: batar ³⁴cathbūadhaig in triar ³⁵aile, .i. Mīlid 7 ³⁶Occe 7 Ucce.

129. Ō ro airig Mīlidh fainne 7 ¹aimnerte do ²thiachtain ³do ⁴Forand, ⁵celebrais dō: † 7 nī ⁶hūamun ⁷etir, ⁸acht ro ⁹tairngirsid a ¹⁰druīdhe rīgi 7 ¹¹ferand do gabāil ¹²dō. || Doluid trā Miled iarsin, † in ¹³līn cētna, || 7 ¹⁴Scota ¹⁵ingen ¹⁶Foraind Nechtenibus ¹⁷laiss do ¹⁸mnaī, comad aire ¹⁹adbertha Scota ²⁰fria, ar ba Scot ainm a ²¹fir, iar mbunadus ²²dana in ²³eneōil dianid ainm Scuit; 7 ²⁴is iar ²⁵cenēl a fir ²⁶sloinnter ²⁷cech ben ²⁸is tīr sin.

130. Dolotar iarsin for Muir ¹Rūaidh. ²Rōisit eo Hinis ³Deprofāne, 7 ⁴ansat ⁵mīss innte. Ocus^(a) lotar ⁶timchell, sech India 7 ⁷Aissia 7 ⁸timchell na Scithīa ⁹Clochaigi ¹⁰ammuich, for in Muir ¹¹nIndecda ¹²fothūaidh, eo ¹³rāncatar ind ¹⁴acian ¹⁵tūaiscertach † for ¹⁶in Muir Immechtrach ||, do ¹⁷inbiur Mara Caisp. ¹⁸Ocus gabsat tast trī nōmadha, for Muir Caisp,¹⁸ fri dord na

Etheoibp D ¹⁴cumdacht priomchathair lais an E, c. primchathair lais in Egipt (the final t badly made, and improved sec. man.) D ¹⁵anais ED: .iii. D ¹⁶an E ¹⁷Egipt D ¹⁸foghlaimesed E foglainnset D ¹⁹muindter E ²⁰priomdana E ²¹indi D ²²Sedga E Settga D ²³Sobairce E -chiu D ²⁴Suirgi E ²⁵sairsi E saeirsi D ²⁶Manntan E ²⁷draidecht E druidecht D ²⁸buadhlainnd E -luind D ²⁹adar E ³⁰firbrethaig E firbrethaich D ³¹naile E eli D: Goiscen E Goscen D ³²Aimhirgin E ³³Dond E ³⁴buag- changed to buad- E: -duigh D ³⁵naile E ³⁶Oiccoo 7 Uga E Oicce 7 Uicce D.

129. ¹aimhnertmhuire E ²tichtain D ³eo E go D ⁴Forann E Forann D ⁵ceileabhrais E -bras D: de sprs. sec. man. in very faint ink V ⁶human D ⁷itir E etir D ⁸7 ED ⁹tairngirsad E -rset D ¹⁰draithe righe E draoidhiu rige D ¹¹-ann D ¹²dho E ¹³lion E

Nectanebus from Egypt into Ethiopia; and a capital city, called Alexandria, was founded by him in Egypt. Now Mil son of Bile tarried eight years in Egypt, and his people learned the principal arts there—Setga, Sobairee, and Suirge learned craftsmanship, Mantan, Caicher, and Fulman learned druidry. One remaining three, Goseen, Amorgen, and Donn were arbitrators and judges: the other three, Mil, Occe, and Ucce, were battle-conquerors.

129. When Mil perceived that weakness and loss of strength had come upon Pharao, he took leave of him: [by no means from fear, but because his druids had promised to obtain kingship and territory for him.] So Mil came thereafter, [the same tally] and Scota daughter of Pharao Nechtenibus along with him as wife. For this reason was she called Scota, because her husband was called Scot, that is to say according to the origin of the race called "Scots"; and every woman in that country was surnamed according to her husband's race.

130. Thereafter they came upon the Red Sea. They rowed to Taprobane Island, and tarried there a month. Then they went around, past India and Asia, and around Scythia Petraea outward, on the Indian Sea northward, till they reached the Northern Ocean [upon the Outer Sea], to the estuary of the Caspian Sea. They held their peace for three weeks, upon the Caspian Sea, by reason

¹⁴ Scoto D ¹⁵ -ghiun D ¹⁶ Forainn Nectinibus E, F. Nehtin (*sic*) D
¹⁷ lais ED ¹⁸ mnaoi E mnoi D ¹⁹ at- D ²⁰ frie D ²¹ Fir E
²² dono D ²³ cin- E chen- D ²⁴ om. D ²⁵ cin- E ceneol D
²⁶ sloindter E sluinntir D ²⁷ each E ²⁸ isin ED.

130. ¹ Ruad D ² roisid iar sin co E roiset go D ³ -Iaine E E
⁴ -sad E ⁵ mis ED: inti D ⁶ timcheall see E ⁷ Aisia E Assia D
⁸ timceall E ⁹ -ge E -ghe D ¹⁰ amuigh E ¹¹ -echdha E, n-Inneeda D
¹² -aid D ¹³ -gadar an E -gatar inn D ¹⁴ aigian E ¹⁵ tuas- D
¹⁶ an muir Imech. E ¹⁷ inbhir E ¹⁸⁻¹⁹ om. and ins. in lower marg.

(a) In the text of D written thus: *lot-timchell sechin dia 7 Assia*. The words are re-written with the correct spacing in marg. in a late and bad hand. In V a small o is inserted (*prima manu*) above and between the I, n, of India.

¹⁴murdūchand, co ²⁰rustesaírg Caicher ²¹druī. ²²Issē
²³leigis fuair dōib, .i. cēir do ²⁴legad na ²⁵clūassaib, ²⁶conna
²⁷clōistis in dord ²⁸sin. ²⁹Rāisit ³⁰īarsain † seōlad sē
³¹samlāithi || forsin ³²ocian siar, co ³³rāncatar ³⁴Muir
 Liuis, do ³⁵Chorōnis; ⁊ for ³⁶muineind Mara ³⁷Pointt;
³⁸⁊ ³⁹rāisid sech ⁴⁰rind ⁴¹Slēibe Ríphi ⁴²atūaidh. Ocus is
⁴³andsain ⁴⁴asbert ⁴⁵Caicher friu, Inill ⁴⁶arō, ni ⁴⁷anfem
 de,^(a) .i. ni ⁴⁸fuil ⁴⁹fass ⁵⁰duind ⁵¹co roisim in ⁵²indsi
⁵³n-ūassail, † .i. ⁵⁴Hēreo. ||

131. Rāiset īarsin co ¹cend ²mblíadna forsin ³n-ocian
 siar, co rāncatar na ⁴Gaethlaigi ⁵Meotachta ⁶atūaidh;
 sech Germain, a lām fri ⁷Tracia, co rāncatar Dacia.
 Ocus ⁸ansat ⁹míss i nDacia ¹⁰atūaidh; dín muir ¹¹Egeta,
 sech Gothiam, forsin Muir ¹²nElispoinntíde, do inis
¹³Tenedho for Muir ¹⁴Toirrian siar, do ¹⁵Créid ⁊ do ¹⁶Siéil
 ⁊ do ¹⁷Belguint^(b) ⁊ Breguint, do ¹⁸Cholonnaib Hereail,
 don ¹⁹muineind ²⁰Gatian, hissín nEspāin trē-uillig.

132. ¹Ceithre cath ²cōicat ^(c) ³ro rāinsit ⁴rempo for
⁵Fresseno ⁊ for Longbardaib ⁊ ⁶Bachraib, ⁊ ⁷ro ⁸gabsat
 Espāin ar ⁹ēigin: ⁊ ro ¹⁰cumtaiged ¹¹cathir and la
¹²Breogund mac ¹³Bratha, † .i. ¹⁴Brigancia ainm na
 cathrach, || ⁊ tor for a ¹⁵inchaib. Ocus is ōn ¹⁶tur sin

(with Caish) E; nomada, Chaisp D ¹⁹morduchann E -chonn D ²⁰ros- DE
²¹draidh E ²²isc ED ²³leiges E leges D ²⁴legh- E ²⁵cluasaib E
 cluasaib D ²⁶cona ED ²⁷-dis E clos- D ²⁸om. ED ²⁹-ed E -et D
³⁰īarsin ED ³¹-the ED ³²aic- E forsin nocian D ³³rargadar
 (sic) E rangatar D ³⁴Muir (ditlographed) Liphis E, Muir Libiss D
³⁵Coroin. E -niss D ³⁶-cend E -ciunn D ³⁷Pointie E Point D
³⁸om. ⁊ E ³⁹-ed E -et D ⁴⁰rinn D ⁴¹-bi ED: Ribti E ⁴²atuath D
⁴³andsin E annsin D: written audsin V ⁴⁴asbert D ⁴⁵Cacher E
⁴⁶ard D ⁴⁷ainfem ED ⁴⁸fil E fail D ⁴⁹fos D ⁵⁰duin ED
⁵¹co roisimm E go roisem D ⁵²innse E ⁵³n-uasail D ⁵⁴Ereo D.

131. ¹cenn D ²om. m- ED ³ocian (om. n-) D ⁴Gaetl- E -ge D
⁵-cda E ⁶atuaid ED ⁷Tratia E ⁸ansatt D ⁹mis E mhiss D

of the crooning of the Sirens, until Caicher the druid delivered them. This is the remedy that he found for them, to melt wax in their ears, so that they should not hear that crooning. Thereafter they rowed, [a sailing of six summer days] upon the Western Ocean, till they reached the Libyan Sea and Cercina; and upon the surface of the Pontic Sea; and they rowed past the promontory of the Rhipaeon Mountain northward. There it is that Caicher said to them *Inill aro, ni ansem de*, which means, We have no rest till we reach the noble island, [*i.e.* Ireland].

131. Thereafter they rowed to the end of a year upon the Western Ocean till they reached the Maeotic Marshes in the north: past Germania, alongside Thracia, till they reached Dacia. They tarried a month in Dacia northward; from the Aegean Sea, past Gothia, upon the Hellespontine Sea, to the island of Tenedos upon the Torrian Sea westward, to Crete, to Sicily, to Belgia and Burgundia (?), to the Columns of Hercules, to the surface of (the Strait of) Gibraltar, in three-cornered Spain.

132. Fifty-four battles did they win before them against the Frisians, and the Langobardi, and the Barchu, and they took Spain by force: and a city was founded there by Breogan son of Brath, [named Braganza],

¹⁰ -aid ED ¹¹ Egreta E ¹² nElispointide E nEilispointeide D ¹³ -edo ED

¹⁴ Torren D ¹⁵ Creid E Chreid D: Creid *re-inked* to Creit V ¹⁶ Sicil D

¹⁷ Bealguint ⁊ Bregaint E ¹⁸ Col- Erc- E ¹⁹ -chiond E -ciunn D

²⁰ Gadian E Gaddiain D isin n- Esbain E: hisin *and om.* n- D.

132. ¹ Ceitri E ² -ed E -et RD ³ ro rainsit V ro raoinseid E

⁴ -pa ED ⁵ Fresena E Freseno D ⁶ Bachruib D ⁷ do E ⁸ -ad D

⁹ eicin E ecin R egin D ¹⁰ -daig- ER -tuig- D ¹¹ caithir D: ann RD

¹² Bregon R Breguin D ¹³ mBratha R ¹⁴ -ndchia E -ntia RD

¹⁵ h- ERD -uib D ¹⁶ tor ER

(a) In upper margin of V, much faded: Hi aill aro .i. hi "inis" aill "uasal" ⁊ aro "imrum"; .i. ni ansem diar n-imram co roisem Erinn.

(b) In V the u of *Bealguint* is closed at the top by a prolongation of the horizontal stroke of the g; it might be meant for c; and the i is expuncted.

(c) Here R begins.

¹⁷atchess ¹⁸Hēriu, hi ¹⁹fescor ²⁰gaimridh. ²¹Atasconnairee
²²Hith mac ²³Breguin.

133. ¹Hitē annsin imtechta ²Gāidel ōn Scithīa eo
³Hespāin, conid dia ⁴n-imtechtaib sin asberar ⁵andso
 siss—

Doluid Mīlid as in Scithīa . . .

Third Redaction.

(β 35. 24: β¹ 35. 42: β² 12. 7: M 268 a 48: H 99 β 38:
 after ¶ 138 B 10 a 1.)

134. Baath¹ mac ²Magoc meic ³Iathfed, is ⁴ūada
⁵Gāeidil γ fir ⁶na Sceithīa. ⁷Ocus ro bo ⁸mac dō, ⁹in tāisech
¹⁰amra ¹¹oireagda ¹²diar bo ¹³ainm Feinius ¹⁴Farrsaich.
¹⁵Is esiden in darna tāiseach¹⁵ ¹⁶sechtmogat do chuaid do
¹⁷dēnam in Tūir ¹⁸Nemrūaid, dīa ro ¹⁹scāiltea na
²⁰bērlada.²¹

135. ¹Tuirrthechta γ ²imthechta ³Fine ⁴Gāeidil, ō ⁵Magoc mac ⁶Iathfēt,
⁷γ ō Srū mac ⁸Easrū: ⁷ amail ro ⁹imthigsed a tīr ¹⁰Eigept, γ ¹¹Scithīa, γ
¹²Easpāin, no ¹³co torachtadar ¹⁴co ¹⁵Hērind: a ¹⁶catha imorro, γ ¹⁷a
¹⁸congala, isin ¹⁹Sceithīa, γ ²⁰fiugal ²¹cloindi ²²Nenuail γ ²³Niūil: ²⁴amail ro
²⁵scindsed ²⁶im ²⁷Flaithius na Sceithīa, ²⁸i. fri ²⁹rē dā bliadain ³⁰dēc γ nōi
 cēt: ³¹ūair is ead sin ro bas isin ³²chocad mōr ³³sin. Is ³⁴hē seo ³⁵imorro
³⁶mīniugad ³⁷γ rēideadad³⁷ a ³⁸n-imthechta ³⁹ōntā Thor ⁴⁰Neamrūad ⁴¹ille.

¹⁷ adches E atessa R ¹⁸ Eire E Eriu R ¹⁹ bfeogar E fescor R fesgar D
²⁰ -rid R ²¹ adusconaire E -conaire E-con- D ²² Ith ER
²³ Breogain E Bregoin R.

133. ¹ Ite R Hithe D ² Goidel D ³ Hesbain R ⁴ nimetaib
 sin E; om. sin R ⁵ andso sis E indso sis R inso siss D.

134. ¹ ins. imorro H ² Magoth β Magog β¹² ³ Iafeth mc Nae H
 Iafeath β Iaphet β¹² ⁴ uad H uaith β uaidh β¹ uath β² ⁵ Gaedhil β
 Gaoidhil β¹² ⁶ om. na β¹²: Scitia β² ⁷ om. γ ro bo H β¹²
⁸ om. mac do and ins. i. β¹²: om. do β ⁹ an taisech *suprs. sec. man.* H
 an taoiseach β .i. in taoisech β¹² (-each β²) ¹⁰ amhra β amhradh β¹²
¹¹ urrumunta H oireadhgha β oirega β¹² ¹² dar bho β dar (dair β²)
 bhodh β¹² ¹³ ainim β² ¹⁴ Farrsaid H. Farrsaigh β Fairr- β¹²
¹⁵⁻¹⁶ is eisidein an darna H in ard-thoiseach β om. β¹² ¹⁷ .lxx. β
 sechtmodh β¹² ¹⁸ denum an H dhenam an β dhenam β² ¹⁹ Neamh-
 ruaidh β Neaimhruadh β² ²⁰ scaoiltehd β¹² ²¹ bearlada β berlaibh β¹²
 — ²² ins. i. Neamhrud mac Cuis mic Caim mic Noe (*with slight
 differences of spelling*) β¹².

135. ¹ tuirrthechta H tuirrtheachta β tuirechtadh β¹² ² agas imtheachta

with a tower to protect it. From that tower was Ireland seen on a winter's evening. Ith son of Breogan saw it.

133. Now those are the adventures of the Gaedil from Scythia to Spain: so that the following is said anent those their adventures,

Poem no. XIV.

134. Baath s. Magog s. Iafeth, of him are the Gaedil and the people of Scythia. Now he had a son, the noble eminent chieftain whose name was Feinius Farsaid. It is he who was one of the seventy-two chieftains who went for the building of Nemrod's Tower, whence the languages were dispersed.

135. The narratives and adventures of the kindred of Gaedel from Magog son of Iapheth and from Sru son of Esru: how they departed out of the land of Egypt, and Scythia, and Spain, till they reached Ireland: their battles moreover, and their conflicts, in Scythia, and the kin-murder of the progeny of Nenual and of Nel: how these broke out in the matter of the principedom of Scythia, for a space of nine hundred and twelve years: for that is the (length) which that great war had. Here now is an exposition and a systematizing of their journey, from the Tower of Nemrod onward.

β imthechtadh β¹² ³ Fini H ⁴ Gaodheal β Gaoidhil β¹² ⁵ Magoth β
 Magog β¹² ⁶ Iaf. H. Iafeth β Iaphet β¹² ⁷⁻⁷ mic Nai mic Osru mic
 Easru β: om. β¹²: amhuil β² ⁸ Esru alle H ⁹ imthigsead H
 imthighsead β imthedsad β¹² ¹⁰ Egipt H β Eigipte β¹² ¹¹ Sceithia
 H β Scitia β¹² ¹² Espain H Easpaign β¹² ¹³ go β ¹⁴ om. co H β¹²
¹⁵ Eirionn β Eirinn β² ¹⁶ chatha β geatha β¹² and om. imorro β¹²
¹⁷ om. a β ¹⁸ geongaladh β¹² ¹⁹ Scithia hic et semper β¹² ²⁰ fighala
 β fioghail β¹² ²¹ chloinni H β chloinne β¹² ²² Neanuail H Nen uail
 (sic) β Neanuail β¹² ²³ Nil β¹² ²⁴ om. amail β¹² ²⁵ rosniseadh β
 snised β¹ sined β² ²⁶ um H β¹² ²⁷ Flaithius H flaithios β
 Flaithes β¹² ²⁸ γ M ²⁹ rae da bhliadhuin β² dha bhliaghain deg β
³⁰ om. dec: following γ ix. c in rasura H deg β² ³¹ oir is edh sin rob
 asin cogadh moir β¹² ³² chogad H chogadh mhoir β cogadh mhoir β¹
³³ om. sin H β¹² ³⁴ e H β ³⁵ om. imorro β² ³⁶ minesghudh β
³⁷⁻³⁷ om. H γ regheadhugh β, γ reidhiughadh β¹² ³⁸ -each. H: the last
 syllable -adh dittographed β animthechtadh β¹² ³⁹ otha H, ó β¹²
⁴⁰ Nemru- H Nemruaidh β Nemroth β¹² ⁴¹ alle H β aille β¹².

M β^{012}

H

136. ¹Fenius FARRSAIG Fenius FARRSAID, mac BAAITH
²imorro mac ³BAAITH meic meic MAGÓC meic IAFETH meic
⁴MAGOIC meic ⁵IATHFÉITH meic NÁE:
⁶NÓI:

is^(a) hē ⁷imorro in ⁸Feinius ⁹FARR-
 SAID sin in ¹⁰sesead fear dēc ¹¹fa ¹²so-
 theacosu ¹³bāi con Tur Nemrúaid.¹⁴

no Feinius FARRSAID mac Eogain
 meic Gluinfínd meic Laimfínd meic
 Etheoir meic Tháe meic Baidb meic
 Seim meic Mair meic Aurtacht meic
 Abuith meic Ara meic Iara meic
 Shru meic Esru meic BAAITH meic

Ríphath Scuit otaid ¹⁵Scuit. Ocus isse Ríphath Sot (*sic*) tuccustair Scoitic
 ón Túr. Arob é an t-ochtmad prim-thaisech ra bai a cumdach an Tuir
 Nemruaid.

Faillleac ¹⁶mac Ebir meic SAILI meic AIRIFAXAT meic SHEIM meic
 Nae, † no Faillleac mac Ragúa meic AIRIFAXAT ||, *a quo* India:
 ocus^(b) Eber mac^(c) SAILI meic AIRIFAXAT *a quo* na Hebraidi: ocus
 Grecus mac Goimeir meic Iafet meic Nae, *a quo* an Greg Scíth-
 eagda: ocus Laidin mac Púin meic Eadailis .i. Alainius mac Ibaith
 meic Magóg meic Iafet meic NÁE *a quo*(^d) Eadáil. Ríphath Scot .i.
 Feinius FARRSAID mac BAAITH meic MAGÓC meic IAFÉTH meic NÁE,
a quo Scuit: ocus^(e) Cai Cainbrethach mac Ebir meic SAILI meic
 AIRIFAXAT: ocus Gáedel mac Eitheoir meic Bai meic Tai meic
 Barachain meic MAGÓC meic IAFETH meic NÁE: ocus Neamrúad mac
 Cuiss meic Caim meic NÁE. Is amlaid tra báí Nemroth, .i. coraid
 calma cumachtach, † fer diumsach doilig dur-craideach, † seicairi
 suaithnig so-anach an iathaib Aissia airtheraigi: coma focal slechta
 seinberla lá cách uili co coithead, Calmacht † sealgairacht an Tír
 sin in agaid an Chóimded. Is les in fer sin dono ra cumdaiged ar
 tus riam an Babiloin, ar lár Muigi Senair, † Sruth nEofrait trí na
 lár. Cur cumtaigid hí iartain la Nin mac Péil, an tan dogab rigi
 an domain † na nAssarda. Is inand doni Babilon † *confucio*, iar
 n-eidircert, † cumasc, iarsani ra cumaisced † ra buaidred is an inad
 sin denta † inandus in n-áen-berla, comdar berlada ilarda exsamba
 o sin amach tria bithu.

Is follus de sin nach raibi Feinius hí cumdach an Tuir, mar adberad
 na senchaidi, cen choimsinead comaimseraid. Is airi seo on, air issé Feinius
 FARRSAID an seisead fer deg bá so-theguseu † † bá so-gradaiigi || do síl
 Ríphath Scuit, tue Scoitic ón Tur.

136. ¹ Feinnius β Feinius β^1 Foinios FARRSAIG β^2 Fairrrsaigh β ² om. β^{12}
³ Baath β^2 ⁴ Magoith β Magog β^{12} ⁵ Iafeth β Iapheth β^{12} (-et β^2)
⁶ Nai β : om. meic Noi β^{12} ⁷ om. β^{12} ⁸ Feineas β^{12} ins. -sa β^{14}
⁹ om. FARRSAID sin β^{012} ¹⁰ seseimh β^{12} ¹¹ neoch ba β neoch ba β^{12}
¹² soithecthasca β soithecthasa β^{12} ¹³⁻¹⁵ om. β^{012} ¹⁴ Scuit sprs. e H

136. Feinius Farsaid more- Feinius Farsaid s. Baath s.
 over, s. Baath s. Magog s. Magog s. Iafeth s. Noe:
 Iafeth s. Noe:

that Feinius Farsaid was one of
 the sixteen men best in learning who
 were at the Tower of Nemrod.

or Feinius Farsaid s. Eogan s.
 Glunflind s. Lamflind s. Etheor s.
 Thoe s. Bodb s. Sem s. Mar s.
 Aurthacht s. Aboth s. Ara s. Iarra
 s. Sru s. Esru s. Baath s. Rifaith
 Scot from whom are the Scots.

Now it is Rifaith Scot who brought the Scotic language from the Tower.
 For he was one of the eight chief leaders who were at the building of
 the Tower of Nemrod.

[These were] Faleg s. Eber s. Saile s. Arfaxad s. Sem s. Noe,
 [or Faleg s. Ragua s. Arfaxad], *a quo* India: and Eber s. Saile s.
 Arfaxad, *a quo* the Hebrews: and Grecus s. Gomer s. Iafeth s.
 Noe, *a quo* Scythian Greece: and Latinus s. Faunus s. Italus, that is
 Alainus, s. Iboth s. Magog s. Iafeth s. Noe, *a quo* Italy. Riphath
 Scot, that is Feinius Farsaid, s. Baath s. Magog s. Iafeth s. Noe,
a quo the Scots: and Cai Cainbrethach s. Eber s. Saile s. Arfaxad:
 and Gaedel s. Etheor s. Bai s. Tai s. Barachan s. Magog s. Iafeth
 s. Noe: and Nemrod s. Cus s. Ham s. Noe. Thus was Nemrod, a
 valorous powerful champion, a haughty oppressive hard-hearted man,
 a well-known hunter of high renown in the eastern lands of Asia:
 so that everyone had a proverb extracted from the Old Language,
 which was universally known—The valour and hunting-provess of
 that man is against the Lord. By that man was Babylon founded
 at the very first, in the middle of the plain of Senar, with the river
 Euphrates flowing through its middle. It was afterwards fortified
 by Ninus son of Belus, when he took the kingship of the world
 and of the Assyrians. "Babylon" is the same as *confusio*, by
 interpretation, and "mixing"; for in that place were mixed and
 troubled the construction and identity of the single language, so
 that there were many and various languages from that onwards for
 ever.

From that it is clear that Feinius was not at the building of the
 Tower, as historians say who do not harmonize the synchronisms. But
 this is how it was, that it is Feinius Farsaid who was one of the sixteen
 men most learned [and of highest degree] of the seed of Riphath Scot,
 who brought the Scotic language from the Tower.

¹⁵ *sprs.*: .i. diuicio .i. fogail iarsani ro fodlad in talam a mberlaib examla
 ina aimsir diarrobai ac on Tor Nemruad.

(a) Punctuated in M so as to begin a new paragraph at this word.

(b) 7 yc H.

(c) mac partly erased H.

(d) This word apparently in a different ink.

(e) 7 yc H.

137. Dā mac ¹badar ²oc ³Feinius, .i. ⁴Nenual ⁵‡ no ⁶Neanneal || ⁷in dala mac, ⁸forřacaib ‡ ⁹ēisidi || ¹⁰i ¹¹flaithius ¹²na Sceithīa ¹³dia ēsi ‡ fēn || : ¹⁴Nél ¹⁵in mac ¹⁶aile ¹⁷‡ do Fhenius, || ¹⁸oc in Tur ¹⁹rucad hē. Ocus ²⁰fa saī-²¹side is na hilibērlaib.

M β⁰¹²

²²conad ‡ ar a ²³chend sin
|| ²⁴tāncus ō Forann ²⁵‡
Fhostoiges || ‡' ō flaith
Ēigepht ||' do řoglam
na mbērlad ūad.²⁴

H

Is ē a[n] Nél sin mac
Feniusa *Farrsaid* asrubar-
tamar, ro forchongart Forand
Cingeris rí Eigipti ar imad a
řesa, 7 a eoluis, 7 a řoglama; 7
dobeir Forand ferand dó, 7 do
breth a ingen, .i. Scota a hainm,
‡ Ocus adberaid araile comad
airi adbertha Scota fria,^(a) ar
ba Scott ainm a fir, 7 is^(a)
Scuit ainm na tuaiti dia raibi
an fer, *unde dicitur* Scotus 7
Scota ‡' iad a ndis ||'. Ceth-
racha bliadan o scailead ²⁶in
Tuir eo tanig Feinius *Farrsaid*
atuaid, asin Sceithia, cona seoil,
do iaraid na mberla; ar do
runmenadar fosgebtais and.
ar bith is as ra scailit. Da
bliadain iar tiachtain do
Fheimius atuaid coriee Nin ‡
mac Peil ||.

137. ¹bhadar β om. β¹² mhac β² ²ag H β⁰¹ aig β² ³Feinius β
Feines β¹² ⁴Noinnell β⁰¹² ⁵⁻⁵om. β⁰¹² ⁶Nenneal with a sbs. in
faint ink M: Naennel (the first e obscured by a blob of colour penetrating
through from the other side of the page) H ⁷an dara mac H β om. β¹²
⁸foracaib H ro fhagaibh β ro fagaibh (ř β¹) β¹² ⁹sidhe β⁰¹² ¹⁰a H β⁰¹²
¹¹flaithus H bhflaithius β bhlaithes (bhř β¹) β¹² ¹²om. na H ¹³dia
eisi fein H dia eissi fein β dia eis β¹² ¹⁴Nél H Néil β ¹⁵an H β⁰¹²
¹⁶aile H oile β⁰¹ eile β² ¹⁷om. Feniuis H β⁰¹²: dó H β⁰¹, dhó β²
¹⁸ocan H: ó cinter a bheith na saoi (saoith β²) is na hilibherlaibh (om.

137. Feinius had two sons, Nenual [or Neannel], one of the two, whom he left in the principedom of Scythia after him[self] : Nel, the other son [of Feinius], at the Tower was he born. Now he was a master in the multiplicity of languages.

So that [to summon him] one came from Pharao [Fostoiges from the prince of Egypt], in order to learn the languages from him.

This is that Nel, son of Feinius Farsaid whom we have mentioned, whom Pharao Cineris king of Egypt invited for the greatness of his skill, his knowledge, and his learning: and Pharao granted him an estate, and his daughter, whose name was Scota was bestowed. [Some say that the reason why she was called Scota was, that Scot was her husband's name, and "Scots" the name of the people from whom he came; *unde dicitur* ['of the two'], Scotus, and Scota.] Forty years from the dispersal of the Tower till Feinius Farsaid came from the north, out of Scythia, with his school, to seek for the languages; for they thought they would find them there, inasmuch as it was thence they were dispersed. Two years after the coming of Feinius from the North until Ninus [son of Belus].

hil. β²) β¹² ¹⁹ rugad eisidhi H ²⁰ ba H ²¹ sein H ²² gonadh β²
²³ chenn son β¹² ²⁴⁻²⁵ thangus o Forund o righflaith na Heigipte . . .
 mbearla uaidh β do mhian riogh flaith (f β¹) na Heigipte na hilibherladh
 d'foghluim (-aim β¹) uaidh β¹² ²⁶ om. β ²⁶ in Tuir spr. c H

(a) The f in *fria* and the i in *is yc* H.

²⁷Tānie imorro Fēnius ²⁸isin nAisia dochum na Sceithīa
²⁹doridisi, oir is ³⁰aisdi ³¹doluid do dēnam ³²in Tuir †
 Nemrūaid || †³² (i. Neamrūad mac Cuis meic Caim meic
 Nāe) ³³|| ³⁴conerbailt ³⁵i ³⁶flaithis na Sceithīa ³⁷i cind dā
³⁸fichit bliadan † iar tiachtain dō ōn Tur, || ocus dorad
³⁹tāisicheadh dia mac, ⁴⁰do Nenual.

138. ¹I cind dā fichit bliadan ⁊ dā dēce trā ²ar
 ndēnam in Tuir, ro ³gob⁴ ⁵Nin mac ⁶Pel rīgi ⁷in ⁸domain:
⁹Ūair nīr triall ¹⁰neach ¹¹aili smachtugad na ¹²tūath, na
 na ¹³n-il-chenēl ¹⁴da tabairt |^(a) ¹⁵fō ¹⁶aen smacht, ¹⁷i. fō
 chīs ⁊ fō ¹⁸chānaigh, acht ¹⁹ēisium na ²⁰āenur. ²¹Tāisig
 imorro ²²badar and ²³roime, i. ²⁴in ²⁵fear ²⁶ba ²⁷hūaisle ⁊
²⁸ba mō rāth isin tūath, is ē ²⁹fa ³⁰cenn ³¹comairle do
³²chāch; no choisgeadh gach ³³n-ēcōir ³⁴⁊ ³⁵no gresadh
³⁶gach ³⁷ēcōir, ³⁸no triallagh indsaighi ceinēl; ³⁹⁊ smach-
 tugud ar ⁴⁰chenēlaib ⁴¹ele.

139. Ceatra bliadna dég ⁊ tri fichit ⁊ ocht cet o thús flaithiusa Nín co
 deired flaithiusa Tútaneis, rí an domain. Is ría lín-sídí ro tóglad Tráe
 din togail deidenaig. Secht mbliadna iarsan togail eo tug Aeniass mac
 Anicis Lauina ingen Laidín meic Puín: conad tri bliadna cethrachad ar
 nóí cetaib o scailead an Tuir eo tug Aeniass ingen Laidín ⁊ Ladín doroinne
 a cuir fris. Is follus assin conach cert-thiagait lucht ind Auraicepta
 comad hé Laidín an t-ochtmad prim-thuisceach an Tuir † Nemruaid ||, ⁊
 a Fod anúass eturru.

²⁷ tanig H tainic β²: om. imorro H β¹²: Feines β² ²⁸ assan β asan β¹²:
 nAissia docum H Aissia β Asia β¹² ²⁹ dorighisi β -ghese β¹ dorighse
 óir is óir innte doluidh β² ³⁰ aisti H β innte β¹² ³¹ dochuaid H doluigh β
³² an H β² ³³⁻³⁵ om. H β¹² ³⁴ condearbhailt β gonderbhailt β¹².
The o in this word as written in H looks at first sight like a ³⁵ n H β¹¹
³⁶ Flaith H flaithios β Flaithes β¹ bflaithes β²: om. na β¹² ³⁷ ó chionn
 da fithchid bliadhuin β³ ins. iartain: a cind H ³⁸ fithchiod bliaghain β
³⁹ taisigeacht H: taisicheadh da mac i. do Neanuall β taoisecht da mhac
 Neanuall β¹² ⁴⁰ ins. i. β: Neanuall H.

138. ¹⁻¹ da bliadain .lxx. o scáileadh an tuir dogab H Agcienn dā fithchit
 bliadhuin ⁊ da deich tra iar ndenamh an Tuir roghabh β² ² iar nd.
 an β¹² ³ ghabh β¹² ⁴ Nion β¹² ⁵ Peil H β¹² ⁶ an H β¹²
⁷ domuin H β domhuin β² ⁸ ar H oir β¹² ⁹ nech H ¹⁰ eile β¹²

But Feinius came again into [*sic*, read “out of”] Asia to Scythia, for thence he had come for the building of the Tower [of Nemrod; Nemrod s. Cus s. Ham s. Noe]. So that he died in the principedom of Scythia, at the end of forty years [after he had come from the Tower], and passed on the chieftainship to his son, Nenual.

138. Now at the end of two score and twelve years after the building of the Tower, Ninus son of Belus took the kingship of the world: for no other attempted to exercise authority over the peoples, or to bring the multitude of nations under one authority, that is under tax and tribute, but he alone. Aforetime there had been chieftains; he who was noblest and most in favour in the community, he it was who was chief counsellor for every man, who should avert all injustice and further all justice which should be attempted against a nation; and authority over other nations.^(b)

139. Eight hundred three score and fourteen years from the beginning of the principedom of Ninus to the end of the principedom of Tautanes, King of the World. Toward his time Troy was captured for the last time. There were seven years after that capture till Aeneas son of Anchises took Lavinia daughter of Latinus son of Faunus: so that there are nine hundred forty and three years from the dispersal of the Tower till Aeneas took the daughter of Latinus, and Latinus made his treaties with him. It is clear therefrom, that the authors of the *Aurora* do not reach a correct conclusion when they say that Latinus was one of the eight chief leaders of the Tower [of Nemrod], considering the length of time that passed down between them.

²⁴ ttuath β²² ²² neilceineil β² ¹³ do thabairt H ³⁴ from this
point text printed as in B: fa M fó H ¹⁵ oen M én H ¹⁶ γ M
¹⁷ chain MH ²⁸ sesem M seisim H ¹⁹ oenur M ²⁹ taisicheacht M
²¹ ins. ro M ²² remi sin M ²³ an H ²⁴ fer MH ²⁵ fa MH (*bis*, second
time fá H) ²⁶ fuaisliu M huaisle H ²⁷ bá H ²⁸ cend MH ²⁹ li MH
³⁰ each no (na H) chosnad each MH ³¹ neogair (*the o expuncted*) B
negoir M cóir H ²² om. γ H ²³ no greasad M na greised H
²⁴ each MH ²⁵ negóir H ²⁶⁻²⁸ ins. γ ad init. B: do triall indsaigid
cheneoil M, da triallad indsaigid lé chinelaib féin H ²⁷ ceinelaibh B
chenelaib M cenelaib H ²⁸ aile MH.

139. This ¶ in H only.

(a) Here B resumes.

(b) This passage, here corrupt, should be corrected as in R¹ ¶ 105.

140. ¹Imthusa ²in mac ³eile do ⁴Feinius, .i. Nél⁵: do ⁶aitreab ⁷teas ⁸in Éigipt, ⁊ ⁹tug Scota ingen ¹⁰Foraind ¹¹Cingeiris do mnaí. Ocus ¹²is andsin¹² rugastair ¹³Scota sin Gāedeal Glas, ó ¹⁴táid ¹⁵Gāedhil, do Nél mac ¹⁶Fheiniassa ¹⁷Farrsaig. Conadh ón Scota sin ¹⁸adearar Scuit re ¹⁹Gāedealaibh † ⁊ ²⁰Fēine do ragha fria ó Feinius, ⁊ ²¹Gāedil ²²ō ²³Gāedhel Glas ||, ²⁴amaíl asbeart in t-cólach²⁴—

Fēne ó Fheinius asbertar

141. No eomad Scota ainm na tuaithe as a tancadar eum in Tuir Nemruaid ille, ota in Sceithia Clochaig anair. Is he fath fa ndeachaid Fenius Farrsaig re filigecht, con torseach 'each n-oen da roibi do thaisechaib aici, in tuath dia roibi, .i. Scotitsianos do ehuaid a senchus a ndibad ae na farrsaigib Greeda. Corób do fagbail senchuis na Scot dia roibi dochuaid do foglaim na filigehta: conad de ainmnigthear Fenius Farrsaid, .i. "fis na n-arsanda aici" a Hebra, ⁊ a Greg, ⁊ a Laidin, ⁊ is na huili berla oilchena; oir fas aiseom intib dogres.

BM

H

142. Is 'e Gāedel do ²chum in ³Gāedelg as na ⁴dā bērla ⁵sechtmogat: ⁶is iad so 'a n-anmanda—

Ar scailead do chách ón Tur, ⁊ ar na mese-buaidred do Dia tre na n-aindligead, ⁊ ar scailead na mberlad sechnó[n] an domain, da an Fenius ag an Tor, ⁊ da aireb and: ⁊ do faid fer uad each aird don domun, do teglomad na mberlad dia tabairt co haen inad. Ocus ar timsachad na scoili ⁊ ar teglomad na mberla, do teibustair Fenius Farsaid berla na nGāedel as na dib berlaib

140. ¹Imtusa B imthussa H ²an H ³aile M aili H ⁴Fheinius H
Fhenius M ⁵ins. mac Feinusa M ⁶aitreb MH ⁷om. M theass H
⁸an MH: Egipt M ⁹tuc M ¹⁰Fhoruind H ¹¹om. MH
¹²⁻¹³om. and ins. do M: rucustair M ¹⁴ins. in M an H (bis): Gaeidel MH
¹⁵tait M ¹⁶Gaedil MH ¹⁷Feinusa MH ¹⁸-aid, conad M

140. As for Nel, the other son of Feinius, he lived southward in Egypt, and took Scota daughter of Pharaoh Cincris to wife: and there that Scota bore Gaedel Glas, from whom are the Gaedil, to Nel son of Feinius Farsaid. So from that Scota the Gaedil are called Scots, [and the name *Feni* is given to them from Feinius, and *Gaedil* from Gaidel Glas], as the learned said

Poem no. X.

141. Or perhaps "Scota" is the name of the community from which they came over to the Tower of Nemrod, from Scythia Petraea, from the east. This is the reason why Feinius Farsaid acquired bardism, for that every one who was of the chieftains with him was distressed that the community of which they were, the Scoitiziani—its history had gone to loss in the hands of the elders of the Greeks. So that it was to find the history of the Scots, from which he was sprung, that he came to learn bardism: and thence is he named Fenius Farsaid, *i.e.*, "one who has knowledge of ancient things," in Hebrew, in Greek, in Latin, and in all the languages in general; for he continually made progress in them.

142. It is Gaedel who formed the Gaedelic [language] out of the seventy-two languages. These are their names—

After the dispersal of everyone from the Tower, and after they were mixed and confused by God by reason of their lawlessness, and after the dispersal of the languages throughout the world, Fenius remained at the Tower, and he dwelt there: and he sent forth a man into every quarter of the world, to collect the languages and to bring them to one place. And after he

¹⁸ *ins.* ingen Foraind Istoges M: adberar MH ¹⁹ Gaeidealaib M
 Gaedelaib H ²⁰ Fene MH: dorad riu MH: Fenius M ²¹ Gaedil MH
²² *ins.* darad riu H ²³ Gaedel M Gaedel H ²⁴⁻²⁵ *ut dicitur* H.
 141. This ¶ in M only. ¹ each *sprs.* *yc* M.
 142. ¹ he M ² cum B ³ nGaedelg M ⁴ *sprs. sec. man.* M
⁵ seachtmogad M ⁶ *ins.* ¶ M ⁷ anmanda na mberla sin M ⁸⁻⁹ conad

sechtmogat, a cind dece
mbliadan iar scailead an Tuir.
Ocus dorad dia mac, do Niul,
γ dorad Niul da mac, do Gaedel
Glas γ dá sīl eo brath: γ is
uad ainmnigter. Ite annso na
berlada —

Beithin, Sceithin, Scill, Scairthin, etc.

°Is dia chuimneagudh sin adubairt in fili na brīathra so,⁸

Bērla in domain, dēchaid lib . . .

°Ceitri randa ¹⁰don ¹¹forsan ¹²nGäedheilg acon lucht eólais, γ ceitri hanmanda forraibh: ¹³Seanchus Mōr γ Breatha ¹⁴Neimidh, ¹⁵Āi ¹⁶Carmna γ ¹⁷Āi ¹⁸Canon ¹⁹in ²⁰ceathramad. Ocus canōin ainm na ²¹randa sin, ar mēd a fis γ a ²²roscadh. Trī ²³cōicad ²⁴a ogum γ na ²⁵rēimenna, .i. ²⁶rēim ²⁷neana γ na' ²⁸duili ²⁹feadha, γ ³⁰inas dīr ³¹dōibh. ³²In dara rand dono, .i. ³³Gramadach a hainm, ar ³⁴imad a ³⁵so-ġis, ³⁶air is ī is [s]tuir don labra cirt: na ³⁷feasa dono γ na ³⁸foirfessa γ na togla, γ ³⁹in ⁴⁰trichad scēl, γ ⁴¹sesca fo-scēl γ ⁴²as dīr ⁴³dōibh ⁴⁴as indaib. ⁴⁵In treas ⁴⁶rand ⁴⁷γ ⁴⁸Stair a ⁴⁹hainm-sidhe, ⁵⁰air is ⁵¹indti ⁵²luaigtear scēla γ ⁵³caingni. ⁵⁴Breatha Cai imorro cona ⁵⁵n-imtheagur ⁵⁶in ⁵⁷ceatramadh, ⁵⁸γ ⁵⁹Rīmh a hainm, ⁶⁰amail asbert in fili

Ceithri randa rāiter dē . . .

do chuimneadug na n-anmand sin do chan in t-eolach in duan-sa, γ do reidiugud a n-airmi M: γ is da rediugud sin γ da cuimniugad adubrand andso H ⁹ceithri MH ¹⁰dono MH ¹¹⁻¹²acon (ag an H) lucht eólais forsin (-an H) nGaeidelg (nGaed- H) seo rotheb Gaeidel (*om. these words H*) γ ceithri (-tri H) hanmanda (-unda H) forraib MH ¹³Ghaedheilg B ¹⁴seanchos M ¹⁵Nemead M Nemid H ¹⁶aei M ¹⁷Chearmna M Chermna H ¹⁸Aei M ¹⁹Chana M Chana H: *a small dot over the C in B, hardly large enough for a lenition mark* ²⁰an H, ²¹ceathrumad M cethramad H ²²renna *and om. sin M* ²³roscad MH ²⁴chaecad M ²⁵om. a M: ogam MH ²⁶remenda M reimenda H ²⁷rem M ²⁸nena MH ²⁹duile M ³⁰feada M feda H ³¹anosdir B anussdir H ³²doib MH ³³in rann aile M an rand tanaisi H ³⁴midach M -mutach (e) H ³⁵imud H ³⁶-ġis H ³⁷uair is i

had assembled the school and collected the languages, Feinius Farsaid cut the language of the Gaedil out of the seventy-two languages, at the end of ten years after the dispersal of the Tower. And he imparted it to his son Nel: and Nel imparted it to his son Gaedil Glas and to his seed for ever: and from him (Gaedel) is it named. These are the languages.

(See below, p. 150.)

To memorize those the poet said these words—

Poem no. XI.

Now the learned count four divisions in the Gaelic language, with four names: The Great Story, the Judgements of Nemed, The Science of Cermna, and The Science of Cano, the fourth. "Canons" is the name of that division, for the greatness of its knowledge and its precedents. Thrice fifty are its secret scripts and the courses, the course of *nin*, the leaves of a forest, and whatever is related to them. The second division, further, Grammar is its name, for the greatness of its excellent knowledge. for this it is which is the rudder for correct speech: the Sciences moreover, and the additional sciences, and the captures, and the thirty stories, and the sixty subordinate stories, and whatever is related to them, are therein. The third division, History is its name, for therein are spoken stories and matters of dispute. The Judgements of Cai, with which the fourth is included, Prosody is its name, as the poet says—

Poem no. XV.

is tur eolais in labartha cirt M: ar issi sdiuir colais an labartha H
²⁷fessa H ²⁸foireasa M foirfesa H ²⁹an H ⁴⁰trichaid MH
⁴¹ins. in MH ⁴²ins. in M an H ⁴³doib MH ⁴⁴om. as indaib MH
⁴⁵in tres M isin tres H ⁴⁶rann M ⁴⁷imorro for 7 M ⁴⁸sdaire MH
⁴⁹-side M -sidi H ⁵⁰uair M ⁵¹inti MH ⁵²luaite MH ⁵³coimgnida M
 coimgneda H ⁵⁴bretha M breath H ⁵⁵him- MH -theacur M himthegar H
⁵⁶an H ⁵⁷ceathramad M ceathramad H ⁵⁸ins. rann M rand H
⁵⁹rim MH ⁶⁰amail asbert in fellsom is na rundaib-sea M ut dicitur H

(a) Might be *mudach*, but looks more like *mut*. In this ms., owing to the way in which the letters are run together, a *u* is often partly covered by the following letter so as to be almost indistinguishable from *c*. There is no doubt of the *c* in the corresponding word in the accompanying verse 1; see poem XV, line 609.

BM

⁶¹Ceithri hanmanna ⁶²lono for in
⁶³nGäeidhlig † fo ⁶⁴comheumus a
randa, ⁶⁵no comad ainm cuma p̄im-
bērla do na ⁶⁶trī bērladhaibh ||

H

Ceithri randa don γ ceithri hanmunda
forsan nGäeidhlig agan lucht colais
fo chomnuimir ⁶⁷na rand do raid-
simm (a) . . .

⁶⁷i. Eabra γ Grēg γ Laidean, γ a hainm dileas o ⁶⁸Gäedheal, i. ⁶⁹Gēdh-
ealg. ⁷⁰Tigcolath a hainm ⁷¹Eabra, Moloth a hainm Grēgda. ⁷²Legholus
a hainm ⁷³Laidne; ⁷⁴Tinoilteach a hainm la ⁷⁵Gäedhel ⁷⁶rodostoba, amail
asbert in file

In bērla tēbidi tric . . .

Ocus ger ⁷⁷bod il na tengtha sin on Tur ⁷⁸Nemrūadh, ni ⁷⁹roibh acht ⁸⁰āen
bērla ⁸¹ag foghnum do chāch no cor ⁸²cumdaigheagh. Gortigearnn ainm in
bērla sin, γ is ⁸³ris adearer in bērla ⁸⁴Ebraidhe ⁸⁵aniu, amail asbert,⁸⁷

Gōirtigernn ainm in bērla . . .

⁶¹ Variants from here onward from M, unless otherwise stated: ceithri
⁶² ita for sin ⁶³ nGäeidhlig ⁶⁴ chomnumair ⁶⁵ no sprs. sec. man.
⁶⁶ om. tri berladaib ⁶⁷ i. Ebra γ Greig γ Laiten ⁶⁸ the n of na yc H
⁶⁹ Gaeidel ⁷⁰ Gaeidalg ⁷¹ Ticoloth ⁷² Ebra ⁷³ Legulus ⁷⁴ Laitne

The following version of the foregoing paragraph is given in Min after ¶ 107, as noted above. Variants from μR: the section is missing in μV.

Ceithri ranna dana 'acon lucht colais forsin ⁸⁶nGäeidhlig-si ro ⁸⁷teib Gaidel,
γ ceithri ⁸⁸hanmanna forāib: ⁸⁹Sencus Mór γ Bretha ⁹⁰Nemid, Ai ⁹¹Chermna γ
⁹²Nachan in ⁹³cet rann, γ Canóin ⁹⁴a hainm na rinde sin, ar imat a fis γ a
roscadh.⁹⁵ Tri ⁹⁶choecat ogam γ na remenna γ ⁹⁷na ⁹⁸duile feda γ ⁹⁹anas dir
doib. In rann ¹⁰⁰tanaste, γ Gramatach a ¹⁰¹hainm, ar imat a ¹⁰²so-fis, ar ¹⁰³as
i as [s]tiuir colais¹⁰⁴ in labartha ¹⁰⁵ceirt. Na ¹⁰⁶hessa dana γ na forfessa¹⁰⁷ γ
na togla, γ ¹⁰⁸in trichat seel γ in ¹⁰⁹sesca roger γ anas dir¹¹⁰ doib is i in ¹¹¹tress
rann, γ stair a ¹¹²hainm: ar is ¹¹³inti luaidter secla γ coimgneda. Bretha
¹¹⁴Cai imorro cona ¹¹⁵n-imtecor in ¹¹⁶cetramadh rand, γ rim a hainm: *de*
quibus dicitur ¹¹⁷hoc carmen

Ceithri ranna räiter dē . . .

¹¹⁸Ceithri hanmanna dono for ¹¹⁹in nGäidhlig fo com-nuimir ¹²⁰a rainne, no

Moreover the Gaelic language has four names [corresponding to its division; or that it should have a name, in the way that the three languages are called "chief language"]—

to wit, Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, as well as its own name Gaelic, from Gael. Ticoloth is its Hebrew name, Moloth its Greek name, Legulus its Latin name; Tinoiltech was the name which Gael had for it, he who cut it out, as the poet said—

Poem no. XVI.

Now though many were those tongues from the Tower of Nemrod, there was not more than one language serving everyone until it was built. Gorthigern was the name of that language, and it is called the Hebrew language today, as one said—

Poem no. XVII.

⁷⁵ Tinoiltech ⁷⁶ Gaicidel ⁷⁷ .i. Gaicidelg rotathoba ⁷⁸ botile
⁷⁹ -ad ⁸⁰ roibi ⁸¹ oen ⁸² ic fognum ⁸³ eumaisced na berla .i.
 Gorthigern ⁸⁴ fris adearrar ⁸⁵ Ebraide ⁸⁶ aniug ⁸⁷ ins. in teolach.

(a) Here H breaks off.

comad ainm ²²each primberla dona ²⁴tri primberlaib .i. Ebra γ ²⁵Greg γ Laidin, γ a hainm diles o Gaidil. ²⁶Ticoloth a ainm Ebra, Maloth ²⁷a hainm Greeda, ²⁸Legulus a hainm Laitin, ²⁹Tinoltech a hainm la Gaidil ³⁰rodostoba: *de quibus hoc carmen*³¹

In berla tebidi tric . . .

¹ ac lucht a heolusa ² nGoidile-se ³ teip Goidil ⁴ anmann
⁵ Senchus ⁶ Nemed ⁷ Cermna ⁸ nacane ⁹ cetrumad ¹⁰⁻¹² an
 rann sin γ a (*yc sbs. R*) ainm ar imat a fir (*sic*) γ a roscad ¹¹ coecait
¹² ins. rein nena γ ¹³ duili ¹⁴ inas ¹⁵ tanaisi ¹⁶ ainm ¹⁷ sois
¹⁸⁻¹⁹ is i sdiuir eolusa ²⁰ cirt ²⁰⁻²⁰ fesa didiu γ na foirbesa ²¹ na tricha
²²⁻²² xl- roger γ inasdir ²³ tres ²⁴ ainm ²⁵ innte luaiter ²⁶ Cae
²⁷ n-integar ²⁸ cethramad rann ²⁹ om. hoc carmen ³⁰ ceithire
 anmann dana ³¹ an Goidile ³² arrainne ³³ ceeh ³⁴ trib
³⁵ Grec ³⁶ Ticoloth ³⁷ om. a and the prefixed h ³⁸ Legulus a Laitin
³⁹ Tinoiltech a Gaidile and om. a hainm ⁴⁰ rostoba ⁴¹ ins. deicuir.

143. ¹ō ²ro aitreabh trā ³in Nēl sain mac Feíniasa in Éigipt, is ⁴ē ferand roghab, ar ⁵imlibh Mara Rūaid, γ im ⁶Capacirunt : γ ⁷bāi annsin ⁸no gor ēlodar Meie ⁹Israhel ¹⁰ō ¹¹Fhoraind γ ¹²ō ¹³slūagh Éigipte. Ocus is ¹⁴ed dolodar Meie Israhel ¹⁵for a n-ēlog sin ¹⁶cosin ¹⁷ferand a ¹⁸mba Nēl γ a mac, i. ¹⁹Gāedhel Glas. Ro ²⁰ghabhsat trā ²¹Meie Israhel ‡ ²²sosudh γ || ²³longphurt ²⁴a Capaciroth for brū Mara Rūaidh. Is andsin do ruacht chucu Nēl ²⁵Fēinasa da ²⁶n-agallaim, ‡ γ ²⁷da fīs eia ²⁸ann ||, γ is andsin doralā ²⁹Aarōn do ‡ do ³⁰lēathtaebh in ³¹tslūaigh ||, γ ro indis ³²Arōn scēla Mae ³³nIsrathel ³⁴dō, ³⁵i. fearta γ ³⁶mirbailedh Maise, γ amaíl ³⁷tugud na dēce ³⁸plagha (foillsi fiadhnacha) for lueht na ³⁹Hēighipti ⁴⁰trē na ndāeradsom. Ocus ro ⁴¹snāidmsead comond γ caradradh, γ ro ⁴²fiarfaiigh Nēl ⁴³do Arōn in robhadar biadha ⁴⁴na lōmgtighe acco. Ocus ⁴⁵ro rāidh fōs⁴⁶ a ⁴⁷fuil do ⁴⁸chruithneacht γ do maithius annso, ar sē, ⁴⁹doberar for bhar cumus uili sin.⁵⁰ ‡ ⁵¹Ocus tāinig in adhaig dōibh fai sin ||, ⁵²γ dochuaidh ⁵³docum a tighē fēin : ⁵⁴γ dochuaidh Arōn isin ⁵⁵longphort, ⁵⁶gu haírm a mbi⁵⁷ Maise, γ ro indis do in ⁵⁸fáilte fuair ⁵⁹og Nēl, γ in maith ro ⁶⁰gheall re Macaib Israhel. Ba ⁶¹buidheach Maise ‡ γ Arōn || do Nēl mana scēlaibh sin.

144. ¹Imtusa Niūil imorro, ²ō rāinig docum a muindteri, ³do indis dōibh longphort do bheith ag Macaibh Israhel ⁴a Capaciroth γ ⁵ag Socath. ⁶Ro indis scēla Maise γ Arōn ⁷gu lēir ⁸a fiadhmaissi in ⁹tslōigh. ¹⁰Isan aidehe sin¹¹ dono, ro beanastair ¹²nathair neimhneach nime¹³ risin mac ¹⁴mbeg ro bāi ag ¹⁵Niūil, i. Gāedhel¹⁶ Glas, γ ro bo ¹⁷comfaghus bās do : corob ūaithi fuair.¹⁸sium in forthormach ¹⁹anma sin. Ocus ro ²⁰rāigsead a muindtear ²¹fria Nēl in mac sin do breith ar amus

143. ¹ra aitreab thra ²om. in and sain ³he fearand rogoð
⁴imlib ⁵Chapaciron ⁶bui ⁷co ro ⁸Hisrahel *hic et ubique*
⁹Fhorann ¹⁰sluag Eigept ¹¹ead ¹²forsan elod ¹³coson B cus
 (sin *sprs. sec. man.*) M ¹⁴ferand ¹⁵mbai ¹⁶Gaeidel *hic et ubique*
¹⁷gobsad ¹⁸mec ¹⁹sosad ²⁰lonphurt B longport M ²¹im Chapaciron
²²Feiniusa ²³the *g dotted sec. man.* ²⁴dia ²⁵ro bai and *and om.* γ
²⁶Arón ²⁷leataib ²⁸tuaiḡ ²⁹Arón ³⁰nIsrl- ³¹om. do
³²γ *for i.* ³³leada Maise meic Amra ³⁴tucad ³⁵plada foillséacha
 fiadnacha ³⁶Heigepti ³⁷ins. γ ³⁸snadmadar comand ³⁹faid
⁴⁰dé Arón irobadar ⁴¹naid lointigi ⁴²⁻⁴³ro raid Nel fris ⁴⁴fuil ar se

143. Now when that Nel son of Feinius dwelt in Egypt, this is the estate which he received, upon the shores of the Red Sea, and around Phi-Hahiroth: and he was there till the Sons of Israel escaped from Pharao and from the host of Egypt. Now it fell out that the Sons of Israel, in that flight, came to the estate where Nel was, and his son, Gaedel Glas. The Sons of Israel [alighted and] took camp at Phi-Hahiroth, on the border of the Red Sea. Then Nel son of Feinius came to converse with them, [and to find out who was there]: and there Aaron met with him [aside from the host], and Aaron told him tidings of the Sons of Israel, to wit, the marvels and miracles of Moses, and how the ten plagues—a clearness of testimony—were brought upon the people of Egypt, by reason of their [the Israelites'] enslavement. And they ratified a treaty and friendship, and Nel asked Aaron if they had provision or food-stores. He said further, that what is here of wheat and of good things—said he—shall all be put at your disposal. [Thereat the night fell upon them], and <Nel> went to his own house; and Aaron went into the camp, to the place where Moses was, and told him the welcome which he had received at the hands of Nel, and the good which he promised to the Sons of Israel. Grateful were Moses [and Aaron] to Nel, at those tidings.

144. But as for Nel, when he came to his own folk, he told them how the Sons of Israel had a camp at Phi-Hahiroth and at Succoth. He related the tidings of Moses and Aaron in full before the company. Now in that night a venomous poisonous serpent stung the little son whom Nel had, Gaedel Glas, and death was near to him. From that he received the addition to his name. His people said to Nel that he should carry the lad to Moses. The lad was brought to Moses, and Nel came with

⁴¹ maithes ⁊ do chruithnecht ⁊ do mil acaindi ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁵ doberthar ar bar
comus ⁊ ar bar mbreitheamnus sin uili ⁴⁶⁻⁴⁶ om. ⁴⁷⁻⁴⁷ Nel dochum a
thigi iarsin ⁴⁸ longport ⁴⁹⁻⁴⁹ i rabadar me Hisrl- ⁊ ⁵⁰ failti mor
⁵¹ oc ⁵² gell ⁵³ -deach Maise.

144. ¹ dala ² o rainic a mt. (om. docum) ³ ro ⁴ i ⁵ ac Socot
⁶ ins. ⁊ ⁷ co ⁸ i fiadnaisi ⁹ tloig moir sin ¹⁰⁻¹⁰ is andsin
¹¹⁻¹¹ in nathair nemneach nemi ¹²⁻¹² mbee robui oc Niul i. Gaedil
¹³ Niuil B ¹⁴ chomfocus ¹⁵ -seom ¹⁶ om. B ¹⁷ raidsead ¹⁸ re

¹⁹Maisi. Rugadh in mae sin co Maisi, ⁊ doluid Nēl ²⁰leis. Ocus ²¹rognī Maisi urnaighthi dichra ²²fri²¹ Dīa, ⁊ dorad in ²³fleisg n-uirrdraic fris in inadh ar²³ bean in ²⁴nathair risin mae, cor lo slān in mae. Ocus ro rāidh²⁵: Is ²⁶ceat liumsa ⁊ le Dīa ²⁷nar urchoideca nathair don mae so, na dho dhuine ²⁸dīa sīl ²⁹gu brāth, ⁊ ³⁰nar aitreaba nathair tria bithu ³¹sīr a aitreibi bunaidh a cloinde. Ocus ³²beidit, ol se, ³³rīgha ⁊ ³⁴ruirigh, nāim ⁊ firēoin, do sīl^(a) in meic ³⁵sin, ocus bid an ³⁶inis tūaiscertaigh in domain bias ³⁷a ³⁸aitreabh a chineadh.³⁸ Conadh eadh sin ³⁹fodera gen nathair an Ērinn, ⁊ gan irchōid do dēnum³⁹ do ⁴⁰nathair ⁴¹na dho pēist conneim⁴¹ ⁴²fria duine ⁴³dho sīl Gāeidhil. ⁴⁴Ocus ro fagaibh fagbhāla don mae cona sīl, amail asbert in file,⁴⁴

Gāidhel Glas, fōghnaidh a rādh . . .

145. Is andsin ro rāid Nēl: Doria Forann ¹eugaind, ol sē, ⁊ no dāerfa sind ar in fāilti ²dorad-sum dībh-si,² ⁊ i cinaidh ³gan bhar fastogh. ⁴Tarr linde sa slighe amārach,⁴ ar Arōn, ⁊ an ⁵againd dogrēs, madh āil ⁶duit: fogebha comroind ⁷forba ⁊ fearoind isin tīr ro thairngir Dīa ⁸da Macaib Israhel dia ⁹logbom fēin. No madh fearr leat, doberamni libearna Foraind, co ¹⁰mbead ar do eumas, ⁊ ¹¹ēirig indteibh for muir, ⁊ ¹²fuirig-siu co ¹³feassar-sa cindass sgerom-ni ⁊ Forand: ⁊ ¹⁴dēna ¹⁵do ¹⁶chomairle as a ¹⁷haile.

Is ī ¹⁸sin ¹⁹comairle is ²⁰cōir and, ol Nēl.²¹ ²²No ²³cuirid andsin trā trī ²⁴mīli fear n-armach ²⁵n-ineomloinn maille re Nēl ²⁶gu hairm a mbadar na longa, ⁊ do radadh do ²⁷Niūl, combadar ar a ²⁸comas. † <Cid> ar na ²⁹bertais Meic Israhel ³⁰fēin leo ³¹cena na longa sin? || † Ar dāigh ³²na fadbath Forann ³³trealma na^(b) ndiaidh. ||

¹⁹ Moy(s)i ⁊ rucad ²⁰ les ²¹⁻²² dogni Moy(s)i hirmaithi ndichra re ²³ fria ria Dīa, *the second word expuncted* B ²³⁻²⁵ fleise n-uirrdric ris in inadh in ro ²⁴ athair ²⁵ ins. iar sin ²⁶ eet liumsa olchena ⁊ is eet le Dia ²⁷ na ra airehoitigi in nathair ²⁸ da sil B ²⁹ co brach ³⁰ na ro aitreba ³¹ sir a tīr an aitreba bunad a c[h yc M]loindi ³² beid ³³ rigda ³⁴ -ich ⁊ ³⁵ ins. ol se *and om.* sin ³⁶ indsi thuaiscert ³⁷ om. a ³⁸⁻³⁹ aitreab a cloindi ⁊ a chinich co brath ³⁹⁻³⁹ fodera can nathraich do beith in Erinn ⁊ can irchoid do denam ⁴⁰ nathraich ⁴¹⁻⁴¹ om. ⁴² do ⁴³ do sīl Gaeidil Glais ⁴⁴⁻⁴⁴ om. *this sentence and appended poem.*

him. Moses made fervent prayer before God, and put the famous rod upon the place where the serpent stung the lad, so that he was cured. And he said: I command, and God commandeth, that no serpent harm this lad or any of his seed for ever: and that no serpent shall ever dwell in the homeland of his progeny. And, he said, there shall be kings and lords, saints and righteous, of the seed of that lad: and in a northern island of the world it is that the dwelling of his race shall be. This is the reason why there is no serpent in Ireland, and why no serpent or venomous reptile can do harm to any of the seed of Gaedel. And he left bequests to the lad and to his seed, as the poet said —

Poem no. XVIII.

145. Then it is that Nel said: Pharao shall come to us, said he, and shall enslave us, for the welcome that we have given you, and for the crime of failing to hinder you. Come with us on tomorrow's route, said Aaron, and stay with us continually, if so thou wilt: thou shalt obtain an equal share of heritage and of territory in the land which God hath promised to the Sons of Israel for their own service. Or if thou dost prefer, we shall put the pinnaces of Pharao at thy disposal: embark in them upon the sea, and stand by till thou knowest by what means we shall separate from Pharao: and thereafter do thy good pleasure.

That is the advice which is right, said Nel. Then they sent with Nel three thousand men armed and fit for combat, to the place where the ships were, and they were given to Nel, so that they were at his disposal. [(Why) did not the Sons of Israel themselves take the ships? in order that Pharao should not find means of pursuing them].

145. 'chueaind ²⁻² -som daibsi, a maccu Hisrl- ³ can for busdo
⁴⁻⁴ tairr lindi con tuilib muinteri(c) isin sligig imbaireach ⁵ acaind
⁶ duid ⁊ fogeba ⁷ forba ⁊ fearaind ⁸ do ⁹ fadbam fein ¹⁰ mbed
¹¹ do erich inti for muir ¹² fuig-siu B ¹³ feasar-sa cindus seeram-ni
¹⁴ denaid ¹⁵ om. do ¹⁶ comairli ¹⁷ haithli sin ¹⁸ om. sin
¹⁹ comairli ²⁰ a very small dot over the e, of no importance B ²¹ ins.
dul ar cend long Foraind ²² ro cuiread tra andsin ²³ apparently
cuiridh B ²⁴ mile fer ²⁵ om. ²⁶ co ²⁷ Nel ²⁸ chomus
²⁹ berdais B ³⁰ fen ³¹ om. cena ³² nar fagbad ³³ trelma.

(a) The words *sil in meic* clumsily re-inked M.

(b) Written *nadhiaidh* B, and a stroke (= n) *yc* B over *adh*.

(c) Written ^cm1

146. Dochomlai † Nēl || in lin bāi indtibh sin, ⁊ ro ¹fuirich co ²féiceadh gnímratha in lāi iar na ³mārach, .i. ⁴dluighi Mara Rūaidh in ⁵ndiaidh in ⁶fobail, ⁊ ⁷bādhad Foraind eona slūaghaibh ⁸indte, .i. ⁹sē míle coisighe ⁊ ¹⁰cōica míli marcaeh. Is eadh ¹¹sin lin luadh ¹²a ndāil bāis do muindtir ¹³Foraind a Muir Rūaidh.

147. ¹Ötconnaire imorro Nēl Forand eona slūaghaibh do ²bādhadh † ³im Muir Rūaidh ||, ro an ⁴isin ferand cētna, ūair nī bāi ⁵eagla fair na ⁶ōmon. Ocus ro ⁷foirbir a ⁸clann ⁊ a ⁹sīl andsin in nĒigipt, gorsat míligh mōrchalma. Marb Nēl iarsin iar ¹⁰eēin māir ¹¹sin nĒighipt, ⁊ gabais ¹²Gāedhel Glas ⁊ a māthair in ¹³ferand, ⁊ ro ¹⁴geinair mac ¹⁵dosidhein isin tīr cētna, ¹⁵.i. ¹⁶Esrū mac ¹²Gāedheil: ⁊ ro ¹⁷goiner mac ¹⁸dōsidein ¹⁹isin tīr ²⁰cētna, .i. Srū mac Easrū meic Gāeidhil.

148. Dāla slūaigh ¹Ēigipte iarsin, gabhais Forand Tuir in ²flaithus tar ēis ³Foraind Cingceiris. Ocus ba ⁴Forann ⁵tuilleadh anma ⁶gach righ ⁷[rogab] Ēighipt ⁸ōdā Forand Cingceiris gu Forand Nedtenbhus; ⁷ ⁊ ba ⁸hēsidge ⁹in cūiced righ trichad no⁹ in cūiced righ ¹⁰dēg iar ¹¹Forann Cinceiris ro bāidheadh ¹²im Muir Rūaidh. Ocus ¹³ba har cūis onorach ¹⁴atberthea riu-son sin.

149. ¹Imtūsa Fhoraind Tuir iarsin ⁊ ²tslūaigh Ēigibte, ō ro badar ³gu trēn, ro ⁴euimnighsead a n-anfolaigh mbunaidh do ⁵clannaibh Niūil ⁊ ⁶d'fme Gāedheal, .i. a caradradh re Macaibh ⁷Israhel, ⁊ longa Foraind ⁸Cingceiris do breith do Niūil ⁹leis, in tan ro ¹⁰ēlodar Meic ¹¹Israhel. Ro mōradh ¹²cogadh leo ⁊ ¹³anfolta na ¹⁴cean iarsin, ⁊ ro hindarbadh ¹⁵† gu haimdeōnach || a ¹⁶Hēigipt.

146. ¹fuirich B ²faiced ³maireach ⁴dluidi ⁵diaid ⁶pobail
⁷badud ⁸inti ⁹se fichit míli ¹⁰caeca M, *erased* B ¹¹om. sin lin
¹²in ¹³Fhoraind.

147. ¹-chond- ²bathad ³a ⁴annsa nferand chetna ⁵eacla
⁶oman ⁷oirbir ⁸cland ⁹sīl annsin a nEgept corsad ¹⁰cen
¹¹isin Egept ¹²Gaedel (*bis*) ¹³fearann ¹⁴genair ¹⁵⁻¹⁶do Gaedel
iarsin ¹⁶Easru ¹⁷genair ¹⁸dosen ¹⁹is ²⁰chedna.

146. [Nel] The company that was in them set forth, and stood by to see the transactions of the following day—the division of the Red Sea in the wake of the people, and the drowning of Pharao with his hosts therein—six <score> thousand footmen and fifty thousand horsemen. That is the tally that went to meet death of the people of Pharao in the Red Sea.

147. Now when Nel saw Pharao with his hosts drowned [in the Red Sea], he remained upon the same estate; for he had no fear nor terror. His progeny and his seed increased there in Egypt, till they were warriors of great valour. Thereafter Nel died, after a long space, in Egypt, and Gaedel Glas and his mother took the estate. A son was born to him in the same land, Esru s. Gaedel. To him was a son born in the same land, Sru s. Esru s. Gaedel.

148. As for the host of Egypt after that, Pharao Tuir took the princedom after Pharao Cineris. Now 'Pharao' was an additional name for every king <who took> Egypt, from Pharao Cineris to Pharao Nectanebus: he was the thirty-fifth—or the fifteenth—King after Pharao Cineris who was drowned in the Red Sea. It was for the sake of honour that this name was bestowed upon them.

149. As for Pharao Tuir thereafter and the host of Egypt, when they attained strength, they called to mind their hereditary hostility against the progeny of Nel and the family of Gaedel—the friendship which he had shown to the Sons of Israel, and Nel's taking of the ships of Pharao Cineris with him, when the Sons of Israel escaped. War and hostilities against them were increased thereafter upon them, and they were expelled, [against their will], out of Egypt.

148. ¹ Eigept imorro ² flaitheas ³ Phoraind Chingiris ⁴ fa
⁵ fuillead ⁶ each ⁷⁻¹ ro gob Eigept ota Phorand Cingiris co
 F. Nechdenebus ⁸ hesiden ⁹⁻⁹ om. ¹⁰ dec ¹¹ Forand Cingeris
¹² i ¹³ fa ar ¹⁴ adb. riu-san.

149. ¹ imthusa ² tluaig Eigept ³ co ⁴ chuimnigse a n-anf.
⁵ clandaib ⁶ do Fine Gaeidil ⁷ Hisrl- ⁸ Cingeris ⁹ les ¹⁰ eladar
¹¹ Hisrl- asin dairi Eigeptagda ¹² cocad ¹³ anfolтана ¹⁴ om.
¹⁵ co ¹⁶ Hegept.

150. Srū † mac Easrū meic ¹Gäidhil ‖, ²is ē ba taiseach do ¹Gäedelaibh ³agan indarba † a ⁴Hëigipt ⁵ō ra bāitheadh Forand ⁶im Muir Rūaidh an dheagaidh Mae nIsrahel ‖. Sechtmoga 7 secht cēt bliadan ō dīlind ⁷ēonuigi sin: ⁸cethracha 7 ceithre cēt bliadan ōn aimsir sin ⁹nar bāidhead ¹⁰Forand 7 ¹¹ō tānig Sru ¹²mac Easrū a Hëigipt, ¹³gus an aimsir ¹⁴thāngadar Meic Mileadh ¹⁵an Ērinn, † .i. Ēber 7 ¹⁶Ērimōn ‖: ¹⁷dia n-ebairt—

Cethracha 7 ceithri cēt

151. Lucht ¹ceitri long luidh Srū ²a ³Hëigipt, 7 ⁴ceitri lānmhona fichet gacha luinge,⁴ 7 triar ⁵anhos gacha luinge.⁵ Srū 7 a mac .i. Ēber Scot, ⁶ba hiad taisig na loingsi sin.

Is i slīgi dolodar, for Muir Rūaid ⁷d'Inis Tibrad ⁸Fāine, ⁹timecheall Slēibhi Rifi botūaidh eo ¹⁰rāngadar in Sceithīa, 7 con-¹¹snighsead im ¹²flaithus na ¹³Sceithīa .i. ¹⁴clanna Nīūil 7 ¹⁵Neanuail, dā mac ¹⁶Feiniassa Farrsaigh. ¹⁷Ōn aimsir sin go haimsir Reifloir meic Nemain 7 Milidh meic¹⁷ Bile, mōr ¹⁸do ¹⁹cathaibh 7 do chonghalaibh 7 do ²⁰choctaibh 7 do fīngalaibh ro imirsead eatorru ²¹frisín rē sin, ²²gur goin ²³Mīli mac Bile ²⁴Reifloir mac ²⁵Nema.

²⁶Imtūsa Srū, ō rānie in Sceithīa, ²⁷fōcētōir marb Noeneal hua ²⁸Feiniusa. ²⁹Rogabh ³⁰Naenel mac Baaith meic ³¹Naenuail meic ³²Feiniusa Farrsaigh ³³flaitus na Sceithīa. Marb Srū dono ³⁴fōcētōir tarēis ³⁵Naenuail.

150. ¹Gaedil, Gaedelaib ²is he fa ³oan ⁴Hegept
⁵o ro baided ⁶a ⁷coruici ⁸ceath- ⁹inar ¹⁰-ann ¹¹a tainie
¹²om. mac Esru ¹³cus ¹⁴i tancadar ¹⁵in Erind ¹⁶Eremon
¹⁷dia ndebairt in teolach.

151. ¹ceathra ²ins. mac, but no more ³Hegept ⁴⁻⁴ceithri
lanamna fiched cada luingi ⁵⁻⁵amus forcraid cada luingi ⁶fa hiad
toisich ⁷7 dindsib ⁸Fane ⁹ins. 7 timchell Slebe R. fothuaid

150. Sru [s. Esru s. Gaedel], he it is who was chieftain for the Gaedil at that expulsion [from Egypt, after Pharao was drowned in the Red Sea, in the wake of the Sons of Israel]. Seven hundred and seventy years from the Flood till then: four hundred and forty years from that time when Pharao was drowned, and when Sru s. Esru came out of Egypt, to the time when the sons of Mil came into Ireland, [to wit, Eber and Eremon]: whereanent one said—

Poem no. XII.

151. Four ships' companies strong went Sru out of Egypt. There were twenty-four wedded couples and three hirelings for every ship. Sru and his son Eber Scot, they were the leaders of that voyage.

The route which they followed was on the Red Sea to the island of Taprobane, around the Rhipaeon Mountain northward till they reached Scythia, and contested in the matter of the principedom of Scythia—that is, the progeny of Nel and Nenual, the two sons of Feinius Farsaid. From that time till the time of Refloir son of Noemius and of Mil son of Bile, many battles and combats and wars and kin-murders were transacted between them during that space, till Mil son of Bile inflicted a mortal wound upon Refloir son of Noemius.

As for Sru, when he reached Scythia, immediately Nenual grandson of Feinius died. Nenual son of Baath son of Nenual son of Fenius Farsaid took the principedom of Scythia. Now Sru died immediately after Nenual.

¹⁰ rancadar ¹¹ -srigsed ¹² flaithius ¹³ Sceithia ¹⁴ elanda
¹⁵ Nenuail ¹⁶ Feniusa Farsaich ¹⁷⁻¹⁷ o aimsir Raffloir meic Nemain
cosin ⁊ asin co Milid mac ¹⁸ ins. tra ¹⁹ chathaib ²⁰ chothaib
²¹ foden fris in ²² cor ²³ Milig ²⁴ Refloir ²⁵ Owing to a blot,
looks like Neman B; Nema na sliasait M ²⁶ imthusa ²⁷ fochedair ro
be marb Noenel ²⁸ Fheniusa ²⁹ rogob ³⁰ Noennel ³¹ Noennil
³² Feni;a Farsaich ³³ flaithius ³⁴ fochedoir ³⁵ Noennil.

152. ¹Gabas Ēber Scot † mac Srū || ²air ēigin rīghi na ³Scēithia ōs cloind ⁴Neanuail † meic Feiniasa ||, ⁵condorchair la ⁶Nainias mac Neanuail. † Ar marbadh Ēbir trā ||, ⁷bāi ⁸cosnam mōr † ⁹im flaithus || itir ¹⁰Neinius † mac ¹¹Nainil || † ¹²Beoamoin mac Ēbir ¹³Sguit.

¹⁴Gabas Beoaman rīghi a nirt ¹⁵cosnamha atōn Scēithia ¹⁶Thūais-certaig gu tracht Mara Caisp, ¹⁷gundorchair i ¹⁸ceilig catha la ¹⁹Ninias mac ²⁰Neanuail. ²¹Gabas ²²Nenias in ²³flaitus iarsin, ²⁴condorchair la ²⁵Hogamman mac ²⁶mBeoamain a ndigail a athar. ²⁷Gabas Ogamman iarsin in ²⁸rīghe ²⁹conerbailt indte, † .i. isin ³⁰rīge ||. Bāi cosnom imon ³¹Flaithus ³²fri a rē, ³³cethra mblíadna iar sin, ³⁴idir ³⁵Refleoir mac ³⁶Refill † ³⁷Milidh mac ³⁸mBile. ³⁹Ocus is andsin ⁴⁰bāi ingean gnáitheach ag Refleoir diar bho ⁴¹comainm ⁴²Seang ingean ⁴³Refleoir, † ro ⁴⁴furail Refleoir air Milidh mac mBile in ⁴⁵ingen soin, † ⁴⁶dosfuigh ⁴⁷Milid mac Bile, † bāi ⁴⁸aige go grádhach, ⁴⁹go rug dias chloindi dhō, .i. Aireach ⁵⁰Fabhruadh † Donn a ⁵¹n-anmanda. Is andsin ro ⁵²cograd Refulair a cliamain do marbad, ⁵³air ba ⁵⁴heagail lais a thiachtain fris ⁵⁵fa rīghi: † ⁵⁶rāinig a fis sin do mac Bile, † .i. a ⁵⁷chogar da cliamain ||. Ocus dochuaidh ⁵⁸fēin i cenn cogaidh iar sin, † ro ⁵⁹comraig † ⁶⁰Rofeallair, † ro gonsun ⁶¹Refallair ⁶²gu garb † ⁶³gu hamnas tria na ⁶⁴sliasaid, † ⁶⁵ba guin dígla † bháis. ⁶⁶Ro theasbaigh mōr ⁶⁷ag slúaghaibh na Scēithia ⁶⁸im lot † im guin a tigerna do mac ⁶⁹mBile, † ro ⁷⁰hindarbadh asin Scēithia hē, † dochuaidh ⁷¹Milidh iarsin † ⁷²rug a claind leis. Ceithre barca a mor-⁷³coblach, cōic ⁷⁴lānomna dēg ⁷⁵gacha bairce † amos ⁷⁶forcaidh gan mnaí. Ansd trī ⁷⁷mīsa an ⁷⁸inis Tíbrad Fáine: trī ⁷⁹mīsa ele dōib for ⁸⁰fairge gur rāngadar Éigipt, .i. a cind ⁸¹cethra mblíadna ⁸²cōicat ar trī ⁸³cēt ar míle iar ngabháil Érenn do ⁸⁴Parthalōn, † a cind ⁸⁵cethra ar dēc ar nōi cētaibh iar mbádhadh ⁸⁶Forann Cingēris i ⁸⁷Muir Rūaid.

152. ¹-ais ²ar eicin ³Scēithia ⁴Nenuail m. Fheniusa ⁵co torchair ⁶Nacnius m. Nenuail ⁷bui ⁸cosnam main flaithus ⁹imon flaithius ¹⁰Noenius ¹¹Nenuail ¹²Boamain ¹³Scuit ¹⁴-ais Boamain in rīgi ¹⁵chosnama ¹⁶-taich co ¹⁷co torchair ¹⁸celg chatha ¹⁹Nenius ²⁰Nenuail ²¹gobais ²²Noenius ²³flaithius ²⁴co torchair ²⁵-amain ²⁶om. m- ²⁷gabais Ogamain ²⁸rīgi ²⁹conderbailt inti ³⁰rīgi ³¹flaithius ³²fri re ³³cheathra ³⁴itir ³⁵Raffloir ³⁶Rifill ³⁷Milig ³⁸Bili ³⁹om. † ⁴⁰ro bāi ingen gnaieach ae Refloir ⁴¹chomainm ⁴²Seng ⁴³Refloir ⁴⁴furail Refloir ar Milig ⁴⁵n-ingen sin ⁴⁶dusfuc ⁴⁷om. Milid

152. Eber Scot [son of Sru] took the kingship of Scythia by force from the progeny of Nenual [son of Feinius], till he fell at the hands of Noemius son of Nenual. [Now after the slaying of Eber], there was great contention [in the matter of the principedom], between Noemius [son of Nenual] and Boamain son of Eber Scot.

Boamain took the kingship by force of combat from Northern Scythia to the shore of the Caspian Sea, till he fell in a battle-ambush at the hands of Noemius son of Nenual. Noemius took the principedom thereafter, till he fell at the hands of Ogamain son of Boamain in vengeance for his father. Ogamain took the kingship thereafter till he died in it—[that is, in the kingship]. There was contention in the matter of the principedom during his time, four years after that, between Refloir s. Refill and Mil s. Bile. Now Refloir had a comely daughter there, whose name was Seng d. Refloir: and Refloir offered that maiden to Mil s. Bile. Mil s. Bile took her, and she was with him in loving wise, till she bore him two children; Airech Februd and Donn were their names. Then it was that Refloir plotted to slay his kinsman, for he feared that he would come against him for the kingship. Tidings thereof came to the son of Bile, [that is to say, of his kinsman's plotting]. Thereafter he himself went to battle, and he and Refloir fought, and he wounded Refloir severely and painfully through his thigh—a wound of vindictiveness and of death. The hosts of Scythia felt it a great loss that their lord should be hurt and mortally wounded by the son of Bile, and he was expelled out of Scythia: so Mil went thereafter, and took his children with him. Four ships were their sea-fleet, fifteen wedded couples in each ship, and an additional unwived hireling. They remained three months in the island of Taprobane. Other three months had they on the sea till they reached Egypt, at the end of one thousand three hundred fifty and four years after Partholon took Ireland, and at the end of nine hundred and fourteen years after the drowning of Pharaoh Cineris in the Red Sea.

⁴⁶ aici co gradach ⁴⁹ 7 ruc dis do chloind ⁶⁰ Februd ⁵¹ n-anmann
⁵² chocair Refloir ⁵³ ar ⁵⁴ haigmeil leis ⁵⁵ ima rigi ⁵⁶ ranic in fisin da
mae Bili ⁵⁷ chocur ⁵⁸ fen a cend in choicid ⁵⁹ ehomraic ⁶⁰ Refloir 7 ro
gon-son ⁶¹ ins. 7 B: Rafloir M ⁶² co (bis) ⁶³ -ait ⁶⁴ fa ⁶⁵ fa ro
easbaid ⁶⁶ ac ⁶⁷ um ⁶⁸ om. m- ⁶⁹ hinnarbad ⁷⁰ Milig ⁷¹ ruc leis a cland
⁷² choblach ⁷³ -amna dec ⁷⁴ cacha bairci ⁷⁵ sic B forcraid cen M ⁷⁶ mis
⁷⁷ indsi Thibrad Fane ⁷⁸ mis aile ⁷⁹ fairrgi co rancadar crieh Eigepti
⁸⁰ cheathra ⁸¹ ins. ar ⁸² chedaib ar mili ⁸³ Parr- ⁸⁴ .iiii. mbl- dec ar cet
ar nae (c sprs. cM) mbl. ⁸⁵ Foraind Cingeris ⁸⁶ a.

153. ¹Forann Nechtenibus ba rígh Eígipti in innbhaig sin, amail rocan in t-eólach in rann so,¹

Ro gon Milig, fa maith clann . . .

Ocus ²robāi ingen ³ig Forand .i. Scota a hainm-sidēin, ⁴ ro ⁵ehuindig Milidh in ingen sin, ⁶ tug Forand dō hī: ⁷ ruc in Scota sin dā mac dhō, .i. ⁸Aimirgein Glūngeal ⁹ Eimir a ¹⁰h-anmanda. Is ¹¹andsin ro indarb ¹²Alaxandair rígh in domain in ¹³Forand sin, ¹⁴ōr nīr bo riarach dō hē, ¹⁵ ro ¹⁶dichair san Eithiōip ¹⁷ndeisceartaig budeas he: ¹⁸ ro ¹⁹cumdaiged cathair la Halaxandar ²⁰in Eígipt iar ndichar Foraind dhō,²¹ .i. Alaxandria a hainm.²² Anais trā ²³Milidh mac ²⁴Bile ocht mbliadna ²⁵in Eígipt, ²⁶ ro foglaimsead dā ²⁷fear dēe ²⁸dia muindtir prímdāna: ²⁹in Sēghdha, in Sobairce, ³⁰ in Suirghe fria³¹ sāirsi, ³²Mandtan ³³Caithear ³⁴Fulman ³⁵fria draidheacht; badar ³⁶bualaind ³⁷badair ³⁸firbreathaigh in triar ³⁹oile, .i. ⁴⁰Goisdean ⁴¹Amairgein ⁴²Dond: badar ⁴³cathbūaghaigh in triar ⁴⁴ele, .i. ⁴⁵Milidh ⁴⁶Oige ⁴⁷Uige. ⁴⁸Ocus ro ailsead a ⁴⁹n-il-gnimha ⁵⁰ a n-ill-dānacht isin ⁵¹Eígipt.

154. O ¹ro fairigh trā ²Milidh ³fainde ⁴ aimneart do thiachtain ⁵d'Forand, ⁶ † ⁷ Alaxandair ⁸aga indarba ||, ⁹ ceileabraidh dō: ¹⁰ nīr ¹¹hair a ūamhoin itir, acht ro ¹²tairrgeiridh ¹³ō druídhīb ¹⁴ferann ¹⁵ rígh do ghabhāil dō. ¹⁶Doluigh Milidh iarsin ¹⁷ † for Muir Rūaidh ||, in līn cētna ¹⁸robāi, ¹⁹ ro Scota ingen Foraind leis.

155. ¹Dosfāinegh gāeth mōr, ²bertais sair ism ³n-aigen, ⁴seach Indniam, seach Cirord, ⁵seach Golgardaina, seach Indber nGaind, d'inis ⁶Tibra Faine, ⁷ † ⁸ anaid mī innti ||, ⁹congabhads tīr ¹⁰indti. ¹¹Imrēid iar sin seach ¹²India, seach Sliabh ¹³Coguaist aniar, ¹⁴seach Ithiam, seach sruth ¹⁵Boriam, ¹⁶seach Sceithiam ¹⁷iartharaigh sīar, ¹⁸do inbhear Mara Caisp. Gabhsad ¹⁹tost trī nōmaide for Muir ²⁰Caisp fria dord na ²¹murdhūchond. ²² † Is ē fáilti doniad, canaid ceól ²³im n-a cure[h]aibh ²⁴ im na bareaibh,

153. ¹ Forand Fornechtenibus fa rig Egept an inbaid sin, ² fuair Milig morfailti aici: ³ ro is do sin ro chan in t-eolach in rand-sa ⁴ bai (om. ro) ⁵ oc ⁶ -dich Milig ⁷ tue ⁸ Aimirgin Gluingel ⁹ Emer ¹⁰ -nna ¹¹ annsin ¹² Alaxandair rig ¹³ Forann ¹⁴ uair ni ba ¹⁵ dichuir isan Eitheoib ¹⁶ -aich fodeas ¹⁷ cumdaigh B chuindich M ¹⁸⁻¹⁹ om. ²⁰ ins. na cathrach sin ²¹ iar ndichur Foraind ro cumdaiged in cathair sin ²² Milig ²³ Bili ²⁴ an Egept ²⁵ Yer ²⁶ da ²⁷⁻²⁸ .i. Segda ²⁹ ro Sobairce ³⁰ Scuirgi fri ³¹ Mantan ³² Caither ³³ fri draigecht ³⁴ buadlaind ³⁵ -aich ³⁶ aile ³⁷ Goisten ³⁸ Aimirgin ³⁹ ins. i B: cathbudaig M ⁴⁰ aile ⁴¹ Milig ⁴² Oici ⁴³ Uici ⁴⁴ ro ailsead ⁴⁵ -gnima ⁴⁶ ro a n-ill-danacht ⁴⁷ nEgept.

153. Pharao Nechtenibus was King of Egypt at that time, as the learned sang this quatrain

Poem no. XIX.

Now Pharao had a daughter named Scota, and Mil asked for that maiden, and Pharao gave her to him: and that Scota bore two sons to him, Amorgen Glungel and Eber their names. It is then that Alexander, king of the world, drove out that Pharao, for he was not submissive to him, and expelled him southward, into southern Ethiopia: and a city was built by Alexander in Egypt after he had expelled Pharao, Alexandria its name. Mil son of Bile tarried eight years in Egypt, and twelve men of his followers learnt the principal arts: Segda, Sobairce, and Suirge learnt craftsmanship, Mantan, Caicher, and Fulman learnt druidry: another three, Gosten, Amorgen, and Donn, were arbitrators and judges: the other three, Mil, Oici, and Uici, were warriors. They nurtured their multiplicity of actions and of accomplishments in Egypt.

154. Now when Mil perceived that weakness and loss of strength had come upon Pharao, [and that Alexander was driving him out], he took leave of him: by no means from fear, but it had been promised him by druids that he would get an estate and a kingdom. Thereafter Mil went [upon the Red Sea]—there was the same tally as before—and Scota daughter of Pharao with him.

155. A great wind came upon them, which carried them eastward in the ocean, past India, past *Cirord*, past *Golgardoma*, past the estuary of the Ganges, to the island of Taprobane, and they landed therein. [They remain within it a month]. Thereafter they voyaged past India, past Mount Caucasus from the west, past *Ithia*, past the river *Boria*, past western Scythia westward, to the estuary of the Caspian Sea. They were in silence for three weeks upon the Caspian Sea, by

154. ¹ra airig ²Milig ³faindi ⁴-nerti ⁵ar ⁶aca n-endarba
⁷celebraid ⁸hara oman ⁹-giread ¹⁰Forann righe B: ferann 7 rigi do
 gobail M ¹¹doluid ¹²om. robai.

155. ¹-fanic in gaeth ²7 beris soir ³n-aicen ⁴sech Innia sech
⁵sech Golgordoma ⁶Tibraid Fane ⁷i. Matumiti B ⁸ins. 7 ⁹innti
¹⁰imrit ¹¹Innia ¹²Cucais ¹³seach (Iriam *expuncted*) Ithiam B sech
 n-Ithiam M ¹⁴Boiriam ¹⁵sech Sceithia ¹⁶-aich siar ¹⁷d'indber
¹⁸tost .i. ix maide B, tost ind .iii. ix maidi M ¹⁹Chaisp fri ²⁰-duchand
²¹in in a B in a curchaib 7 in a mbarcaib ²²cuimgid ²³can chodlad

cona ²²eumgaid na dāine ²³gan colludh fris. ²⁴Intī is eólach friu doberaid bī leaghtha na ²⁵elūassaibh, ar ²⁶na cluindis in ceól itir. Ro ²⁷eachladar ceól iarom do muindtir, ²⁸|| eor theasaig Caitear drai.²⁹

Dolodar a tīr na ³⁰Cichloisgthe:

B

fearoid-sidēin cath amail fīru friu. Is aire do loisedis a cīche deassa, ar na tairmisedis a congeindtleacht, conad anfaith gebeas f[]athus in tīre sin. Dā ceinēl trichad a l-lin. Do fagsat—

M

7 fearaid catha co hilda amail fīru friu. Is aire ro loisedis a cīchi deasa, ar na tairmised a n-dībraici umpu. Ocus is ē lin geibeas flaithius in tīri sin .i. dā ehenēl trichad a lin. Ocus do faesad—

meic ³¹Milidh lucht ³²fichit long dia ³³muinteir annsin, 7 ³⁴ceithre ³⁵ceinēla cethrachad ³⁶gu Seethia.

156. Dolodar ¹seach Albaniam siar, ²seach ³Slēibh Rífi a ⁴tūaigh, sech Alania, ⁵conngabhsat in nAissia. Ansad ⁶mī indte. ⁷Asbert Caithear draí friu: Nī anfaidis ⁸gu roistis Érin. ⁹Rēisead iarom seach ¹⁰Ghothiam do German: ceithre ceinēl cōicat a lin, in tan dono ¹¹thāinig loingis Mac ¹²Miled, gur gabsad in ¹³Gearmain ina hoirrtir. ¹⁴Dolodar dā n-ocht ¹⁵dēg ¹⁶milidh do mileadaibh ¹⁷Traicia for loingeas, ¹⁸gu macu Miled, .i. fo elū ¹⁹uirdercu(i)s na loingsi; ²⁰combadar ²¹in n-āentaidh Mac ²²Miled: 7 do ²³rarnгаirsead arsaidhe dōibhsium soighe thīre leo dia ngabhdaís ²⁴tīr feisin. ²⁵Dēsin trā rothsealgadar Gāidhil ar ēigin in tīr a ²⁶filead Cruithneachu. In ²⁷mileidh sin trā ²⁸dolodar a ²⁹Traicia i Cruitheantuaithe.(b) ³⁰Rēisseadh iar sin tar sruth ³¹Rēin, seach ³²Gailliam do ³³Belgicham i bail ³⁴ocht ceandadacha dēg ³⁵7 i bail cūig caitheacha dēg ar cēt: ³⁶seach ³⁷lind Lughdhanensis, ³⁸sech Gailliam Equituniam in Easpāin³⁹ deiscertaigh: dar

²¹ neach ²⁵ cluasaib ²⁶ nach cluintis ²⁷ chechladar ²⁸ ins. Milid: co ro theasaire ²⁹ ins. iad: do lotar i tīr ³⁰ -loisci. In mg. in a 17th cent. hand, Amazonam regio, M ³¹ Milead ³² om. fichit B ³³ ^c M ³⁴ ceithri M, im. changed to the numeral by dotting the minims B ³⁵ ^m ceinela ceath-³⁶ co.

156. ¹ sech Albania ² ins. 7 ³ Sliab Rife ⁴ tuaid 7 seach ⁵ congsabsad inaicia ⁶ mis inti ⁷ adbert ⁸ friu ⁹ co roithdis Erind ¹⁰ roichset iarum ¹¹ Goithiam ¹² tanie loinges ¹³ -ead cor ¹⁴ German isin n-airther ¹⁵ dolotar ¹⁶ om. ¹⁷ milead ¹⁸ ins. na: Traigia for loinges ¹⁹ co macaib

reason of the crooning of the Sirens. [This is the welcome they would make: they would chant music around their canoes and their ships, and the people could not choose but fall asleep thereat. He who was most cunning among them would place molten pitch in their ears, so that they should hear naught of the music. Thereafter they sang music to the followers (of Mil,)] till Caicher the druid rescued them.

They came into the land of the Amazons,

who fought a battle like men with them. This is why they were wont to burn their right breasts, that they should not hinder (their warrior-craft, so that no tyrant)^(a) should take dominion of that country. Thirty-two tribes were their tally.

who fought battles in multitudes like unto men with them. This is why they were wont to burn their right breasts that their archery should not be interfered with thereby. This is the tally of them that took dominion of that land, thirty-two tribes. And

The sons of Mil left the crews of twenty ships of their people there, and forty-four companies [from that back] to Scythia.

156. They came past Albania westward, past the Rhipaeon Mountain in the north, past Alania, till they settled in Asia. They stayed a month there. Caicher the druid said unto them: Ye shall not rest till ye reach Ireland. Thereafter they journeyed past Gothia to Germania: fifty-four tribes was their tally when the expedition of the sons of Mil came, and they settled in Germania in the East. Twice eighfteen of the soldiers of Thrace came on an expedition to the sons of Mil, that is, inspired by the fame of the glory of the expedition: so that they came into a league with the sons of Mil: and elders had promised them that they should attain to a territory along with them, if they should themselves take land. For that reason the Gaedil attacked by force the land where the Cruithne are. Now these soldiers came from Thrace into Piet-land. They sailed thereafter across the river Rhine, past Gallia to Belgia, where there are eighteen

Milead ²⁰ 7 airrdereus ²¹ ins. sin ²² an aentaich ²³ -ead ²⁴ rairngirsead
 faidi doibscam saigid thiri ²⁵ fesin tir ²⁶ Is desin tra ro selgadar Gaedil
²⁷ fuilead Cruithnig aniu ²⁸ Milig ²⁹ dolodar *dittographed* ³⁰ Tragia
³¹ rearsad ³² Ren ³³ Gailliane ³⁴ Belgichaine i fail i fuil (*sic*) ³⁵⁻³⁶ .iii.
 cennacha dec ca fuilead .ii. cathracha deg ar chet ³⁶ 7 ins. *sec. man.* B
³⁷ lind *dittographed* B ³⁸⁻³⁹ seach Gailliam seach Earituniam siar co

(a) See the note, pp. 146-7.

(b) An erasure of three letters here, B.

Druim Sait in ³⁸Easpāin ⁴⁰tūaisceartaigh, tar ⁴¹Farus, combadar ⁴²a cathair Breogaínd, ⁊ ⁴³ba folam-sidhe ar a ⁴⁴chind, ⁊ ansad ⁴⁵andsidhe tricha an ⁴⁶aittreabh; ⁊ ⁴⁷feaedair ceithre catha ⁴⁸air cōicat ⁴⁹fria Heaspanchu ⁊ Longbardu ⁊ Baceru, ⁊ ro ⁵⁰moighsead uile re ⁵¹Milidh mac ⁵²mBile im ⁵³ceart nEaspāine,⁵⁴ ⁊ ro ⁵⁵fertha na catha ⁵⁶soin uile ⁵⁷gur ghabh flaithus nEaspāine ar ēigin. Ocus is dē sin ro ⁵⁸hainmmigead .i. ⁵⁹Milid Easpāine,⁶⁰ ūair Golamh a ⁶¹cēt ainm: ⁊ isin ⁶²Easpāin ro geinidar dā mac ⁶³Miled .i. ⁶⁴Éirimōn ⁊ Arondan, in ⁶⁵dā šosar. In dā ⁶⁶sindsear imorro .i. Dond ⁊ Aircach ⁶⁷Fabruadh, isin Sceithia ⁶⁸rugtha, ⁊ Seang ingean Rafallair meic ⁶⁹Nema a māthair: Colptha ⁷⁰oc na Gaethlaigib: ⁷¹rugadh Hir for Muir ⁷²Traigia ro ⁷³geinir ⁷⁴Eber Find ⁊ ⁷⁵Amairgein in Eigipt. Rugtha sē meic og mac Miled re Scota, ⁊ dā mac ris in ⁷⁶nEaspanāigh. Is dē ⁷⁷sin asbert in ⁷⁸flidh,

Ocht meic Golaim na n-gāire . . .

⁷⁹Ocus gu roibi slighe Milidh cona muindteir sin, ātō in Sceithia ⁸⁰Airrtheraig gu Heighipt ⁊ ātō Eigipt gu Heaspāin. ⁸¹Dosfāinigh tamh,⁸² conceipil dā lānomain dēg dē,(a) im na ⁸³trī ⁸⁴rīgha Easpāine, .i. Milidh ⁊ ⁸⁵Oigi ⁊ Uige: amail ⁸⁶asbert ⁸⁷Cend Faeladh ⁸⁸is a slicht⁸⁹ so —

Doluid Milid as in Sceithia.

157. ¹No go maidh i so gnāth-slighe na nGhāedheal: oir it ag(c) Oguman¹ ro ²Tagsamar, ⁊ gē ro leanamar do Milig cona muindtir is lind ³impōgh gu Hogaman dorighisi.

⁴Gabas Refill mac Nemin ⁶rīghi, co dorchair la ⁷Taid mac Ogamain. Do rochair Tait iarom do lāim ⁸Refloir meic Réfill. Bāi ⁹cosnam flaithusa itir ¹⁰Raffloir mac Refill ⁊ ¹¹Agnomain mac ¹²Taid, condorchair ¹³Refleoir.

Heasbain ndeascertaich ³⁹inasp an e ins. above the a sec. man. M ⁴⁰-taich ⁴¹forus ⁴²i ⁴³fa falam-siden ⁴⁴cind ⁴⁵andsiden ⁴⁶aitreib ⁴⁷fidhis(b) ceithri ⁴⁸ar ⁴⁹fri Baeru ⁵⁰moidsead uili ⁵¹Milig ⁵²om. m- ⁵³cheart ⁵⁴ins. ar eigin ⁵⁵feartha ⁵⁶sin ⁵⁷corgob flaithius ⁵⁸-ged-som ⁵⁹Milig ⁶⁰ins. dorad fris ar a militacht ⁶¹ched ⁶²nEaspain ro geneadar ⁶³-ead ⁶⁴Eremon ⁊ Earannan ⁶⁵dana šosar ⁶⁶-ser ⁶⁷Februad ⁶⁸rucad iad ⁊ Sreng ingen Refloir ⁶⁹ins. sec. man. B: Nemain M ⁷⁰o Gnathlaidhgib B ⁷¹rucad imorro ⁷²Thraigia ⁷³genair ⁷⁴Emer ⁷⁵Aimirgin san Egept rucad. Se meic ag Milig ⁷⁶nEaspain ⁷⁷om. sin ⁷⁸t-eolach ⁷⁹acus is i sin sligi cloindi Milead Easpaine cona muintir ota ⁸⁰airthearach co Hegept ⁊ ota Eigipt co Hespain ⁸¹dosfanic

provinces and a hundred and fifteen cities: past the Gulf of Lyons, past Gallia Aquitania, into southern Spain: over Druim Sait into Northern Spain, over the Pyrenees (?), till they were in the city of Breogan. It was empty before them, and there remained within it thirty of their homesteads. They fought fifty-four battles with the Hispani and the Langobardi and the Bacru, and they were all subdued by Mil s. Bile in the matter of the title to Spain: all those battles were fought, till he (Mil) obtained the principedom of Spain by force. Thence was he called Mil of Spain: for 'Golam' was his first name. In Spain were two sons of Mil born, Eremon and Arandan, the two youngest. The two eldest, Donn and Airech Februa, in Scythia were they born, and Seng daughter of Refloir s. Nema was their mother. Colpha, at the Marshes was he born; Ir was born on the Thraecian Sea; Eber Find and Amorgen in Egypt. Six of the sons of Mil were born of Scota, two of them in Spain: thereant spake the poet —

Poem no. XX.

And in that wise was the route of Mil with his people, from Eastern Scythia to Egypt, and from Egypt to Spain. There came a plague, so that twelve wedded couples of his people died thereof, including the three kings of Spain, Mil and Oece and Uece; as Cend Faelad saith in the following version

Poem no. XIV.

157. Or it may be that this is the beaten track of the Gaedil: we have left it at Ogamain; and though we have followed on to Mil with his people, it is time to return to Ogamain again.

Refill s. Noemius took the kingdom, till he fell at the hands of Tat s. Ogamain. Thereafter Tat fell at the hand of Refloir s. Rifill. There was a contention for the principedom between Refloir s. Refill and Agnomain s. Tat, until Refloir fell.

⁸¹ *ins.* enlaithi an Espain coneibil da lanamain dheg ⁸² tur B ⁸⁴ rigaib
⁸³ Uici ⁊ Oici ⁸⁵ adfed ⁸⁷ Cenn ⁸⁸⁻⁸⁹ *om.*

157. ¹⁻² Atbearait araile do eolchaib is i seo gnath-sligid na nGaeideal uair is ae Ogamain ³ faesamar ⁴ impod co Hogamain dorisi ⁵ uair dogob
⁶ in rigi condorchair ⁷ Tait ⁸ Refloir meic Rifill ⁹ imchosnom flaithiusa
¹⁰ Refloir m. Rifill ¹¹ Ogamain ¹² Tait ¹³ Refloir do laim (Ogamain meic *ꝥc M in marg.*) Thait.

(a) One letter, with a stroke above it, erased here, M.

(b) Not clearly written: might also be -ir.

(c) Written ΔḶḶḶḶḶḶḶḶ ΔḶ B, the mark over the o partly erased.

158. ¹Conad aire sin ro hindarbadh sil ²nGædil for muir, i. ³Agnomain γ ⁴Lāmfind a mac, eo mbadar secht bliadna for muir ⁵a timeoll in domain a tūaidh. ⁶As lia a thuiream na mar indistear : γ ⁷'is andsin ro ⁸chēsadar mōr d'ule. ⁹Is ¹⁰aire tugadh Lāmfind ¹¹ar mac ¹²nAghnomoin, ¹³ar na ba soillsi ¹⁴caindell inaid a lāmha eon ¹⁵imrom. ¹⁶Trī longa dōibh, γ ceangal ¹⁷etorru na deachsad cāch ¹⁸dībh ō chēle. Trī ¹⁹tōisig badar ²⁰oga, iār ²¹n-ēg Agnomain isin ²²muinchind Mara Caisp, i. ²³Lāmfind γ Alloth γ Caithear drai.

159. Is ¹ē in Caithear sin ²dorighne ³leigheas dōibh dia mbāi in ⁴murdūchaidn aga mbrēgadh, i. bāi in ⁵collud aga forrach ⁶frisín ⁷ceōl. Is ⁸ē leigheas fuair ⁹Caither dōib, i. ¹⁰cēir do leaghadh ¹¹na clūasaibh. Is ¹²ē ¹³Caithear adubairt dia ¹⁴rosfug in gāeth isin n-aigen, ¹⁵gur cēsadar mōr do gorta γ ¹⁶d'itaid and, eo ¹⁷ruachtadar a cind seachtmaine ¹⁸i rind mōr ¹⁹ō Slēbh Rifi bho tūaid, conadh isin rind sin ²⁰fuaradar tobar ²¹go mblās ²²īina, ²³go ro ²⁴loingsi (*sic*) and combadar trī ²⁵lā γ trī ²⁶haidhehe in a eotludh andsin : ²⁷condebairt ²⁸Caithear drai : ²⁹Ērigh, ar sē, γ nī anfam ³⁰go roisium Ēriu. Ca hairm ³¹atā Ēriu? ar ³²Lāmfind mac Agnōin. Is ³³faidi, ar ³⁴Cathar drai, ³⁵nā 'n Sceithia, γ nī sind fēin ³⁶roichfeas acht ar cland, ³⁷a cind trī cēt bliadan ³⁸ōndiu.

158. ¹ conadh uime B ² nGædil tar ³ Agnon ⁴ Laimind ⁵ timchell (*om. a*) ⁶ uair is lia a tuir. ⁷ *om. is andsin* ⁸ chesidar ⁹ *ins.* γ ¹⁰ airi thuead Lamfind ¹¹ *om.* ar mac B ¹² Agnon ¹³ uair nīr bo ¹⁴ coindell anait ¹⁵ imram ¹⁶ ceathra ¹⁷ eturru ¹⁸ o chele dib ¹⁹ taisich ²⁰ acco ²¹ nec Agnon ²² -cind M ²³ Lamfind γ Elloth.

159. ¹ he ² dorindi. ³ leiges doib ⁴ -chand oga mbregad ⁵⁻⁸ collad oca mellad ⁶ *written ceoil and the i expuncted B* ⁷ he leiges ⁸ -theair

158. For that reason was the seed of Gaedel driven forth upon the sea, to wit Agnomain and Lamfind his son, so that they were seven years on the sea skirting the world on the northern side. More than can be reckoned or related <is their adventure>, and there they suffered much of hardship. The reason why the name Lamfhind was given to the son of Agnomain was, that not (greater) in radiance was a candle than his hands, on the voyage. They had three ships with a coupling between them, that none of them should move away from the rest. They had three chieftains after the death of Agnomain on the surface of the Caspian Sea, namely Lamfhind and Allot and Caicher the druid.

159. This is that Caicher who made a remedy for them, when the sirens were playing them false: sleep was overcoming them at the music. This is a remedy which Caicher the druid found for them, to melt wax in their ears. It is Caicher who spake when the wind drave them into the ocean, so that they suffered much with hunger and thirst there; till at the end of a week they reached a great promontory northward from the Rhipacan Mountain, and in that promontory they found a spring with the taste of wine, and they feasted there, and were three days and three nights asleep there. But Caicher the druid said: Rise, said he, we shall not rest until we reach Ireland. What place is 'Ireland'? said Lamfhind son of Agnomain. Further than Scythia is it, said Caicher the druid; it is not ourselves who shall reach it, but our children, at the end of three hundred years from today.

⁹ cer ¹⁰ ins. na leagad ¹¹ he ¹² .ther ¹³ .fuc ¹⁴ om. gur: ceseadar
¹⁵ ditaí B ¹⁶ ro riachtadar ¹⁷ a ¹⁸ om. o: Slebe Rife fo thuaid
¹⁹ fuairdar ²⁰ co ²¹ fina ²² co ²³ loingsead ²⁴ laithi ²⁵ haidchi na
codlad ²⁶ conearbailt B ²⁷ .ther ²⁸ cirgid ²⁹ co roisem Erind ³⁰ ita an
Eriu ³¹ Laimfind ³² fada ³³ Caithear ³⁴ ina in ³⁵ roithfeas ³⁶ i
³⁷ oniug.

160. ¹Gabhsat ²īarsin is na Gaethlaigib Meadondaeda. Is andsin ³rugadh mac do ⁴Lāimfind .i. ⁵Ēber Glūinfind : .i. ⁶comarta geala badar for a ghlūinibh. ⁷Is ē ⁸ba ⁹tāiseach ¹⁰dar ēis a athar. ¹¹Hua dō-sain, Feibhri, hua dō-sein Nuada.

161. Brath mac ¹Deaatha meic ²Earchadha meic ³Alloid meic ⁴Nuagad meic ⁵Nenuail meic ⁶Fheibrie Glais meic ⁷Aighne Find meic ⁸Ēbir Glūinfind meic ⁹Lāmfind meic ¹⁰Aghnomain meic ¹¹Thaid meic ¹²Ogamain meic ¹³Beoamoin meic ¹⁴Ēimir Sguith meic ¹⁵Srū meic ¹⁶Easrū meic ¹⁷Gāidil ¹⁸otāid Gāidil.¹⁴ Is ¹⁹ē sein tāinig is na ²⁰Gaethloighibh, ²¹ar ut Mara ²²Toirriam, do ²³Crēid, γ do ²⁴Shigir, γ do riachtadar ²⁵gu Heaspāin ²⁶iar sin. Gabhsat ²⁷Easpāin air ēigin.

162. ¹Adnomain trā mac Tait, is ē ²Gāidheal-tōisinach ³thāinig asin Sceithā. Dā mac lais, .i. Lāimfind γ ⁴Alloth. Āen mac ⁵aig Lāimfind .i. Ēber Glūinfind. Āen mac ⁶ag Alloth, .i. Ēber Dub, i ⁷comhaimsir is na ⁸Gaethloighibh. Dā ⁹hua aeco i ¹⁰comflaithus .i. ¹¹Toith-eachta mac ¹²Teitrih meic ¹³Ēbir ¹⁴Duinn γ ¹⁵Nenuail mac ¹⁶Feibrigh meic ¹⁷Adhgnoin meic ¹⁸Ēbir Glūinfind, γ ¹⁹Soitheachta mac ²⁰Mandtain meic Caithir.¹⁸

163. Lucht ¹ceithre long tra ²tāngadar Gāidhil gu Heaspāin, γ ³mōrseisiur amhus gan mhñā. Brath, lucht luingi. ⁴Oige γ ⁵Uige, lucht dā long—dā bhrāthair iad, .i. dā mac Alloth meic ⁶Ogamain meic ⁷Thoithechta meic ⁸Teitrig meic ⁹Ēbir ¹⁰Duinn meic ¹¹Alloth meic ¹²Ogamoin. ¹³Mandtan, lucht ¹⁴luinge, mac ¹⁵Caicher meic Earchodha

160. ¹gabsad ²sic M; iar nGaethloighibh Meadh eobacdhai B ³rucad ⁴find ⁵Emer Glunfind ⁶comarthada gela ⁷ins. γ ⁸fa ⁹-sech ¹⁰tar ¹¹fa dosiden fa fua Feibrig, ua dosiden .i. Nuada.

161. ¹Deatha ²Ercha ³Alloit ⁴Nuadad ⁵Nenuail ⁶Febri ⁷Agnoin Fhind ⁸Laimfind ⁹Agnoimoin ¹⁰Thait ¹¹-ain ¹²Ebir Scuit ¹³Gaedil ¹⁴⁻¹⁵om. ¹⁶he sin tanic as ¹⁷-laigib ¹⁸om. ar ut B ¹⁹-ian ²⁰Chreid ²¹Thicil ²²eo Hisp. ²³om. iar sin, ins. γ: gabsad ²⁴Er.

160. Thereafter they settled in the Maeotic Marshes. There a son was born to Lamfhind, Eber Glunfhind: that is, white marks were on his knees. He it is who was chieftain after his father. His grandson was Febri: his grandson was Nuadu.

161. Brath s. Death s. Ercha s. Allot s. Nuadu s. Nenual s. Febri Glas s. Agni Find s. Eber Glunfhind s. Lamfhind s. Agnomain s. Tat s. Ogamain s. Boamain s. Eber Scot s. Sru s. Esru s. Gaidel from whom are the Gaidil. He it is who came in [*sic*, read “out of”] the Marshes, along the Torrian Sea, to Crete and to Sicily, and thereafter they reached Spain. They took Spain by force.

162. As for Agnomain s. Tat, he was the Gaedil-chieftain who came out of Scythia. He had two sons, Lamfhind and Alloth. Lamfhind had one son, Eber Glunfhind. Alloth had one son, Eber Dub, at the same time as [the sojourn in] the Marshes. They had two grandsons in joint rule, Toithecht s. Tetrech s. Eber Donn, and Nenual s. Febri s. Agnomain s. Eber Glunfhind; there was also Sothecht s. Mantan s. Caicher.

163. Four ships' companies strong came the Gaedil to Spain, with seven unwived hirelings. Brath, a ship's company. Oece and Uece, two ships' companies: two brethren were they, the sons of Allot s. Ogamain s. Toithecht s. Tetrech s. Eber Donn (*read* Dub) s. Allot s. Ogamain. Mantan, a ship's company—s. Caicher s.

162. ¹ Aignoimen ² Gaeidel-toisech ³ tanic ⁴ Alloith ⁵ ac Lamfhind
⁶ ac ⁷ comaimsir ⁸ Gaethlaidib ⁹ ua aco ¹⁰ -theas ¹¹ Toithechta
¹² Teitrig ¹³ Duib ¹⁴ Febrig ¹⁵ Agnoin ¹⁶ Seothechta ¹⁷ Mantan
¹⁸ *ins. druad.*

163. ¹ cheathra ² thancadar Gaedil co ³ moirfesar amus cen mnai
⁴ Oici 7 Uici ⁵ Nenuaill m. Nemain m. Alloit m. Agnoimen ⁶ Seitrig
⁷ Duib ⁸ Alloit m. Ogamain m. Boamain ⁹ Mantan ¹⁰ luingi i.
¹¹ Caithir m. Erchada

meic ¹²Caemtheachta meic ¹³Toitheachta meic ¹⁴Mandtain meic Caichir drúadh ¹⁵qui ¹⁶fecit profetiam, meic ¹⁷Ébir Eachrúaidh ¹⁸meic Thait meic ¹⁹Ogamoin.

164. Trī catha imorro ro ¹brisdar iar ndul ²an Easpāin, ³i. cath for ⁴Toiseacha ⁊ cath for ⁵Longbarda ⁊ cath for ⁶Bacco. ⁷Tāinig tām forro, ⁸con eibleidar ceathrar ar ⁹fichit dībh im ¹⁰Oige ⁊ im ¹¹Uige, ¹²cona terno ass na dā luing acht dā cuigear im En mac Uige¹² ⁊ im Un mac ¹³Uige.

165. Bāi mac maith ¹ag Brath .i. ²Breogan, ³ag a ndernadh Tōr ⁴mBreogan ⁊ in chathair .i. ⁵Brigandsia ⁶a hainm. A Tūr ⁷Breogain imorro adeeas ⁸Ériu ⁹i feascur ¹⁰geimrigh, † .i. ¹¹oidheche samhna || adcondaire Ith mac Breogain, amail ro chan Gilla Caeman in duan,¹²

Gædel Glas ôtât Gædil

APPENDIX.

THE LIST OF LANGUAGES.

¹ L	F	B
Betin	Betin	Beithin
Scitin	Scetin	Scethin
Scill	Scill	Scill
Scartin	Scartin	Scairthin
Guit	Guth	Guth

¹² -thechta ¹³ -thechta ¹⁴ Mantain m. Cathair ¹⁵ om. qui
¹⁶ fesit prophetsiam ¹⁷ Emir Echruaid ¹⁸ om. m. Tait ¹⁹ -main.
164. ¹ brisdar ² in ³ om. .i. ⁴ Baeru ⁵ Toisechu ⁶ Longbardu
⁷ co tanic ⁸ conebladar ⁹ fichit ¹⁰ Oiei ¹¹ Uiei ¹²⁻¹³ om. ¹⁴ Uiei.

¹ Words and letters in this column contained in brackets are now lost from the MS., but restored from O'Curry's transcript.

Ercha s. Coemthecht s. Soithecht (*sic lege*) s. Mantan s. Caicher the druid *qui fecit prophetiam* s. Eber Echruad s. Tat s. Ogamain.

164. They broke three battles after going into Spain : a battle against the Tuscans, a battle against the Langobardi, and a battle against the Barchu. There came a plague upon them, so that four and twenty of their number died, including Occe and Ucce. Out of the two ships none escaped, save twice five men, including En s. Occe (*sic lege*) and Un s. Ucce.

165. Brath had a good son named Breogan, by whom was built the Tower of Breogan and the city which is called Braganza. From Breogan's Tower was Ireland seen on a winter evening, to wit, on Samain evening. Ith s. Breogan saw it, as Gilla Coeman sang the song,

Poem no. XIII.

M	H	
Beithin	Beithin	<i>Bithynian</i> ²
Sceithin	Sgeithin	<i>Scythian</i>
Scill	Sgill	<i>Cilician</i>
Scartain	Sgarthain	<i>Hyrcanian</i>
Guth	Guth	<i>Gothic</i>

165. ¹oc ²Breogu ³oc a ndearnad ⁴mBreogaind ⁵g *ins. sec. man. B: Briainsia M* ⁶ainm na cathrach ⁷Breogaind ⁸Erind ⁹om. i ¹⁰gemrid ¹¹aidehi Samna adchonnaire ¹²*ins. -sa, ca derbad.*

² On the translations suggested in this column, see the notes (below, p. 148 ff.).

L	F	B
G(r)éie	Greig	Greig
G(erman)	German	Gearmain
G(aill)	Gaill	Gaill
(Poimp)	Poimp	Poimp
(Frigia)	Frigia	Frigia
(Caispia)	Caspa	Caispia
Dardain	Dardan	Dardain ³
Pampil	Pampil	Poimpil
Morind	Morand	Morand ⁴
Liguirn	Ligirn	Ligearnd ⁵
Oatri	Daitlri	Daithri
Creit	Cret ⁶	Creid
Corsic	Coirsic	Coirsicc
(S)ieil	Sieil	Siccill
(Reid)	Reit	Reit
(Sardain)	Sardan	Sardan
(Magidon)	Macindon	Maighidonia
Tesail	Teasail	Teascul
Armein	Armein	Airmeint ⁷
Dalmait	Dalmait	Dalmain ⁸
Romain	Romain	Romain
Rugind	Rungind	Ruiccind
Moisig	Mosic	Moissice
Arboi	Arboin	Arbboin
(Hisbain)	Hispan	Hispain
(Gairit)	Gairit	Gairitt
(Huin[us] ind)	Huinusind	Huinusind

³ Might possibly (but not probably) be *Dardanh*.

⁴ A large dot (accidental) over the *d*.

⁵ A small dot, also accidental, over the *g*.

M	H	
Greig	Greig	<i>Greek</i>
Germain	Germain	<i>Germanic</i>
Gaill	Gaill	<i>Gaulish</i>
Poimp	Poimp	<i>Pentapolitan</i>
Frigia	Frigia	<i>Phrygian</i>
Caispia	Caispia	<i>Cappadocian</i>
Dardain	Dardain	<i>Dardanian</i>
Poimpil	Poimpil	<i>Pamphylian</i>
Morand	Morund	<i>Mauretanian</i>
Ligern	Ligern	<i>Lycæonian</i>
Daithri	Daithri	?
Creit	Creid	<i>Cretan</i>
Coirsic	Coirsig	<i>Corsican</i>
Sicil	Sicil	<i>Sicilian</i>
Reid	Reid	<i>Rætian</i>
Sardain	Sardain	<i>Sardinian</i>
Magidon	Maigidoín	<i>Macedonian</i>
Teasal	Tesail	<i>Thessalian</i>
Mairmen	Mairmein	<i>Armenian</i>
Dalmain	Dalmain	<i>Dalmatian</i>
Romain	Romain	<i>Roman(?)</i>
Ruicend	Ruicend	<i>Rhæginian</i>
Moisiuc	Maisiuc	?
Arboin	Arbain	<i>Narbonian</i>
Hisbain	Espain	<i>Hispanic</i>
Gairit	Gairit	<i>Galatian</i>
Huinusind	Huinusind	<i>Phœnician</i>

⁶ Written *Cret*.

⁷ Or perhaps *Airineint*.

⁸ Changed from *Dalmuin*.

L	F	B
(Saraic)	Saraic	Saraicc
. . . ¹¹	Broes	Broess
. . .	Brit	Britt
Oric	Horcri ⁹	Horeri
Burgan	Burgan	Burgan
Belgaig	Belgal	Bealgal
Mugaig	Mucaig	Muccaigh
Boét	Boet	Boet
India	India	Indnia
Pardae	Partia	Partia ¹⁰
Callie	Callia	Caillia
Siria	Siriat	Siriat
(Aidin)	. . .	. . .
. . .	Galliat	. . .
. . .	Acait	. . .
Atheni	Atini	Aitini
Albain	Albain	Albain
Saxus	Saxus	Saxus
Ebre	Ebreus	Ebrus
Ardain	Ardan	Ardan
Moysi	Moisi	Moysi
Traciae	Tracia	Traigia
Edis	Edis	Edis
Uesogiam	Uesogum	Ulsogum
Tripolita	Tripolita	Tripolita
Zeugis	Reuigis	Remighis
Numa	Munausa ¹⁴	Munausa

⁹ Written Horci.¹⁰ Or perhaps *Pardia*.

M	H	
Saraic	Saraice	<i>Saracenic</i>
Breois	Breós	<i>Rhodian</i>
Brit	Brit	<i>British</i>
Horcid	Horchind	<i>Illyrican(?)</i>
Brugan	Brugán	<i>Burgundian</i>
Belgal	Belgal	<i>Belgian</i>
Mucaid	Muccaid	<i>Mygdonian(?)</i>
Beot	Beót	<i>Boeotian</i>
India	India	<i>Indian</i>
Partia	Pairtia	<i>Parthian</i>
Caillia	Caillia	<i>Carian(?)</i>
Siriath	Siriath	<i>Syrian</i>
. . .	. . .	<i>Alanian</i>
. . .	. . .	<i>Galatian</i>
. . .	. . .	<i>Achaean</i>
Aitim	Aitine	<i>Athenian</i>
Albain	Albain	<i>Albanian</i>
Saxus	Saxus	<i>Saxon</i>
Ebreus	Ebreus	<i>Hebrew</i>
Arдан	Arдан	<i>Arcadian</i>
Moisice	. . .	<i>Moesian</i>
Tragia	Tragia	<i>Thracian</i>
Eidis	Eidist	<i>Hellenic(?)</i> ¹⁵
Ulsogum	Ulsogum	<i>Pelasgian</i>
Tripolitia	Tripolia	<i>Tripolitan</i>
Remigis	Remigis	<i>Zeugian</i>
Munchusa	Munchusu	<i>Numidian</i>

¹¹ These dots represent *omissions*, not lacunae due to injury of the MS.

¹⁴ Written Muna;a.

¹⁵ Or perhaps Edessian.

L	F	B
Murit	Muirid	. . .
Hicail	Hicail ¹²	Iccail
Gaedilg	Gaedelg	Gaedhealg
.
Media	Meidia	Meidia
Foirni	Foirme	Foirni
Grinni	Grinde	Grinni
Franc	Franc	Frange
Fresin	Freise	Freissi
Longbard	Longbhaird	Longbaird
Lacedemo[in]	Bacidhoin	Baicidoni
Troiana	Tronna	Toronda
Colchia	Colacha	Colacha
Caspia	Caspia	Caspia
Aegipt ¹⁶	Eigipt	Eigeipt
Aethioip ¹⁶	Ethob	Ethiop
.
.
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¹² Written H'cail.

¹³ The first a of this version has obviously arisen from a cc in the exemplar which was not clear to the scribe.

¹⁶ To make the tables uniform these two names are printed in the order followed by L, but in all the other MSS. the second name comes first.

M	H	
. . .	. . .	<i>Mauretanian</i>
Iaail ¹⁵	Iaail ¹⁵	<i>Italian</i>
Gaeidelg	Gaedelg	<i>Gaelic</i>
. . .	Moisice	<i>Moesian</i>
Meidia	Media	<i>Median</i>
Forne	Foirne	<i>Persian</i>
Graidni	Grandi	<i>Cyrenean(?)</i>
Frangc	Frainge	<i>Frankish</i>
Fresi	Freisi	<i>Frisian</i>
Longbard	Longbaird	<i>Lombardic</i>
Baicidoin	Baicidoin	<i>Lacedemonian</i>
Tronna	Tronda	<i>Trojan</i>
Colacha	Colacha	<i>Cycladic</i>
Caispia	Caispia	<i>Caspian</i>
Eigeift	Eigipt	<i>Egyptian</i>
Eitheoip	Eitheóip	<i>Aethiopian</i>
Asdia ¹⁷	Aissdia ¹⁷	. . .
Cuimniu	Cuimniu	. . .
Gudsain	Gudsain	. . .

¹⁷ The names must have been in a columnar arrangement in √HMB, and the words as *dia cuimniugud-sain* "to memorize that" must have been divided into three more or less equal parts to fill up three blank lines in the last column. It was natural for the unintelligent scribe of ∞H to fall into the trap and to take these *uocs nihili* for the last three names in the list: but that ∞M did so likewise suggests that the mistake already existed in √HMB. It is possible that for once the narrow columns of √B, compelling a redistribution of the names, enabled sB to restore the correct reading.

THE VERSE TEXTS OF SECTION II.

X.

R¹ ¶ 106 (L 1 γ 37: F 2 a 22). R³ ¶ 140 (B 10 a 12:
M 268 β 47: H 100 β 5).

¹Fēne ^ō ²Fheinius ³asbertar — 305
⁴brīg ⁵can ⁶dochta:
⁷Gāedil ^ō ⁸Gāediul Glas ⁹garta,
¹⁰Scuit ^ō ¹¹Scota.

¹ Féni LFM Feine B ² Fenius L Hinius F Fheinias B Fhenius MH
³ asberta F adbertha B adberta MH ⁴ brigh B ⁵ cen L gan B
⁶ docta L (dochta in O'Curry's transcript, but though there appears to be
a mark over the c in the original, it does not resemble the usual lenition-
mark; not in facsimile): lochta H ⁷ Gaedil (or perhaps Gao- with o

XI.

R¹ and Min ¶ 107 (L 1 δ 8: F 2 β 13: μ[∧] 26 a 18:
μR 91 γ 5). R³ ¶ 142 (B 10 a 37: M 268 δ 1: H 100 β 22).

1. ¹Bērla ²in ³domain, ⁴dēchaid ⁵lib,
⁶Bethin, ⁷Scithin, Scill, ⁸Seartain, 310
⁹Guth, ¹⁰Grēc, ¹¹Germāin, Gaill co ngrāin,¹¹
¹²Paimp, ¹³Frigia, ¹⁴Dalmait, ¹⁵Dardāin.
2. ¹Poimpil, ²Morind, ³Ligairn lir,
⁴Oatre, ⁵Creit, ⁶Corsic, ⁷Cipir,
⁸Tessail, ⁹Caspia, ¹⁰Armēin ¹¹āin, 315
¹²Reit, ¹³Sicil, ¹⁴Saraie, ¹⁵Sardāin.

1. ¹berlai B ²an H ³domun B domuin H ⁴decid L dechaidh μ[∧] B
dechthar MH ⁵libh μ[∧] B ⁶Beitin F Beithin R³ ⁷Sceithin FMH
Scethin μRB ⁸Scartin F Scarthain μRMH Scartin (a very small dot,
not a lenition-mark, over the t) μ[∧] ⁹Guith L Goith μ[∧]μR om. L ¹⁰Greice
μ[∧] Greig B Greg MH ¹¹⁻¹²Gall (Goill μR) Germain co ngrain μ[∧]μR: om. B
¹³Poimp LFMH om. B ¹⁴Prigia H ¹⁵Dalmaith FB Dalmaid MH
¹⁶Dardan FH.

THE VERSE TEXTS OF SECTION II.

X.

Feni are named from Feinius —
 a meaning without secretiveness :
 Gaedil from comely Gaedel Glas,
 Seots from Seota.

inserted above the line: lenition-mark over d sec. man.: two dots side by side beneath d, and an i beneath them F Gaedheil B Gaeid- MH) ⁸ Gaedil F Gaedhel B Gaeidel M ⁹ gartha B ¹⁰ Scuit L Sguit B ¹¹ Scota *changed to Seoto by re-inker L.*

XI.

1. The languages of the world, see for yourselves—
 Bithynia, Scythia, Cilicia, Hyrcania,
 Gothia, Graecia, Germania, Gallia with horror,
 Pentapolis, Phrygia, Dalmatia, Dardania.
2. Pamphylia, Mauretania, populous Lycaonia,
 Bactria, Creta, Corsica, Cyprus,
 Thessalia, Cappadocia, noble Armenia,
 Raetia, Sicilia, Saracen-land, Sardinia.

2. ¹ Poim L Pampil F Paimpil $\mu\wedge\mu R$ ² Morann F Morinn μR Morand
 BM Morund H ³ Liguirn L $\mu\wedge\mu R$ Ligrinn F Ligerinn B Ligarn MH
⁴ Oitri F Ogu (*sic*) $\mu\wedge\mu R$ Daithri BM Daitri H ⁵ Creid FMH ⁶ Coirsic
 F μ RMH Coir B ⁷ Cibir F Sicil MH ⁸ Teasail $\mu\wedge\mu RH$ Teasail BHM
⁹ Caispia H ¹⁰ Armen F μR Airmen MH ¹¹ am B ¹² Reie F Reice B
 Rec M Reig H ¹³ Siccill B Sirie H ¹⁴ Sarait $\mu\wedge\mu R$ Sairic H ¹⁵ Sardan F.

3. ¹Belgaig, ²Boet, ³Bretnais, ⁴Brões ⁵bind,
⁶Hispania, ⁷Romāin, ⁸Rugind,
⁹Humind, ¹⁰India, ¹¹Araib oir,
¹²Mucaig, ¹³Maisie, ¹⁴Maicidōin. 320
4. ¹Parthia, ²Callia, Siria, ³Sax,
⁴Athin, ⁵Achait, ⁶Albanecas,
⁷Ebra, Ardain, ⁸Galait ⁹glain,
¹⁰Troia, ¹¹Tesalia, ¹²Colaig.
5. ¹Maisi, ²Media, ³Foirni, ⁴Franc, 325
⁵Grinni, ⁶Lacdemōin, ⁷Longbard,
⁸Tracia, ⁹Numeid, Edis — ¹⁰ēist!
¹¹Ecail ard, ⁹ ¹²Ethioip, Ēgipt.¹²
6. ¹Ac sin līm ²mbērla ³cen ⁴meirg
⁵as ro ⁶theip ⁷Gaedel ⁸Gaedeilg : 330
⁹aichnid ¹⁰dam ¹¹a rēim ērgna,
¹²na ¹³haiemi, na ¹⁴hil-bērla.

3. ¹Bergaig L Belgait $\mu\lambda\mu R$ Belgail BM Bealgail H ²Baeth FR³
⁴Britain F $\mu\lambda\mu R$ om. B Breatnais M Bretnaus H ⁵Bras FM om. $\mu\lambda\mu R$
 Brass B Bres H ⁶binn μR ⁷no Umania *ins. above line in bad hand*
 F: Asbain F, Espania $\mu\lambda$ Baraes, Hespain μR Easpain BM Espain H
⁸Rō *in text, and ain ins. above line in same hand as previous insertion* F
⁹*ins. is R²*: Ruigind F Ruicind BM Rucind H ¹⁰Huminn μR Um B Umain
 M Uamain H ¹¹Indiæ L Innia μR ¹²Araig, *with no b written above the*
g in the same bad hand F Araip $\mu\lambda$ Aragh B Aroic H ¹³Magoich $\mu\lambda$
 Magoic μR Muccaidh B Muccaid H ¹⁴Masic L Moisc FB Moesc $\mu\lambda$
 Maisic μR Maisich M Maissich H ¹⁵Magdoin O'Curry's transcript,
wrongly, Macidain L Macedoin $\mu\lambda\mu R$ Nagidoin B Maigidoin MH.

4. ¹Partia FB Partia MH ²om. L Calldia μR Caillia R³ ⁴Saxus L
 Sachs F Saxs μR Saxx B ⁵Atin F Sachain $\mu\lambda$ Achain μR Aitin R³
⁶Acait FB Accait MH ⁷Albain cais L Albanecas F Albanecass $\mu\lambda$
 Albanachas μR Albanchass BH Albanchus M ⁸Abra F Eabra BM
⁹Galiath FM Gaillia H ¹⁰glan *preceded by a dot of punctuation* L gloin
 FM ¹¹T^rria *glossed, apparently in the same bad hand as before*, no
 Toria (*but reading doubtful*) F Troighia B Toirria MH ¹²Teassalia B
 Tesalia $\mu\lambda$ H ¹³Colaich $\mu\lambda\mu R$ Colaigh B Colaig MH.

5. ¹Moysi L Moissia $\mu\lambda$ Moessia μR ²Meidia F Meidi M Maidia H
³Farni L Forne F Fairne $\mu\lambda\mu R$ Forni H ⁴Graing L Fraine $\mu\lambda\mu R$

3. Belgia, Boeotia, Britannia, tuneful Rhodes,
Hispania, Roma,^(a) Rhegini,
Phoenicia, India, golden Arabia^(b),
Mygdonia, Mazaea, Macedonia.
4. Parthia, Caria, Syria, Saxones,
Athenae, Achaia, Albania,
Hebraei, Arcadia, clear Galatia,
Troas, Thessalia, Cyclades.
5. Moesia, Media, Persida, Franci,
Cyrene, Laedaemonia, Langobardi,
Thracia, Numidia, Hellas (?) — hear it!
Lofty Italia, Ethiopia, Egypt.
6. That is the tally of languages without tarnish
out of which Gaedel cut Gaedelic:
known to me is their roll of understanding,
the groups, the manifold languages.

Frainge R³ ⁵Grindi FBH Grinne $\mu_{\Lambda}\mu R$ Graindi H ⁶*glossed no*
Dinsicon (?) *in late sec. man. hardly legible* L; Laicidon *glossed no* dimhon
in the same bad hand as before F; Laicdemoin $\mu_{\Lambda}\mu R$ Laiedimon B Laicidoin
M Laigidoin H ⁷Longbardd L Longbaird F $\mu_{\Lambda}\mu RBH$ ⁸Traicia F Tragia
B Traigia MH ⁹⁻⁹Numiath Edist Esc Ieail ard F Numia Eisil Eire
Irechain ard μ_{Λ} Anum Achaid Eisil Eire Hircain aird μR Nuimmiath Eidist
Esc Eacail Ard B Numia Eigest (-ist H) Est Eacail ard MH ¹⁰*om. L*
¹¹Escail aird L ¹²⁻¹²Etheoib Egeft F Etheop Egipt μ_{Λ} Ethoip Egipt μR
Ethoip Eigibht B ocus Eigept (-eipt H) MH.

6. ¹a se in L (*the dot om. O'Curry's transcript but clear in MS.*) ac
sain F μ_{Λ} ahain μR ag sin BH ²berla L berlad F mberladh B ³can
FMH gan B ⁴merg $\mu_{\Lambda}M$ ⁵as ar FR³ asso μ_{Λ} ⁶teib F teip μR
theib BM ⁷Gaedil F Goedel $\mu_{\Lambda}\mu R$ Gaedhel B Gaedil M ⁸Gaedilg L
Gaedelg F Gaidilg μ_{Λ} Gaidile μR nGaedeilg B Gaeideilg M Gaeidelg H
⁹aichnidh $\mu_{\Lambda}\mu R$ aithni BH aithnid M ¹⁰do L $\mu_{\Lambda}\mu R$ damh B dan M
¹¹ar a érgna L (*second a om. O'Curry, wrongly*) a rem ergna FM ar a
nergna $\mu_{\Lambda}\mu R$ a reim argna B ¹²an μR *om. H* ¹³haicme L n-aicmi F
haime μ_{Λ} aicme μR na naicmed BM aicmedha H ¹⁴nil-berla F μRMH
n-in berla B.

(a) Or Pannonia: see p. 151, no. 26.

(b) Or Narbona: see *ibid.* no. 29.

XII.

R¹ ¶ 107 (L *om.*: F 2 γ 8). R² ¶ 125 (V 2 γ 18). R³ ¶ 150
(B 10 δ 13: M 269 γ 31).

¹Cethracha γ ²cethri ³cēt
⁴do bliadnaib—nī ⁵himarbrēce—
⁶doluid ⁷tūath Dē, ⁸derb ⁹lib 335
tar ¹⁰muineind Mara ¹¹Romair,
¹²co ngabsat ¹³Scēin don muir ¹⁴menn
Meic ¹⁵Milidh ¹⁶i tīr ¹⁷Ērenn.

¹cetracha FV ceatracha B ceathracha M ²ceitri F ceathra M ³chet M
⁴do bliā F da VM ⁵himarbreg FB himurbreg V himirbreg M ⁶daluid M
⁷Tuatha B ⁸dearb BH ⁹diub (*sic*) V lib B ¹⁰muinein F muinceand M

XIII.

R¹ and Min ¶ 117 (L 2 β 10: F 3 β 14: μV [V³] 1 a 1^(b):
μΛ 26 δ 24: μR 92 δ 3, *first quatrain only*). R³ ¶ 165
(B 11 δ 15: M 271 a 30).

1. ¹Gāedel ²Glas ³ōtat ⁴Gāedil,
mac-⁵side ⁶Niūil ⁷nert-māinig: 340
⁸ro bo ⁹thrēn ¹⁰tīar γ ¹¹tair,
Nēl mac ¹²Feiniusa ¹³Farrsaid.
2. Dā mac ¹ac ²Fēinius, fir ³dam,
⁴Nēl ār n-athair ⁵is ⁶Noenal,
⁷rucad ⁸Nēl ⁹ocon Tūr ¹⁰tair, 345
¹¹Noenal ¹²con ¹³Scithia scīath-¹⁴glain.
3. ¹Tar ēis ²Feiniusa in lāich lir
³imtnūth ⁴tīr na ⁵brāithrib:
⁶do marb Nēl ⁷Nenual nar mīn;
⁸do ⁹hendarbad in ¹⁰t-ard-rīg. 350

1. ¹Gaedil F Goedel μΛ Gaidel μR Gaeideal M ²Glass LF μΛ
³otait FμΛ M otaid B ⁴Goidil μΛ Gaidil μR Gaeidhil B Gaeidil M
⁵siden FμΛ sidhein B sidein M ⁶Niul F ⁷-maenaig F -maidmig μΛ
-mainigh μR neart-main(i)g B -mainich M ⁸do *and om.* bo F ro ba μR
⁹tren FμΛμRB ¹⁰tīar F tīar B siar M ¹¹tīair B soir M ¹²Fóeniusa
L Fēu; F Feiniusa μΛμRM Feinása B ¹³Farsaid LμR Farsaig μΛ Farsaigh
B Farrsaich M.

2. ¹ic LF ag B ²Fēinus LμΛM Fenu; F Feinias B ³-mark of "m"
ycμΛ: damh B ⁴Nell ar naitair F: Nell *also* B ⁵γ L ⁶*sic* LμΛ
Naennel F Nainéal B Noendel M ⁷ruccad μΛ rugadh B ructha M ⁸Nell F

XII.

Forty and four hundred
 of years—it is no falsehood—
 from when the people of God^(a) came, be ye certain
 over the surface of *Mare Rubrum*,
 till they landed in Scene from the clear sea,
 they, the Sons of Mil, in the land of Ireland.

¹¹ romuir VB ¹² *this couplet om.* M: corgabsat FV gur gabsat B
¹³ Scen V ¹⁴ mend V meand B ¹⁵ Milidh F Mileadh B ¹⁶ hi V a B
¹⁷ nErenn VB

XIII.

1. Gaedel Glas, of whom are the Gaedil,
 son was he of Nel, with store of wealth :
 he was mighty west and east,
 Nel, son of Feinius Farsaid.
2. Feinius had two sons—I speak truth—
 Nel our father and Nenual.
 Nel was born at the Tower in the east,
 Nenual in Scythia, bright as a shield.
3. After Feinius, the hero of ocean,
 there was great envy between the brethren :
 Nel slew Nenual, who was not gentle ;
 the High King was expelled.

¹⁸ ic a F hicon μ_{Λ} agon B acon M ¹⁹ thair μ_{Λ} tsair B toir M ²⁰ Noinel L
 Nenual FM Nenual B ²¹ sa BM ²² Sgeithia B Sceithia M ²³ gloin BM.

3. ²⁴ *om. this and the next three quatrains L; they have apparently been written in, sec. man., in the lower marg., but the writing is now nearly all torn away, and what is left is hopelessly illegible:* dar es F taireis B
²⁵ Fenu;a F Fheniusa μ_{Λ} M Fheniassa B ²⁶ -thnuth B -thnud M
²⁷ etir μ_{Λ} ²⁸ brathrib F braitribh B: bráithribh $\gamma\mu_{\Lambda}$ ²⁹ do mbarb F cor
 marb μ_{Λ} M gur marbh B ³⁰ Nenuail F Ninual μ_{Λ} ³¹ cor μ_{Λ} gur B ro M
³² indarb B ³³ taird- μ_{Λ} M tarrd-righ B.

(a) The Israelites, not the Tuatha Dè Danann.
 (b) Beginning at quatrain 14.

4. Do-¹chuid ²'san ³Eigipt ⁴tré gail
⁵eo riacht ⁶Forand fortamail;
⁷eo tuc ⁸Scota, ⁹cen ¹⁰scéim ¹¹ngaind,
¹²ingen ¹³Fial gasta ¹⁴Foraind.
5. ¹Ruc Scota mac do ²Nél nár, 355
³or ⁴gein mór-⁵éined ⁶comlán:
⁷Gaedel Glas ⁸ainm in ⁹fír—
¹⁰fa ¹¹glas a ¹²airm ¹³'sa ¹⁴éidig.
6. Dō ¹ba mac ²Esrū ³angbaid,
⁴ro bo triath ⁵eo ⁶trom-⁷armaib:
⁸mac d ⁹Esrū, Srū na ¹⁰sluag ¹¹sen,
¹²dar dūal ¹³each clū ¹⁴dar cuired. 360
7. Srū mac ¹Esrū meic ²Gaedil
³ār ⁴sen-athair ⁵sluag-faelid,
⁶is ē ⁷luid ⁸bo ⁹thūaid ¹⁰dia thaig,
¹¹dar ucht Mara ¹²rūaid Romair. 365
8. Lucht ¹cethri long ²lín a slūaig
³for fūt Mara ⁴Romair ⁵rūaid:
⁶i n-a ⁷clār-adba, ⁸is cet,
⁹cethri lānamna ¹⁰fichet. 370
9. Flaith na ¹Seithīa, ²ba ³gnīm ⁴glan,
⁵in gilla ⁶darb ainm ⁷Nenua,
⁸is ⁹and ¹⁰atbath ¹¹tall ¹²'na ¹³thig—
¹⁴in tan ¹⁵rāncadar ¹⁶Gaedil.

4. ¹chuaidh μ_{\wedge} cuaidh B ²an μ_{\wedge} ³Eigipt F Eigept M ⁴tre ail F
⁵tria goil μ_{\wedge} iarsin M ⁶gur rucht B ⁷Forann FM Forond μ_{\wedge} ⁸go
⁹tug B ¹⁰Scotta μ_{\wedge} ¹¹can F gan BM ¹²cheib F scem μ_{\wedge} M ¹³ngenn F
¹⁴ingin F ingean B ¹⁵fial F μ_{\wedge} ¹⁶Forain F Fhoraind M.

5. ¹rug B ²Nell F ³gen F chin M ⁴éinid F cineadh B cinead M
⁵comslan B ⁶Gaedil F Gaidil μ_{\wedge} Gaedel M ⁷ins. a F μ_{\wedge} ⁸fír BM
⁹ba μ_{\wedge} ¹⁰glass μ_{\wedge} ¹¹arm F ¹²edid F eitig μ_{\wedge} eidigh B eidich M.

6. ¹fa μ_{\wedge} M ²Easru BM ³-baidh μ_{\wedge} B ⁴do FB ⁵cu B
⁶tren M ⁷armarbaibh B ⁸Easru BM ⁹sluagh μ_{\wedge} ¹⁰sel μ_{\wedge} nglan B
¹¹gach B ¹²dar cuirid F re cuired μ_{\wedge} nar coilleadh B rer curead M.

7. ¹Easru BM ²Gaidil μ_{\wedge} Gaedhil B Gaedil M ³sean- μ_{\wedge} M ⁴sluagh-
⁵faillig μ_{\wedge} -failligh B -faelaig M: failid in *O'Curry's transcript of L*,
⁶wrongly ⁷luidh μ_{\wedge} B luig B ⁸fo L μ_{\wedge} M bho B ⁹thuaidh μ_{\wedge} thuigh BM

4. He went into Egypt through valour
till he reached powerful Pharao:
till he bestowed Scota, of no scanty beauty,
the modest, nimble daughter of Pharao.
5. Scota bore a son to noble Nel,
from whom was born a perfect great race:
Gaedel Glas was the name of the man—
green were his arms and his vesture.
6. Fierce Esru was son to him,
who was a lord with heavy arms:
the son of Esru, Sru of the ancient hosts,
to whom was meet all the fame attributed to him.
7. Sru son of Esru son of Gaedel,
our ancestor, rejoicing in troops,
he it is who went northward to his house,
over the surface of the red *Mare Rubrum*.
8. The crews of four ships were the tale of his host
along the red *Mare Rubrum*:
in his house of planks, we may say,
twenty-four wedded couples.
9. The prince of Scythia, it was a clear fact,
the youth whose name was Nenual,
it is then he died yonder in his house—
when the Gaedil arrived.

* the words dia thaig ar fud written in rasura in a late bad hand F: dia taig μ_{\wedge} da thoigh B dia tig M ⁹ ar ut μ_{\wedge} M ar fud FB ¹⁰ Ruad F Ruaidh BM romur F romoir B.

8. ¹ ceitri FB ceathra M ² lim badly written in a blank space which has contained two erased words F ³ for fut L ar fud F arut μ_{\wedge} arud B ar fut M ⁴ romuir B ⁵ Ruaidh B ⁶ ins. tall L: batar gach claradba μ_{\wedge} : in cach FM in gach B ⁷ clair L ellar, the first l stroked through F ⁸ fa cert F ba ceart B fa cet M ⁹ ceit (om. -ri) F .iiii. apparently mis-written im B ceithri M ¹⁰ ficead B ficed M.

9. ¹ Sceithia FBM ² bo F fa BM ³ gairm F μ_{\wedge} BM ⁴ sluaig F sluagh B sluag M ⁵ diarbo L ⁶ Noenal L μ_{\wedge} Nenuail F Neannual B ⁷ e F ann μ_{\wedge} M ⁸ adbath FBM ⁹ thall μ_{\wedge} BM ¹⁰ ca L ga μ_{\wedge} ¹¹ thaig L μ_{\wedge} tig F thigh B ¹² om. in L ¹³ tancatar F μ_{\wedge} M tangadar B ¹⁴ ins. na B: Gaidil μ_{\wedge} Gaedhil B Gaedil M.

10. ¹Gabais Ēber ²Scot na scāl 375
^{ōs} ³chlaind ⁴Nenuail ⁵co ⁶nef-nār,
⁷co torchair, ⁸can ⁹cāinius ¹⁰cain,
¹¹la Noemius mac ¹²Nenuail.
11. ¹Nertmar mac Ēbir ²īartain,
³diarbo ainm ⁴becht-glan ⁵Boamain,
⁶co trāig Mara Caisp ⁷ba ⁸rī,
⁹co torchair do lāim ¹⁰Noemī. 380
12. ¹Noimius ²mac ³Noenil ⁴ind ⁵nirt
⁶rogab in ⁷Scithīa scīath-⁸brice;
do-⁹cher in flaith comlān cain
la ¹⁰Hogman mac ¹¹mBoamain. 385
13. ¹Ogamain ²īarsain ³ba flaith
⁴dar ⁵ēis ⁶Noemiusa ⁷nert-maith:
⁸conerbailt na ⁹chrīch, ¹⁰cen ¹¹chill:
¹²dar a ¹³ēis ¹⁴ba rī ¹⁵Refill. 390
14. Dorochair^(a) ¹Refill īartain
²do lāim ³Thait ⁴meic ⁵Ogamain:
⁶dorochair ⁷Tait ⁸cen cor ⁹thim
do ¹⁰lāim ¹¹Refloir meic ¹²Refill.

10. ¹gabhais B ²Scott μ_Λ ³cl- μ_Λ chloind B cloind M ⁴Noenil
Lμ_Λ Neanuill B Nenuaill M ⁵go B ⁶nert-blad F nemnar μ_Λ neartmar
B nertmar M ⁷gundorehair B ⁸cen μ_Λ gach B ⁹chāenius L chainu;
F chainius μ_Λ cainias B chainas M ¹⁰cruaid FM cruaidh B ¹¹la lann
Ain; F lasionoenius μ_Λ la laind ainias B la Noenes la mac M ¹²Noenil L
Nainil μ_Λ Neanuail B.

11. ¹-mar om. and ins. in a bad sec. man. F: neartmar BM ²īarsin F
³darb FM diarb μ_Λ B ⁴brechtgal L beachtglan B breathglan M
⁵Beomain L Boamin F Beomain μ_Λ M Beamoin B ⁶gu traigh B
⁷fa FM ⁸righ B ⁹condoreair B ¹⁰Nemin (with Neine written in bad
hand in marg.) F Noemii μ_Λ Neimni B Nemi M.

12. ¹Nemu; F Noenius μ_Λ Nenius B Neimius M ²mcc μ_Λ ³Nenuail
F Ninuail μ_Λ Nenuall B Nenuaill M ⁴in Fμ_ΛB i M ⁵nert M ⁶dogab
F roghabh B rogob M ⁷Scithia F Sceithia BM ⁸-bric Fμ_ΛB breic M

10. Eber Scot of the heroes assumed [the kingdom] over the progeny of Nenual unashamed, till he fell, with no gentle kindness, at the hands of Noemius son of Nenual.
11. The strong son of Eber thereafter, who had the name Boamain, of perfect purity, to the shore of the Caspian Sea was he king, till he fell by the hand of Noemius.
12. Noemius son of Nenual of the strength settled in Scythia, chequered like a shield: the perfect fair prince fell by the hand of Ogamain son of Boamain.
13. Thereafter Ogamain was prince after Noemius of good strength: till he died in his territory, unchurched: after him Refill was king.
14. Thereafter Refill fell by the hand of Tait son of Ogamain: Tait fell, though he was not feeble, by the hand of Refloir son of Refill.

⁹ cheir L cer F chear BM ¹⁰ Ogmán L Hogaman *the first a sprs. yc* B
¹¹ Beomain L mBeomain μ_{\wedge} Beomain M mBeomain B.

13. ¹ Ogmán LM (*a small a apparently inserted above in L*) Ogaman FB
² iarsin F μ_{\wedge} BM ³ ro bo laith M ⁴ tar FM ⁵ eisi L es μ_{\wedge} ⁶ Noemi L
 (Noenil in *O'Curry's transcript, wrongly*) Nemu; a F Noeniua μ_{\wedge}
 Neiniassa B Naeniassa M ⁷ neart- BM ⁸ conemait F connerb- μ_{\wedge}
⁹ chríne L crich *other* MSS. ¹⁰ can F μ_{\wedge} gan B ¹¹ cill FB ¹² tar F μ_{\wedge} BM
¹³ es μ_{\wedge} ¹⁴ ba rig F bairi B fa rig M ¹⁵ Rifill L μ_{\wedge} M Raifill R Refill B.

14. ¹ Raifill F Repill $\wedge\mu$ Reifill B Rifill M ² om. do laim $\wedge\mu$ ³ Tait F
 Thaid B ⁴ mēc μ_{\wedge} ⁵ Ogamain μ V ⁶ dorocair B ⁷ Taid B ⁸ gen gur B
⁹ tim F ¹⁰ laimh L ¹¹ Rafloir F Refloir B Raifroil M ¹² Raifill F
 Refill μ_{\wedge} Reifill B Rifill, *an i after the f sbs. yc* M

(a) Here μ V begins.

15. ¹Reffloir ²is ³Agnon ⁴cen ōn, 395
⁵secht ⁶mblíadna ⁷bái ⁸i n-imchosnom,
⁹co torchair ¹⁰Reffloir ¹¹co n-glōr
¹²do ¹³lāim ¹⁴áitísig ¹⁵Agnoin.
16. ¹Noinel is ²Refill ³co rind, 400
dā mac ⁴Keffloir meic ⁵Refill,
⁶innarbsat ⁷Agnomain ⁸ass
⁹dar ¹⁰in muir ¹¹merda ¹²mōr-glass.
17. ¹Maithi na ²toisig, ³ba dia, 405
⁴tancadar ⁵asin ⁶Scithia;
⁷Agnomain, Ēber ⁸cen ⁹ail,
dā mac ¹⁰Tait meic ¹¹Ogamain.
18. ¹Elloth, ²Lāmfind ³lām-glas, lēir, 410
⁴dā mac ⁵Agnomain ⁶imrēil,
⁷Caicher is Cing, clū ⁸co ⁹mbūaid,
dā ¹⁰deg-mac Ēbir ¹¹ech-rūaid.
19. ¹Āirem a ²long, trī longa,
³ac ⁴tiachtain ⁵dar trom-⁶thonna;
trī fichit ⁷each ⁸luing, ⁹lúad nglē,
ocus mnā ¹⁰each ¹¹tres fiche.

15. ¹Reifloir F Reffloir μV Reifloir B Refleir M ²om. is $L\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$
³Agnō (read Agnomain) L Agnom μV Adnomain μ_{Λ} Aghnon B Adnon M
⁴can F gan B ⁵ins. re L: iiiii incorrectly (though mistake pardonable)
in Facs. and in O'Curry's transcript for secht, also in $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ ⁶m- in F only
⁷om. $L\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ ba F ⁸i cosnam L nimecosnam F an im-chosnom μV an
imecosnam μ_{Λ} -nomh B an imchosnom M ⁹co torcair μV gundorchair B
do rochair M ¹⁰Reifloir F Reffloir μV Refleir B Raffloir M ¹¹ra gel L
conglor F na reb $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ gu nglóir B ¹²la mac Tait la Agnomain $L\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$
(Hag- $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$) ¹³laimh B ¹⁴atheasaigh B aitheasaig M ¹⁵Aghnoin B
Agnon M.

16. ¹Nenuaill F Noenual $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ Neanuall BM ²Rafill F Refloir $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$
Reifill B Rifill M ³gu B ⁴Raffloir F Reffloir μV Reaffloir B ⁵Reifill F
Repill μ_{Λ} Rifill M ⁶ins. do FB rō M: hindarbsad F indarbat μ_{Λ}
indarbsad BM ⁷Agnom $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ Agnon FM Aghnon BM ⁸as FM ⁹tar
FBM ¹⁰an F ¹¹medrach $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ meadrach B mearda M ¹²mor mas F
morglas $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ M morchass B.

17. ¹mathi L maithe $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ ²taissig F toissi μV taisigh B taisich M
³bo F dar $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ bu B fa M ⁴tancatar $L\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ tangadar B ⁵assin

15. Refloir and Agnomain without blemish,
seven years were they in contention,
till Refloir fell with tumult
by the victorious hand of Agnomain.
16. Noinel and Refill with a [spear-]point
two sons of Refloir son of Refill,
they drove Agnomain out
over the raging sea, great and green.
17. Good were the chieftains, it was sufficient,
who came out of Scythia;
Agnomain, Eber without blemish,
the two sons of Tait son of Ogamain.
18. Allot, Lamfhind of the green hand, conspicuous,
the two sons of very bright Agnomain,
Caicher and Cing, fame with victory,
the two good sons of Eber of the red steed.
19. The number of their ships, three ships,
coming over heavy waves:
three score [the crew] of every ship, a clear saying,
and women every third score.

L μ V asan F isa M ⁶ Sceithia F μ VBM ⁷ Agnon is FM Aghnoin mas
(*a ye in marg.*) is Eimir gan oil B ⁸ can F μ VM gan B ⁹ oil M ¹⁰ Thaitt
L Thaid B Thait M ¹¹ Ogomain μ V μ Λ Agamoin (*the initial A changed
sec. man. to O*) B.

18. ¹ Helloth μ V μ Λ Ealloth B Alloth M ² Lamfind *hic et semper* F
Lamfind *also* μ V μ Λ Laimfind B ³ lam glass L lainglas B: laechda in
drem μ V μ Λ ⁴ *sic* μ V μ Λ : trī meic *other* MSS. ⁵ *ins. d'* μ V μ Λ :
Aghnoin in fir eil F Agnoin in fir feil B ⁶ imrel M imthenn μ V
imtheann μ Λ ⁷ Cacher L Caicer F Caichear B Caithear M: Cenclu is
Caither μ V μ Λ (*looks like* Oenclu μ V: Caicher μ Λ) ⁸ gu B ⁹ mbuaidh F
buaidh μ V μ Λ ¹⁰ deag- BM ¹¹ eachruaid F echluaidh μ V μ Λ each
luaidh (*in marg. sec. man. no ruaidh*) B.

19. ¹ arim LF a rim μ Λ airim F μ V airimh B ² llong L ³ ie L hic
 μ V μ Λ ag B ⁴ tidecht F ⁵ *sic* L, *tar other* MSS. ⁶ tonna F
thonda μ VB thona μ Λ ⁷ gach B ⁸ luingi FM luinge B ⁹ ale F
alle B ille M: luadh ngle μ V μ Λ ¹⁰ in μ V μ Λ gach B ¹¹ tress
 μ V treas B threas M.

20. ¹Atbath ²Agnon, nīr bo aise, 415
³i n-insib Mara mōr-⁴Chaisp :
⁵baile ⁶i mbatar ⁷re bliadain
⁸fuaradar ⁹ro-¹⁰diamair.
21. ¹Rāncadar Muir ²Lābis ³lān 420
⁴seolad sē ⁵sām-lāithe slān,
⁶Glas mac ⁷Agnōin, nīr bo ⁸dis
⁹ann ¹⁰atbath i ¹¹Coronis.
22. ¹Cain inis fuaradar ²and
³For Muir Libis na lāech-⁴land : 425
⁵rāithi for bliadain, ⁶co ⁷mbloid,
a n-⁸aittreb ⁹sin ¹⁰indsi ¹¹soin.
23. ¹Seolaid for ²muir, ³monar nglē,
⁴etir ⁵lāithi γ ⁶aidche :
⁷taitnem ⁸lām ⁹Lāmfind ¹⁰laindrig
¹¹ba ¹²cosmail ¹³re ¹⁴cāem-chainlib. 430
24. ¹Ceithre ²tōisig ³dōib nīr ⁴dis,
⁵iar tiachtain ⁶dar Muir ⁷Lābis ;
⁸Elloth, ⁹Lāmfind lūath ¹⁰dar ¹¹ler,
¹²Cing is a ¹³brāthair ¹⁴Caicher.

20. ¹athbath F ²Agnomain cen aise $\mu V\mu\Lambda$ ³an insib F in
innsib μV ind n-insib $\mu\Lambda$ an indsi BM ⁴Caisp $F\mu VBM$ ⁵bale L
baili F ⁶amamar F imbadar B a mbadar M ⁷re bliadain om. F ri $\mu V\mu\Lambda$
ins. i F ⁸hi $\mu V\mu\Lambda$ a M: fuaratar $L\mu V\mu\Lambda$ fuaridar M ⁹ins. and B
¹⁰dimar F chiamair B.

21. ¹rancadar $LF\mu V\mu\Lambda$ rangadar B ²Liuís $L\mu V\mu\Lambda$ ³lain F
⁴seoladh B ⁵samlaithi FM samhlaithi (*the dotted - for mh yc*) B.
*O'Curry has taken this quatrain, which is much rubbed in L, from another
MS.; his lines do not correspond with the lines from L, as they should in
a line for line transcript, and he reads laithi, whereas laithe is the clearest
word in L* ⁶Glass $\mu\Lambda$ ⁷Aghnoin F Agnon M ⁸dhis B ⁹om. ann
LBM: and μV ¹⁰adbath LBM ¹¹Caroinis L Caronais F Acaraonis B a
Caroinis M.

22. ¹fuaratar $L\mu V\mu\Lambda$ fuaramar F fuaridar M ²ann F ³ar F
⁴-lann $F\mu VM$ om. $\mu\Lambda$ ⁵rathi L raithe $\mu V\mu\Lambda$ raite B ⁶gu B ⁷mblaid LF

20. Agnomain died, it was no reproach
in the islands of the great Caspian Sea.
The place where they were for a year
they found very secret.
21. They reached the full Libyan Sea,
a sailing of six complete summer days:
Glas son of Agnomain, who was not despicable,
died there in Cercina.
22. A fair island found they there
on the Libyan Sea of warrior-blades:
a season over a year, with fame,
their sojourn in that island.
23. They sail on the sea, a brilliant fact
both by day and by night:
the sheen of the hands of lustrous Lamfhind
was like to fair candles.
24. Four chieftains had they who were not despicable,
after coming over the Libyan Sea;
Allot, Lamfhind swift over the ocean,
Cing and his brother Caicher.

mblaidh $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ mbloids B ⁸ aitrib F anaitrebh μ_{Λ} aitreb B aitreb M
² san FBM, sind μV ¹⁰ n-insi LM innsi μV ¹¹ sin LF $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ M.

23. ¹ sic sec. man.: seolat prim. man.: L seolait $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ seolaigh B
² mar M ³ monor L monur μV comhall B ur (om. mon-) M ⁴ idir F
idir M ⁵ laith F laithe $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ B laithi M ⁶ oidheche B ⁷ taitnim F
taittnemh μ_{Λ} taitneamh B ⁸ lamh μ_{Λ} B ⁹ Lamind L Lamfind
F μ_{Λ} Laimfind μV B ¹⁰ laenrig F laindirigh μV laindraig μ_{Λ} londraigh B
lonnraid M ¹¹ fa FM ¹² casmail BM ¹³ fri L ¹⁴ coemcl- sprs. yc μ_{Λ} :
coem- also μV ; chaennlib F choindlib μV M caindlibh B.

24. ¹ This and the next quatrain written by s²M: cethri L coitri F μ_{Λ} BM
ceithri μV ² taisig FM toisich μV toisich μ_{Λ} taisigh B ³ doibh μ_{Λ} B
⁴ diss $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ dhis B ⁵ ac riachtain F arrochtain B ac tiachtain M ⁶ ar FB
do $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ ⁷ Libhis B ⁸ Eloit μV Ellot μ_{Λ} Alloth BM ⁹ Lámind L Lamfind
 μV Laimfind BM ¹⁰ tar FBM da μ_{Λ} ¹¹ lear BM ¹² Cingis L
¹³ bratair F μV ¹⁴ Caicher L Caicer hic et semper F Caichear B Caithear M.

25. ¹Caicher fuair ²leiges ³döib ⁴thall 435
 ar ⁵medrad ⁶na ⁷murdūchand:
⁸is ē ⁹leiges ¹⁰fuair ¹¹Caicher ¹²cain,
 cēir ¹³do ¹⁴legad na ¹⁵elūasaib.
26. ¹Fuaradar ²tobar is tīr 440
³ac rind ⁴Rifi ⁵co ro-brīg
⁶co mblas fina air iar ⁸soin—
 trēn ⁹rosfarrraig ¹⁰iad a n-¹¹itoid.
27. Do ¹cholladar ²co trēn, trēn,
 co ³cenn trī ⁴lāithe ⁶cen lēn,
⁶cor dūisig ⁷Caicher, draī dil 445
⁸co ⁹denm(n)edach na ¹⁰deig-fir.
28. ¹Is ē ²Caicher, ³comol ⁴nglē,
⁵dorigne döib ⁶fāistine,
⁷ie ⁸Slēibtīb ⁹Rife ¹⁰co rind:
 “¹¹Ni fuil ¹²foss ¹³dūind ¹⁴co ¹⁵Hērind.” 450
29. “¹Cia hairm ²fil ³ind ⁴Hēriu ard?”
 ar ⁵Lāimīnd, in lāech lān-⁶garg.
 “⁷Is ⁸fata” ⁹asbert ¹⁰Caicher ¹¹and,
 “ni ¹²sinn ¹³ric, acht ār ¹⁴cōem-ehland.”

25. ¹Cacher L -ear B ²leges L leg; F leghis μV leigis $\mu\Lambda$ leighis B leigeas M ³doibh B ⁴ann F tall $\mu V\mu\Lambda$ and B ⁵ins. na L: medradh $\mu V\mu\Lambda$ meadradh B meadhrad M ⁶don L ⁷-chann $\mu V\mu\Lambda$ M -cann B ⁸dob e FB rob e M is is ed ro raidh Caicher $\mu V\mu\Lambda$ ⁹leges L leig; F leighis B leigis M ¹⁰om. fuair FBM ¹¹Cacher L Caichir B Caitir M ¹²choin B ¹³da M ¹⁴a small dot without meaning over the g F: legradh $\mu\Lambda$ leagadh B leaghadh M ¹⁵glusaib B clussaib M.

26. ¹This and the next quatrain om. LF $\mu V\mu\Lambda$. They have been added in F, lower marg., but are now with difficulty legible. ²tobar B ³ag B ⁴Rife F ⁵gu roibrigh B co roibrig M ⁶gum blas B fina M ⁸sin B ⁹do foir iad ar itaid F d'foir iad ar itoigh B ¹⁰om. iad M ¹¹itaig M.

27. ¹-dur B ²gu B ³ceand M ⁴laa F laithi M ⁵gan B ⁶gor duisigh B dusaich M ⁷Caichir B Caithear M ⁸gu B ⁹deinmidach B denmnedech M ¹⁰deagfir F dheighfir B deigfir M.

25. Caicher found a remedy for them yonder
for the melody of the Sirens:
this is the remedy that fair Caicher found,
to melt wax in their ears.
26. They found a spring and a land
at the Rhipæan headland with great might,
having the taste of wine thereafter:
their thirst overcame them mightily.
27. Soundly, soundly they slept
to the end of three days without sorrow,
till Caicher the faithful druid awakened
the noble men impatiently.
28. It is Caicher, (a brilliant fulfilment!)
who made a prophecy to them,
at the Rhipæan Mountains with a headland—
“We have no rest until Ireland.”
29. “In what place is lofty Ireland?”
said Lamfhind the violent warrior.
“Very far” said Caicher then,
“it is not we who reach it, but our fair children.”

28. ¹There is an appearance as though this quatrain had been inserted
prima manu in a gap left for it, L: isse μV ²Cacher L Caithear M
³comall FB comul $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ co scem M ⁴gle L ⁵doringne L dorindi F
dorinde B doroinde M ⁶fastine LB faisstine μV ⁷hic μV ag B ac M
⁸sleibte L sleibib μV sleibtib μ_{Λ} sleibhtibh B ⁹Rif LFM Ríphi $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$
¹⁰con rind L gu rind B ¹¹ni fil L ni fuil B himeolus doib $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ ¹²fos BM
¹³dún L fuind B ¹⁴gu B co F ¹⁵Er- F Heirinn $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ HERN B.

29. ¹cait i fuil (Fuil B) FB cia hairm fuil in n-Eriu ard $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ B cait a
fuil M ²ins. i L ³in F in n- B an M ⁴Er- F Eriu B Eri M
⁵Lámfind L Lamfind μV Lamfind μ_{Λ} Laimhfind B ⁶gharg B gar M
⁷is and adbert (*the last word ditto-graphed*) M ⁸fota $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ fada FB
⁹adbert F atbert $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ B ¹⁰same variants as before, Caichear B
Caitheir M ¹¹ann F μ_{Λ} M ¹²sind L μ_{Λ} BM sib F ¹³raich F roich B
ricfa M ¹⁴mór-ehland L caemchlann F caem-clann μ_{Λ} caem-cland $\mu V B$
caem chland M.

30. ¹Cingsset ²inna ³cath ⁴eo fī, 455
⁵fodess ⁶sech rendaib ⁷Ríphi;
⁸clanda ⁹Gāedil, ¹⁰eo nglaine,
¹¹ro gabsat na ¹²Gaethlaige.
31. ¹Genair ²mac ³irdaire ⁴andsain 460
⁵do ⁶Lāimfind ⁷mac Agnomain:
⁸Ēber ⁹Glūnfind, glān ¹⁰in grib,
¹¹sen-athair ¹²folthas ¹³Febrig.
32. ¹Fine ²Gāedil ³gasta ⁴gil 465
trī ⁵chēt bliadan ⁶is tīr sin;
⁷trebsat ⁸and ō ⁹sin ¹⁰amach
¹¹no ¹²eo ¹³tāinie ¹⁴Brāth ¹⁵būadach.
33. Brāth ¹deg-mac ²Dēätha dil
³tāinie do ⁴Crēit, ⁵do ⁶Shicil,
Lucht ⁷cethri long ⁸seolta ⁹slāin,
¹⁰desel n-Eorpa ¹¹eo ¹²Hespāin. 470
34. ¹Occe ocus ²Ucce ³cen ⁴ail,
dā mac ⁵Elloith meie ⁶Noenil;
⁷Mantān ⁸mac ⁹Cachir, ¹⁰Brāth dil,
¹¹ba ¹²siat ¹³na ¹⁴cethri tōesig.

30. ¹cinsid F cindsit μV cinnsit μ_{Λ} eindsead BM ²na FBM ina $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$
³catha FBM ⁴gu B ⁵bodes F bodheas B fodeas M ⁶sech rinne L
seoch rannaib F seach B eo sleibib μV eo sleibibh μ_{Λ} seach reandaibh B
⁷seach reandaib M ⁸Rífi (*the fi yo*) F: Rífi also LBM Ríphii $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$
⁹clanna F μV clā μ_{Λ} ¹⁰Gaidil $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ Gaeidil M ¹¹gu ngloine B go
ngloine M ¹²do gabsad F congabsat $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ roghabsat B rogoabsad M
(gobsat *O'Curry, wrongly*) ¹³-laigi F -laighe $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ -loighe B -laigi M.

31. ¹genir FM geinir B ²gein F gen $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ ³irdraic F aurdair μV
n-irdaire μ_{Λ} orrdraic B oirrdric M ⁴andsin μVM annsin F $\mu_{\Lambda} B$ ⁵ic F
ae M ⁶Lāimind L Lamfind F μ_{Λ} Laimfind μVB Lamfind M ⁷in laech
laidir FM (-der M) ⁸Ebir μV ⁹Glūinfind B Glunfind M ¹⁰a brig $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$
in gribh B ¹¹seanathair B ¹²-chass μ_{Λ} folthas B ¹³Feibhrig B
Feibrig M.

32. ¹fini L badar fine Gaeidil gil (*the last word sprs. prima manu*) M
²Gadil F Gaidil $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ Gaedhil B ³garta $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ ⁴glain L ghil B
⁵cet M ⁶forsin L as μV ⁷ins. ro L: threbsat L trebsad F trebsad B

30. They advanced in their battalion with venom,
southward past the Rhipaeen headlands;
the progeny of Gaedel, with purity,
they landed at the Marshes.
31. A glorious son was born there
to Lamfhind son of Agnomain;
Eber Glunfhind, pure the gryphon,
the curl-haired grandfather of Febri.
32. The family of Gaedel, the brisk and white,
were three hundred years in that land;
they dwelt there thenceforward,
until Brath the victorious came.
33. Brath, the noble son of faithful Deäth
came to Crete, to Sicily,
the crew of four ships of a safe sailing,
right-hand to Europe, on to Spain.
34. Oece and Uece without blemish,
the two sons of Allot son of Nenual;
Mantan son of Caicher, faithful Brath,
they were the four leaders.

trebrsad M ⁸ in tir $\mu V\mu\Lambda$ ann FM hin F ⁹ sein L $\mu\Lambda$ ¹⁰ immach
I, mā μV ¹¹ no changed sec. man. to na L ¹² go B ¹³ ricad F tanic
L $\mu V\mu\Lambda$ tainig B torain M ¹⁴ Brat F ¹⁵ bidnach F buidhneach B
brethach M.

33. ¹ ba mac $\mu V\mu\Lambda$: deag. B ² Deaatha B ³ tanic L $\mu V\mu\Lambda$ M
tainig B ⁴ Creid FM Chreit μV Chreid BM ⁵ ins. is F 's B ⁶ Thigir F
Sicil $\mu V\mu\Lambda$ Shigir B ⁷ ceitri F cheathra B cethre M ⁸ sain dar sail $\mu V\mu\Lambda$
⁹ slán R'R³ ¹⁰ desil Erpa F laim (-mh $\mu\Lambda$) Heoroip $\mu V\mu\Lambda$ deisil Eorpa B
desil Eorpa M ¹¹ gu B ¹² Espā F hEasp. BM.

34. ¹ Oige B Oici M ² Uicci F Uige B Uici M ³ can FM gan B
⁴ oil M ⁵ Elloth F Alldoit $\mu V\mu\Lambda$ Alloith B Alloit M ⁶ Naannel F
Noenbail $\mu V\mu\Lambda$ Nainil B Noindil M ⁷ Mantán L Mandtan B ⁸ is FM
⁹ Cacher L Caicer F Caicher $\mu V\mu\Lambda$ Caichir B Caither M ¹⁰ blaith bil FM
Brath bil μVB blath bil $\mu\Lambda$ ¹¹ fa M ¹² hiad FBM hiat $\mu V\mu\Lambda$
¹³ a F $\mu V\mu\Lambda$ BM ¹⁴ ceitri taisig F ceith (sic) toisich μV ceitri toisigh $\mu\Lambda$
ceithri taisich M taisigh B.

35. ¹Cethri fir ²dēc ³cona ⁴mnāib 475
⁵ba lucht ⁶do ⁷each luing ⁸lāech-lāin,
 ocus ⁹seiseor ¹⁰amos ¹¹ān;
¹²srōinset trī ¹³catha ¹⁴in ¹⁵Hespāin.
36. ¹Ard in cēt-²chath—³nocho ⁴chēl— 480
⁵ro srōinset ⁶for ⁷slūaig ⁸Toisēn;
 cath ⁹for ¹⁰Bachro ¹¹co n-garga,
¹²ocus cath ¹³for ¹⁴Longbarda.
37. ¹Ba dar ēis in ²chatha ³elē 485
⁴tāinic ⁵dōib tām ⁶oen-lāithe:
 lucht long mac ⁷nElloith ⁸cen ⁹ehron
¹⁰marba ¹¹uile acht ¹²dēchenbor.
38. ¹Doniachtatar ²ass Ūn is Ēn,
 dā ³deg-mac na ⁴tōesech trēn:
⁵iarsin ⁶ro ⁷genir ⁸Bregon,
 athair ⁹Bili in ¹⁰baile-dremon. 490
39. ¹Ro briss mōr ²comlond is ³cath
⁴for ⁵slūag ⁶nEspāin ⁷il-dathach:
⁸Bregon na ⁹nglōr gal, na nglia
¹⁰leis ¹¹dorōnad ¹²Brigantia.

35. ¹ceitri F_μV_μΛB ceithri M ²deg FB ³cono F ⁴mnaibh B
⁵fa M ⁶in F da B ⁷gach μVB ⁸laech bain B laech nair M
⁹seisir F saeramus ba saim μV_μΛ (saimh μ_Λ) seisiur B seser M ¹⁰ama; F
 amhos B amus M ¹¹ain M ¹²roinset (*but* srainset in O'Curry's
transcript) L srainsit F raensat μV_μΛ srainsid B srainsead M ¹³cata F
¹⁴an FB ind μV_μΛ ¹⁵Esp- F_μV_μΛM Easp. B.

36. ¹ard-chath in cet cath ni cel (chel μV) μV_μΛ ²cath FB ³noco LF
⁴cel F cēl B ⁵ro roinset L do srainsit F om. ro; soiset μV soisit μ_Λ
 dosrainsid B doradsad M ⁶ar FBM ⁷slung LFB sluagu μV_μΛ
⁸Toessén L Saisel F Tosén μV Tósen μ_Λ Tossen B ⁹ar F ¹⁰Barco L
 Barcro F Bachru μV_μΛ Bacco B Bacro M ¹¹ba gor gó L ba garg
 gail μV_μΛ gu narga B fa garga M ¹²γ *dittographed* B ¹³ar F
¹⁴Longbardo L Longbardaib μV_μΛ Longbarrda B.

37. ¹badar deis FBM batar deis μV_μΛ ²catha F_μΛ ³chle μV om. B
⁴tainic L_μV_μΛM tainig B (*but dots inserted sec. man. above the first and
 third minims in an attempt to make it tainig*) ⁵doibh B ⁶aenlathie
 (sic) F enlathie μV_μΛB tamh enlathie B ⁷om. n- B: Alloth F nAlloit
 μV_μΛ Alloith B Alloid M ⁸can FM gan B ⁹ón F_μV_μΛBM ¹⁰ba marb

35. Fourteen men with their wives
made the crew for every ship full of warriors,
and six noble hirelings;
they won three battles in Spain.
36. Lofty the first battle—I shall not conceal it—
which they won against the host of the Tuscans;
a battle against the Bachra with violence,
and a battle against the Langobardi.
37. It was after the sinister battle
that there came to them a plague of one day:
the people of the ships of the sons of Allot without
fault
were all dead except ten persons.
38. Un and En came out of it,
two noble sons of the strong chieftains:
thereafter was Bregon born,
father of Bile the strong and raging.
39. He broke a great number of fights and battles
against the many-coloured host of Spain:
Bregon of the shouts of valorous deeds, of the combats,
by him was built Brigantia.

F batar mairb $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ ba marbh B fa marb M ¹¹ uili F *om.* $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$
¹² dechinmbor F .x. neb- $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ deichneabhar B oen ochtar M.

38. ¹ tancatar FM tangadar B tancadar M ² as FM *om.* $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$

³ dag- ^d ^c μV dagagn *the sprs. d (not the c) sec. man.* μ_{Λ} dheagmac B
 deagmac M ⁴ taisac F toisech $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ taiseach B toiseach M ⁵ iarsain L
 (*reinked to iarsam*), μV irsin F airsin B ⁶ do F ⁷ genair L $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ M
 geinir B ⁸ Brogain L Breogan FM Broghon μV Breogon μ_{Λ} B
 Brogann M ⁹ Bile $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ BM ¹⁰ baile-dreoin L baile-remar F
 -reamar FM bailec-dreoin $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ (-dreoman μ_{Λ}) -dhreamhain B baile-
 remar M.

39. ¹ do bris FB ro bris $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ M ² comland F comlond μV comlonn μ_{Λ} B
 comlann M ³ chath L ⁴ ar M ⁵ slugh $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ B ⁶ *om.* n- L nEsb. F
 nEasp. (*the a subsc. sec. man.*) B ⁷ illadach LM n-illathach FB n-ildathach
 $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ ⁸ Brogan F Brogain μV Brogain μ_{Λ} Breoghon B Breogo M
⁹ ngleo is na nglia F nglorgal ba gnua $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ nglor is na nglia B ngnim is
 na nglia M ¹⁰ les $\mu V\mu_{\Lambda}$ ¹¹ do rondadh B dorindend M ¹² Brigaindsia
 F Briancia Brigain^a μ_{Λ} Brigaindsia, *the g sprs. sec. man.* B Briaindsia M.

40. ¹Bregon mae ²Brätha, ³bläith bil
is dö ⁴ro bo mae ⁵Milid :
⁶secht meic ⁷Milid, maith ⁸a slög
⁹im ¹⁰Ēber, im ¹¹Ēremōn. 495
41. ¹Fa ²Dond, fa ³Ailiaeh ⁴eo n-äg
⁵im ⁶Ir, is ⁷fa ⁸Arannān,
⁹im ¹⁰Amairgin ¹¹eo ngnē ngäl,
ocus fa ¹²Colbta in ¹³elaidim. 500
42. Deich mae ¹Bregoin ²cen ³meirbe
⁴Brego, ⁵Fuat, is ⁶Murthemne,
⁷Cūailgne, Cualo ⁸blad ⁹ciabe,
¹⁰Ēbleo, ¹¹Nar Ith, is Bile. 505
43. ¹Ith mae ²Bregoin ³eo ⁴mblaid ⁵mbind
⁶tāinic ar ⁷tūs ⁸in ⁹Hērind :
¹⁰is ē ¹¹fer ¹²toesech ¹³rostreb,
do ¹⁴šil ¹⁵noesech nert-¹⁶Gäedel. 510

40. ¹Bregoin L Bili FM Bile $\mu V \mu \wedge$ Bil B ²Brogain F Bregoin μV
Brogain $\mu \wedge$ Breoghon B Breogain M ³blad FM ⁴do F rob macc μV
⁵Milidh B Milig M ⁶ocht $\mu V \mu \wedge R^3$ ($\overline{mcc} \mu \wedge$) ⁷Miled L Miledh
 $\mu V \mu \wedge$ Milidh B Milead M ⁸in FBM (slogh B) ⁹fa F ¹⁰Eimir B
Emer M ¹¹Herimon L Erimon F Erimon $\mu V \mu \wedge$ Eirmon B Ereamon M.

41. ¹This *quatrain om.* $L \mu V \mu \wedge$ ²Dhond B ³Oilleach B Aireach M
⁴connadh B cen chrad M ⁵fa BM ⁶Hir BMH ⁷am F
⁸Arannan F Arandan B: andan fa *and* ngne ngil *ins. in rasura* B ⁹fa BM
¹⁰Amargin F Aimeirgein B Aimirgin M ¹¹gu B ¹²Colbtha B
Cholpa M ¹³chluidimh B.

42. ¹Brogain F Breogain $\mu V B M$ Breogoin $\mu \wedge$ ²can F gan B
³meirbi F merbe $\mu V \mu \wedge$ meirbhi B merbi M ⁴Broga F Eibliu $\mu V \mu \wedge$

XIV.

R² ¶ 133 (V 2 § 37: E 2 β 13 R 76 B a 10 [*first quatrain only*]: D 4 γ 8). R³ ¶ 156 (B 11 β 19: M 270 γ 1).

1. ¹Doluid ²Milid ³as in ⁴Seithia,
⁵scēl for a ⁶facbat bāird ⁷blas,
iār nguín ⁸Refeloir meic ⁹Nēmāin,
¹⁰eona foga, nīr glē-bān ¹¹glas.

1. ¹-dh E ²-dh EB Milig M ³assin V isin RB asa M ⁴Sceithia BM
⁵scēil B ⁶bflagbaid E facbat (*a curved stroke over the f*) D fagbait B
fagaid M ⁷blass V ⁸Refelair V Reulair DE Refloir RB Reflair M

40. Bregon son of Brath, gentle and good,
he had a son, Mil:
the seven sons of Mil—good their host—
including Eber and Eremon.
41. Along with Dond, and Airech with battle,
including Ir, along with Arannan,
including Amorgen with bright countenance,
and along with Colptha of the sword.
42. The ten sons of Bregon without falsehood,
Brega, Fuat, and Murthemne,
Cualnge, Cuala, fame though it were,
Ebleo, Nar, Ith, and Bile.
43. Ith son of Bregon with tuneful fame
came at the first into Ireland:
he is the first of men who inhabited it,
of the noble seed of the powerful Gaedil.

Breogo B Breogu M ⁵ Fuad F Fuai, *corrected sec. man. to Fuad B*
⁶ Murtemn μV Murtemni μ_{Λ} Muirteimne B ⁷ Cuala Cuailngie (*sic*) F
 Cualnge Cualu $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ Cuala Cuailgne R² ⁸ blad $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ ⁹ cebe FR²
¹⁰ Ebla F Ebleó $L \mu_{\Lambda}$ Eibleo M ¹¹ iar F Ith Nár $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$.
 43. ¹ Hith $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda} M$ ² Brogan F Breogain $\mu V B M$ Breogoin μ_{Λ}
³ om. F gu B ⁴ blad F mblaidh $\mu_{\Lambda} B$ mbloid M ⁵ om. m- LF
⁶ tanic $L \mu V \mu_{\Lambda} M$ thainig B ⁷ dus B ⁸ an $\mu V B$ ⁹ Erind
 F $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ M Erinn B ¹⁰ isse μ_{Λ} ¹¹ f F fear R² ¹² toisach F toisech
 $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ toiseach R² ¹³ do treb F re treabh B nar threab M ¹⁴ til F
 sil $\mu V \mu_{\Lambda}$ ¹⁵ noissach F noisech $\mu V M$ noiseach μ_{Λ} noisiuch B ¹⁶ Gaedil F
 Goedhel μV Gaidel μ_{Λ} neart-Gaidheal B Gaedhil M.

XIV.

1. Mil came out of Scythia,
a tale upon which bards leave a savour,
after the death-wound of Refloir son of Noemius
with his javelin, it was no bright white fetter.

⁹ *ins.* nair: Neman D ¹⁰ cona foga D cona foga E a foga B
 a faga M fogu and *om.* nir V *om.* nir also RD ¹¹ glass VD as BM.

2. ¹Ceithri barca ²lín a ³theaglaig; 515
⁴lotar ⁵tar ⁶muir co ⁷méd ⁸clann,
⁹eóic ¹⁰lánamna ¹¹déce ¹²is amus
¹³in gach baire ¹⁴ro tagas ¹⁵tall.
3. ¹Tarrastair trī ²mīs ³sin ⁴indsi
⁵ic ⁶Deprofāine na port: 520
trī ⁷mīs ⁸aile, ⁹ed ¹⁰cen ¹¹gairdi,
¹²ac imrum ¹³tar ¹⁴fairrge ¹⁵folt.
4. ¹Īar sin ²rāncadar tīr ³nĒgipt,
co ⁴hairecht ⁵Foraind na ⁶fian: 525
⁷atnagar ⁸Scota do ⁹Milig
¹⁰ic an abaind tīrig ¹¹thīar.
5. ¹Gabsat dā ²fer dēc ³din ⁴dreim-sin
dāna ⁵d'foglaim for a ⁶euairt:
⁷Sedga, ⁸Sobairei, ⁹is ¹⁰Suirgi
¹¹re ¹²sāirsi, ¹³cen ¹⁴duilgi nduaire. 530
6. Druidecht ¹la ²Mantan, la Caicher,
la Fulman ³n-indtliuchtach n-oll;
⁴bretemnus las in ⁵ngen ⁶nglūngel,
⁷la ⁸Goseen ⁹ndūir-mer, ¹⁰la Donn.

2. ¹ceitri VEB cetri D ²lion E ³teglaiḡ VEM theaglaigh B
⁴lodar BM ⁵dar VE ar M ⁶in muir and om. co VED ⁷met V
mbeid B ⁸cland E ⁹coig E ¹⁰lanamna VB ¹¹dec V
¹²is in *rasura*: amhos B ¹³is é lin M ¹⁴do taghas B ro thagas M
¹⁵thall VM.

3. ¹tarrasair D ansad BM ²miss V misa B ³san DB is an M
⁴innsi DE ⁵hic VE ag B ac M ⁶Deprofane VD: here and in line
541 below sV wrote Depfane, and the cross-curve changing p to pro was
added sec. man. Deprofaine E Tibrad Faine B Tibraid Fane M ⁷miss V
⁸eli D ele B ⁹eadh VM eadh EB ed D ¹⁰can E con B ¹¹sic V
ghairgi E chairde D gairbi BM ¹²hic imrum V ic imr. D ic iomram E
imreid B lodar for M ¹³for B ¹⁴fairgi V fairrgi DBM ¹⁵ins. na BM.

2. Four ships were the tally of his household;
they came over sea with a multitude of progeny;
fifteen wedded couples and a hireling
in every ship which pressed forward yonder.
3. They stayed three months in the island
at Taprobane of the harbours:
three other months, a season without joyfulness
voyaging over the sea of foam-crests.
4. After that they reached the land of Egypt,
to the court of Pharao of the warriors:
Scota is given to Mil
at the land-river in the west.
5. Twelve men of that company undertook
to learn arts during their sojourn:
Setga, Sobairche, and Suirge,
in craftsmanship, without sad difficulty.
6. Druidry by Mantan, by Caicher,
by Fulman sagacious and great,
law-craft by the white-kneed one,
by Goscen hard and active, by Dond.

4. ¹ ar M ² rangadar EB -tar DV ³ nEigept V nEghept E nEighipt B
nEgept M ⁴ hoireacht BM (-recht B) ⁵ Foruinn D Forainn B
⁶ bfiann E fiann B ⁷ adnaghar VE atadhgor B atnadar M ⁸ Scoto D
⁹ Milidh B ¹⁰ ic ond abaind tiri V hic on abuin tiri D ic in abain
tiri E do chosnam in tiri B do chosnom in tiri M ¹¹ siar B

5. ¹ gabsad E ² om. fer VD ³ don E ⁴ drem D ⁵ dfogluim D
⁶ gcuaire E ⁷ Sedgha V ⁸ -ce V -chi D ⁹ 7 for is VD ¹⁰ -ge VD
¹¹ ra E ¹² suirsi E -se V ¹³ gan ED ¹⁴ duilge V.

6. ¹ ri E le D ² Manntan E ³ nintlichtach V nintleachtach E
⁴ breithemnus E brithemnus D ⁵ ngein ED ⁶ nglungeal E ngluingeal D
⁷ ro V re E le D ⁸ Goisgen E Goiscen D ⁹ ndurmer V duirmer E
¹⁰ ri V sre E le D.

The following is the version of the two foregoing quatrains
in R³ :—

- 5A. ¹Gabhsat da ²fear deg da foghlaim 527A
in gach ceird suthain,² ba suaire,
³Sedgha, Sobhairce ⁊ ⁴Suirghe
re ⁵säirse, gan duilge⁵ nduairc. 530A
- 6A. ¹Draidheacht la ²Mandtan ³'s la Caithear²
la Fulman, lasin ⁴ngéal ngart,
⁴rigdacht sead ⁵ba duthaigh do Dhond,⁵
slicht oll, ⁊ ⁶breithumhnacht. 534A
7. ¹Trí rí na ²læechraide ³lúaidim 535
ro ⁴leth a ⁵ngnai ⁶sund ⁷eo sál,
⁸fri ⁹fogluim, ¹⁰gaiscid ¹¹ro-druiti
¹²Milid, ¹³Oici, Uici ¹⁴ān.
8. ¹Lotar ²ass ³i ⁴einn ⁵ocht mblíadan; 540
⁶ar a ⁷cūlu in ⁸conair ⁹chōir :
¹⁰ansat ¹¹miss ¹²ic ¹³Deprofāine,
¹⁴oid ed ¹⁵nír bo ¹⁶bāire ¹⁷brōin.
9. ¹Rāiset ²sech ³rind ⁴Slēibe ⁵Rifi : 545
⁶ro rēcsat ⁷a ⁸dtír ar ⁹thuind;
bliadain ¹⁰dōib-sa ¹¹lām ¹²re ¹³Tracia,
¹⁴congabsat ¹⁵i nDacia ¹⁶duind.

5A. *Variants* from M. ¹gabsad ²⁻³Yer dec dib foglaim an cach
cerd suthain ³Segda Sobairei ⁴Surgi ⁵⁻⁶sairsi cen dulgi.

6A. ¹druideacht ²⁻³Mantan la Caither ³ngel ⁴om. rigdacht B
⁵⁻⁶fa duthaid do Dond ⁶breitheamnocht.

7. ¹tri ri E tuiream BM ²laochraide E laechroidhi B laechraidi M
³luaidhim E ⁴leath BM ⁵ngnai E ngnoi D ngnae M ⁶sunn DM
⁷ar E gu B tar M ⁸fria B ⁹foglaim VEBM ¹⁰gaisgid ED
gaiscidh B ¹¹rodruide E rodruitti (*spelt* dvruiitti) D fri gnimrad R³
(-adh B) ¹²Milig M ¹³Occe Ucce VE Oicci Uicci D Oige Uige B
¹⁴ain E.

8. ¹dolodar B lodar M ²as EDM om. B ³a EB hi D ⁴gcinn E

- 5A. Twelve men undertook to learn
in every enduring craft, it was pleasant,
Setga, Sobairche and Suirge,
in craftsmanship, without sad difficulty.
- 6A. Druidry by Mantan and by Caicher
by Fulman with the white hospitality:
Kingship it is that was native to Dond,
the lineage of great ones, and law-craft.
7. I mention three kings of the hero-band,
their faces were familiar there to the sea:
great druids in learning and valour,
Mil, Occe, noble Ucce.
8. They went out in the end of eight years;
backward was the true path;
they spent a month in Taprobane,
although it was no goal of sorrow.
9. They steered past the headland of the Rhipaeon
Mountain;
they fared to land upon the wave;
they had a year close by Thracia,
till they landed in brown Dacia.

cind DR² ⁵ocht *yc in rasura* E: .iuii. D ⁶ar do chuala ba (fa M)
hi in choir R² ⁷geul E ⁸chon- V ⁹coir E ¹⁰ansad ER²
¹¹mis EDR³ ¹²hic R² ag B a M ¹³Deprofane VD (*see note to line*
520 *above*) Dibraidh Faine B Tibraid Fane M ¹⁴cidh edh V cidh eadh E
gidheadh B gerbead M ¹⁵nirbo *yc* E: on nir R³ ¹⁶bairi M ¹⁷mbroin E.

9. ¹raisit V rased E -eit D reithsid B risead M ²seach R³ ³rinn E
⁴Slebi D tSlebi E Sleibhi B Slebe M ⁵Riphe E Rife R² ⁶ro recssat E
do reatsad B do rersad M ⁷o B ⁸tir VDM thir B ⁹tuinn DE
(*one minim omitted E, making tvii*) tuind R³ ¹⁰doibh-sa B doibseon M
¹¹lamh E laim R² ¹²ra E ri DB ¹³T'via E Traigia R² ¹⁴congabsad E
congabsautt D imreid B imridis M ¹⁵an Dacia ED isin naigia B
anaicia M ¹⁶duinn ED nduind R².

10. ¹Ansát ²mīs ³an Dacia ⁴dathaig,
⁵lotar ⁶ass i ⁷nGothiam ngluair,
⁸i mBelgont, ⁹i mBregaint ¹⁰bruinig,
¹¹isin Espāin ¹²n-uillig n-uair. 550
11. ¹Ceithri ²catha ³dēc ⁴'s dā ⁵fichit
ro ⁶fersat ⁷ind ⁸laechrad lōr,
im ⁹chert ¹⁰nEspāine ¹¹dārīrib—
¹²mebdatar ¹³rīa ¹⁴Milig mōr.
12. Dē ¹atā ²Milig ³Espāine ⁴airseom— 555
do na ⁵cathaib ⁶sin ro ⁷bris;
⁸Golam a ainm, ⁹data ¹⁰dīles,
¹¹mo ¹²phopa, ¹³cen ¹⁴dīmes ndiss.
13. ¹Dosfāinie ²tām ³i n-a ⁴theglach,
⁵cōie lānamna dēc ⁶dē ⁷atbath, 560
⁸im na trī ⁹rīgaib ¹⁰ro rāidius,
¹¹i dāil nar ¹²chāinius ¹³i cath.
14. ¹Tāngadar meic ²Miled ³molaim
⁴co Hērind a ⁵Hespāin ⁶uill, 565
⁷'na longaib ⁸dar lār ⁹il-lacha,
¹⁰ina ¹¹congaib ¹²catha ¹³crúim.

10. ¹ansad EBM ²miss V ³in Dacia VD in naigia B an Aicia M ⁴ndathaig E dathaidh B ndathaich M ⁵lodar R² ⁶as EDM isin B an EM ⁷Gothim E Gothiam D nGothiam B: gluair V ⁸in delghainn E indelgaind VD in Bealdund B im Belgont M ⁹im Breogainn E in Breagdunn B im Breogann M ¹⁰mbruind E mbruinigh DB ndruinich M ¹¹issin V isan M Easpain R² ¹²nduillig nduair B: nullich M.

11. ¹ceitri VB cethri D ²cath E ³deg B ⁴is VR³ om. DE ⁵fichet D ficheat B ⁶fersad E fersat VD fersad B ⁷in V an E ind D im BM ⁸laechraid V laochraidh E laichrad D leacon R² ⁹cert E ceart B cheart M ¹⁰nEsbaine E Espaini B Espaine M ¹¹doririb VE -ibh B ¹²mebdhtar V: da (ga B) cosnom (-am B) R² ¹³re E do R² ¹⁴Mile B.

12. ¹tá B ita B ²Milidh B ³Espane V Easpain B ⁴airsium V airsem D airsin B airseon M ⁵-aibh B ⁶sen V ⁷briss B

10. They stayed a month in coloured Dacia,
they went out of it into bright Gothia,
into Belgaint, into Bregaint of large companies,
into cold Spain of the headlands.
11. Fourteen battles and two score
the ample hero-band waged,
in truth, about the right to Spain—
They broke before Mil the great.
12. Thence has he the name "Mil of Spain"—
from those battles which he broke;
Golam was his name, a faithful foster-father,
my master, without despicable contempt.
13. There came plague into his household,
fifteen wedded couples died of it,
including the three kings whom I have mentioned,
in an assembly which made no lament in battle.
14. The sons of Mil whom I praise came
to Ireland from great Spain:
in their ships over a plain of many sea-birds,
in which they maintained crooked battle.

⁸ Galam R² Golumh B ⁹ dada E ¹⁰ dilis VE dileas BM ¹¹ am B
¹² popa V pupa E phapa D poba B foba M ¹³ gan EB gen D ¹⁴ dimes
ndis VE dimeas ris B dimes dis M.

13. ¹ -fanie VM -faniuig D -fainig B ² tamh E tamain a theaglach B
³ inna D ⁴ teglach VDM ⁵ coic lanomna V coig E da lanomain
(-amain M) R² ⁶ om. de M ⁷ adbath EM ⁸ um B ⁹ riguib D
riogaib E ¹⁰ ro raidhus V ro raides E do raidheadh B ro raided M
¹¹ hi dhail V riam nochor cáinead B uair ni ro cained M ¹² cain E
¹³ hi D a B.

14. ¹ -catar V -gatar D ² Miledh V Milead M ³ moluim D
⁴ ind Erinn VD an Eirinn E an Er- B ⁵ Hesbain E Heaspain BM
⁶ huill D ⁷ hi longaib VE na hillongaib D a longa B ⁸ tar E
gu B co M ⁹ ind lacha V ¹⁰ ana E in D ¹¹ -bh B
¹² chatha VDB ¹³ chruind B cruind M.

15. ¹Cōic ²lānamna ³cethair ⁴deg-dēich
⁵tucsat ⁶leo, ⁷do muintir mōir:
⁸cethrar ⁹amus ¹⁰mar dom māidit
¹¹dōib for scāil a ¹²Hespāin ¹³ōig. 570
16. Iar sin ¹gabsat ²Inber ³Scēne
Dīa Māirt, for ⁴cert-⁵challainn ⁶Mai:
⁷ō sin ⁸amach, ⁹fa ¹⁰derb ¹¹linne,
¹²ro ¹³dergsat ¹⁴rindi ar gach ¹⁵rai.
17. ¹Rē cind bliadna ²randsat ³Ērind 575
⁴in dib ⁵randaib dēc, ⁶derb ⁷lem,
im ⁸Ēremōn is ⁹im ¹⁰Ēber
im ¹¹deichnebar ¹²trēnfer ¹³tend.
18. ¹Cōicer ²gabsadar im ³Ēber 580
⁴i l-leith ⁵ndescertach ⁶hi tind,
⁷da ⁸Etan, ⁹is ¹⁰Mantan ¹¹mōr-glan,
¹²Caicher ocus Fulman ¹³find.
19. ¹Cōicer im ²Ēremōn ³n-ūasal
⁴gabsat ⁵im ⁶tūaiscert ⁷atbēr,
⁸Aimirgen, ⁹Sobairei, ¹⁰Segda, 585
¹¹Gosten, ¹²Suirgi, ¹³tetra ¹⁴trēn.

15. ¹coig EB ²lanomhna B ³ins. a M: .iiii. V ceitri E ceathair BM
⁴deghdeich E dec (om. deich: deg B) BM ⁵tugsad E tugsat DB ⁶lōe V
⁷don muindtir mhoir B ⁸cetrar V ceatrar B ceathrar M ⁹amhus EB
¹⁰ba sid fri sgail VD ba fídh friscail E mardommaidh doib B marda
maidit M ¹¹ind Erinn V an Eir- E in Herinn D ro scailit M (doib
transferred to preceding line B om. M) ¹²Hesbain E ¹³oigh EB.

16. ¹gabsad ER² ²inbiur D indber M inbhear B ³Sceine E
Sceini B ⁴ττ VD ceirt E ceart B ⁵-nd M ⁶Maoi E Maii D
⁷o sáin V o sóin D ⁸immach V ⁹ba R² co B ¹⁰dearb B
¹¹linde E demin R² ¹²do R² ¹³dergsad EB dercsat M ¹⁴rinne ED
rind Fémín (Feimin B) fai R² ¹⁵raoi E, ro *changed sec. man. to rai D.*

17. ¹ria VD a B i M ²randsat VD randsad E roindsid B randsad M
³Eirinn E, H- D ⁴a ndibh EB ⁵rannaib VB randaibh deg E
rannaib D rendaib M ⁶dearb B ⁷leam VB ⁸Erimon VB
Eoiremon E ⁹um B am M ¹⁰Eimher E ¹¹dechniubur V

15. Four good tens and five of wedded couples
they brought with them, of the great company :
four hirelings, as they assert to me,
they had, in parting from virgin Spain.
16. After that they landed in Inber Scene
a Tuesday, on the exact Kalends of May :
from that out, we may be certain
they reddened points on every plain.
17. Before the end of a year they partitioned Ireland
into twelve parts, I hold it for certain,
between Eremon, Eber
and ten strong champions.
18. Five men including Eber landed
in the southern half in strife :
two Etans, and Mantan great and pure,
Caicher and white Fulman.
19. Five men including noble Eremon
landed around the north, I shall say it,
Amorgen, Sobairche, Setga,
Goscen, Suirge, the strong raven.

deichneabhar E deichniubur D deithneabhar B ¹²-fer VM treinfer E
-fear B ¹³tenn D teand B.

18. ¹coicir V coiger E coigear B ²gabsadar E gabsatar D rogabsat B
rogabsad M ³Eimer *with no b written above the m* E Emer M
⁴alleth V hi leith E allet D in leath R³ ⁵deiscertach B *om. n- M*
⁶hi tinn V a dind E nar thim B ad chind M ⁷*sic* R² En is R³
⁸Eadan EM Adan B ⁹*om.* R³ ¹⁰Mandtán EB ¹¹murglan VEDM
¹²Caithear B Caither M ¹³finn VE.

19. ¹coiciur E coigear B ²Erimon VB Eiremon E ³*om. n- ER*³
⁴-sad EM ⁵an E i B ⁶tuascert VD ⁷adber EM ⁸Amargen V
Aimírgin EM Amairgein D Aimeirgein B ⁹Sobairche V Sobhairci E
Sobairchi D Sogairce B Sobairci M ¹⁰Setga VD Sedghai E Sedga B
¹¹Goscen R² Goistin B Goisten M ¹²Suirge DB Surge EM ¹³Detla B
Dedla M ¹⁴deir B der M.

20. Rāith ¹Bethaig ²ac Eōir na ³n-aiged
 clas la ⁴Hēremōn ⁵īar n-ōl,
 Rāith ⁶Aindind ⁷re Hēber ⁸mōrthar,
 la ⁹Haimirgin ¹⁰Tōchar Mōr. 590
21. Dūn ¹Sobairei ²sund ³īar sāime
⁴la ⁵Sobairei ⁶tāeb-geal ⁷tend;
⁸Delginis ⁹la ¹⁰Setga ¹¹īar ¹²suilgi;
¹³Dun ¹⁴Ētair ¹⁵la ¹⁶Suirgi ¹⁷seng.
22. ¹Rāith ²Arda Sūird ³clas ⁴la Fulman, 595
 Dūn ⁵mBindi ⁶la ⁷Caicher ⁸erōn,
 Rāith ⁹Rīg Baird ¹⁰la ¹¹Hetan ¹²n-ecal,
¹³Dūn ¹⁴Cairich ¹⁵la ¹⁶Hetan ¹⁷n-ōg.
23. ¹Cumtach ²Nair ³īar ⁴Slēib ⁵Mis ⁶molaim,
⁷la ⁸Goisten, ⁹nir ¹⁰dodaing dō;
¹¹at iat ¹²sin ¹³a rātha ¹⁴rēlaim 600
¹⁵is a raind for ¹⁶Ērind so.
24. ¹Milid ²assin ³Scithia ⁴sciathaig
⁵Hisin ⁶Dardāin, nī ⁷delm ⁸ngō,
⁹Gabais ¹⁰Espāin ¹¹i l-leith ¹²lāithi 605
 ro ¹³bo ¹⁴sed ¹⁵eo ndaithi do.

20. ¹Rath D Bethaich D Bedthaigh B Beothaid M ²ic VDB ag E
³noighed V naighed E noidedh D naidheadh B ⁴Herimon VB Heiremon E
 Hereamon M ⁵ar B ⁶Oind VD Cind E Aindinn B ⁷f¹ he·b· na
 nogthor (*the dot before b inserted by re-inker*) V: fri also ED: Heiber E
 Heimhear B ⁸na nogthor E na nogthor also in D ⁹Hamargen V
 Haimirgen E Hamairin B ¹⁰tochur E tochor DB.

21. ¹Sobairce V -rgi D Sobhairche B ²sunn D ³īar saine VE
 iar sealad B re selad M ⁴le R² ⁵-airgi V -airchi D -airche B
⁶taebgel V taobgheal E toebgel D taebhgheal B ⁷tenn VD teand B
⁸Deilginis V Delcinis (*the c sprs.*) E Deilinis B Delinis M ⁹le B re M
¹⁰Setgha B Sedga M ¹¹om. E ¹²suirge E suilge BM ¹³Duin M
¹⁴Edair BM ¹⁵re M ¹⁶Suirge EDB Surge M ¹⁷seang B.

22. ¹rath EDB ²Airde E ³slas ED ⁴fri R² le B ⁵Findi V
 Binne E Binni D Minde B ⁶le B ⁷Caithir E Cacher D Cathear B
 Caither M ⁸mor R² ⁹Rigbair E -ghbh- B ¹⁰fri R² re B

20. Raith Bethaig at the Eoir of the Guests,
dug by Eremon after drinking;
Raith Ainninn by Eber, be it magnified!
by Amorgen the Great Causeway.
21. Dun Sobairche there after repose,
by Sobairche the white-sided and strong;
Delginis by Setga after ease;
Dun Etaire by slender Suirge.
22. Raith Arda Suird dug by Fulman,
Dun Bindi by swarthy Caicher,
Raith Rigbaird by formidable Etan,
Dun Cairich by pure Etan.
23. The building of Nar west of Sliab Mis I celebrate
by Goseen, it was not difficult for him:
Those are their forts which I set forth,
and this is their divisions over Ireland.
24. Mil out of shield-like Scythia
upon Thursday, it is no sound of falsehoods,
took Spain in half a day—
it was a way with nimbleness for him.

¹¹ Headan R² ¹² neccal E negal D neagal B neacal M ¹³ ins. is R²
¹⁴ Croich R² Goirig B ¹⁵ re VD ro E le B ¹⁶ Etan VE Headan B
Hedan M ¹⁷ om. n- R² ogh VE oc D nogh B.

23. ¹ Cumtach *all MSS. but cumhdach* B ² nar *yc E in rasura* nard D
³ ar VD a E ⁴ Sleibh EB Sliab M ⁵ Miss V ⁶ moluim D ⁷ le B
⁸ Goiscen VD Goisgen E Goisdin B ⁹ nair bo nair do (dho B) R²
¹⁰ dodhaing VEB doduing D ¹¹ is iat V is iad E hisiat D ¹² sain EDB
¹³ na ratha V arratha ED ¹⁴ relim VDB relimm E relaim M ¹⁵ sa
roind fa (ar B) Erind andso R² ¹⁶ Herind ED.

24. ¹ Milidh VB Milig M ² asin D sin B isa M ³ Sceithia R²
⁴ sciathaigh EB sciamda M ⁵ hisi D isa B isin M ⁶ Dardan B
⁷ deilm EB ⁸ dho B ⁹ gabuis ED ¹⁰ Easp. B ¹¹ hilleth D
alleith B aleith M ¹² lathi E laithe B ¹³ po ED robsad M ¹⁴ sét
VEDM (set D) theist B ¹⁵ condathi ED conaidthe B conaithe M.

XV.

Min ¶ 107 A ($\mu\wedge$ 26 α 43: μ R 91 δ 3). R³ ¶ 142 (B 10 β 2: M 268 δ 31: H 100 β 46).

1. ¹Ceithri ²randa ³räiter ⁴dē
for ⁵suidi na ⁶Gäedilge:
Canōin, ⁷Gramadach, ⁸is Stair,
ocus Rīm co n-a ⁹ro-bail. 610
2. Is ¹ī ²in ³Chanōin, ⁴nī cheleb,
⁵Senchus Mōr, ⁶Bretha Nemed—
⁷Nochosdērna ⁸duine dō—
⁹Āi ¹⁰Chermna γ ¹¹Āi ¹²Chano. 620
3. Is ¹ī ²in ³Gramadach ⁴na nglond⁴
na trī ⁵chāicait ⁶crāeb-⁷ogom,
na ⁸rēmenna, ⁹rēm ¹⁰nena,
¹¹is na ¹²duili ¹³deig-¹⁴feda. 615
4. Is ¹ī ²in ³Stair, ⁴fa ⁵stiuir ⁶fessa,
na ⁷fessa, na ⁸foirfessa,
⁹tāna, ¹⁰togla, ¹¹tricha scēl,
ocus tri ¹²fichit ¹³foiscēl. 620
5. Is ¹ī ²in Rīm ³nocho rādom,
⁴Bretha ⁵Cai ⁶can imarchor:
⁷is esbach a ⁸sechna ⁹so,
¹⁰enesta na ¹¹cethri rando. 625

1. ¹Ceithri BH Cethri μ R ²ranna $\mu\wedge\mu$ R renda M ³raither B
raitear M rater H ⁴dhe B ⁵suithe $\mu\wedge$ suidiu μ R snoidhe B saidhe M
⁶Gaidhel- $\mu\wedge$ Gaidilce μ R Gaedheilge B Gaeidilge MH ⁷gramat- $\mu\wedge\mu$ R
gramidach M gramutach H ⁸istair $\mu\wedge$ γ Stair μ R isdair BH is sdair M
⁹rogail μ R.

2. ¹hi $\mu\wedge$ ²an μ R ³Canoin $\mu\wedge\mu$ R ⁴nir ceiledh $\mu\wedge$ ni cheleb μ R
ni cheiliub BM ni cheilib H ⁵Senchas B ⁶breata B breatha M:
Nemeadh $\mu\wedge$ Neimiudh B Nemidh H ⁷nochonasdernai $\mu\wedge$ nochasderna μ R
nochodearna B nochosdearna M ⁸duide *and om.* do $\mu\wedge\mu$ R duini H ⁹Aei M
¹⁰Cane μ R Cearmna B Chearmna M ¹¹na Cermna μ R: Oei M
¹²Chanae $\mu\wedge$ Chana H.

3. ¹hi $\mu\wedge$ M ²an μ RH ³Gramatach $\mu\wedge\mu$ R(α)MH ⁴⁻⁴*om.* μ R, na
nglonn $\mu\wedge$ H ⁵choecat $\mu\wedge$ chaieicaid B chaicaid H ⁶Craob μ R
craebh B ⁷ogam $\mu\wedge$ M ⁸reñd μ R reimenda BH remeanna M

XV.

1. It is said that it has four divisions
among scholars of Gaelic:
Canons, Grammar, and History,
and Prosody with its great prosperity.
2. This is Canons, I shall not conceal it,
the Great Story, the Judgements of Nemed—
no (mere) man made it for him—
the Science of Cermma and the Science of Cano.
3. This is Grammar of the achievements,
the thrice fifty branching Oghams,
the declensions, the row of the letter,
and the books of a good wood.
4. This is History, it was a rudder of knowledge,
the sciences, the extra sciences,
forays, captures, thirty sagas,
and three-score subordinate sagas.
5. This is Rhyme, of which we shall not speak,
The Judgements of Cai without error;
it is idle to shun these matters,
seemly are the four parts.

⁹ rem μ_{Λ} M ¹⁰ neana B ¹¹ γ μ R ¹² duile μ_{Λ} ¹³ degfeda μ_{Λ}
dagfeda μ R deighfeadha B deighfeada M.

4. ¹ an μ RH ² sdair μ RMH ³ fo $\mu_{\Lambda}\mu$ R ⁴ sdiuir μ RH
⁵ messa μ_{Λ} mesa μ R meassa B feasa M fesa H ⁶ feassa B feasa M
fessa H ⁷ forbfeasa μ_{Λ} forbessa μ R foirfeasa (*the first a sbs. sec.*
man.) B foireasa M forfesa H ⁸ toglá tana μ R ⁹ tola B
¹⁰ trichaid H ¹¹ fichid B fiched H ¹² roger $\mu_{\Lambda}\mu$ R foseól BH.

5. ¹ an μ R ² nocho recob μ_{Λ} nochasrecab μ R nochoradh omh (*sic*) B
nocha rádomh H ³ breatha BM ⁴ Cói H ⁵ conimthecor μ_{Λ} conimtecar
 μ R conimtheagor B conimthegur H ⁶ is espa μ_{Λ} his easba μ R is
easbach BM is espach H ⁷ seach- MB ⁸ sona μ R ⁹ cnesda μ R
cneasta BM ¹⁰ cethra ranno μ_{Λ} cethra ranno μ R ceatra B ceithri M
ceitri H.

(a) In μ R the g dotted.

XVI.

Min ¶ 107 A ($\mu\wedge$ 26 β 14 : μR 91 δ 23). R^3 ¶ 142 (B 10 β 18 :
M 269 α 1).

1. In bērla ¹tebidi ²tric,
ro ³lesaig ⁴Gāedel ⁵glan-glic,
⁶ūathad do ⁷šil ⁸Gāedil ⁹gairb
duime ¹⁰ea mbeith a ¹¹fir-ainm. 630

2. “¹Gāidelg” ²adelaide sin fris
³lucht ⁴aineólais is ainbfis :
⁵nī ⁶nesa do ⁷Gāedel glie
⁸inas do each ele oirrdric.

3. ¹Mad āil dam ²a ³rād fri cāch 635
⁴co roib co ⁵follus in fāth,
⁶at iat—re ⁷ngarmann can ⁸gai—
ceithri ⁹hanmann in ¹⁰bērlai—

4. “¹Ticcoladh” a Heabra ard,
is “²Moloth” a Grēig glē-garg, 640
“³Legulus” a ⁴Laidin le,
“⁵Tinōiltech” ⁶ara fēine.

5. Gebe ¹bess for a n-iarair,
etir dāescair is diamair,
²is iat sin can time tra 645
³anmann ⁴binde ⁵in bērla.

1. ¹tobaide $\mu\wedge\mu R$ teibidhe B teibidi M ²trice $\mu\wedge\mu RB$ ³lessaig
 $\mu\wedge$ leasaigh B ⁴Gaidel $\mu\wedge$ Goidel μR -dhel B ⁵glain glice μR glice
also $\mu\wedge$ ⁶uathadh $\mu\wedge$ B huath- μR ⁷sil $\mu R\mu\wedge B$ ⁸Gaidil
 $\mu\wedge\mu R$ Gaedhil B Gaedil M ⁹gairbh $B\mu\wedge$ ¹⁰ga μRB cambeth $\mu\wedge$
¹¹fir $\mu R\mu\wedge$.

2. ¹Gaidile μR Gaidel get beratsam friss $\mu\wedge$ Gaedhelg B Gaedile M
²atberassom μR aderaidsiun B adearaisin M ³in lucht aineolach
ainbfis $\mu\wedge\mu R$ (om. is ainbf. μR) ⁴in colais san ainfis B ⁵ni nesso
do Gaidelge glice $\mu\wedge$ ⁶neassa B neasa M ⁷Gaidil μR Ghaedhelg B
⁸inda dogach ni is airdirec $\mu\wedge$ indas da cech ni as airdire μR ana da each
M inas do gach ealg urdraic B.

XVI.

1. The select vivacious language
which Gaedel the pure and cunning improved,
few of the seed of rough Gaedel
are the men who may know its real name.
2. "Gaedelg"—they call it so,
people who are ignorant and have no knowledge:
no nearer to cunning Gaedel
than to any conspicuous notable.
3. Were I to desire to say to everyone
that the matter was evident,
here are—with which they name it without false-
hood—
the four names of the language.
4. "Ticolath" in lofty Hebrew,
"Moloth" in Greek bright and rough,
"Legulus" therewith in Latin,
"Tinoiltech" among its people.
5. Whoever he be who should be seeking them,
whether lowly or obscure,
those, indeed, without fear
are the tuneful names of the language.

3. ¹ madh B ² a raga fria each B ³ rádh μR ⁴ co rab μΛ
co raib μR gurabh gu B ⁵ fallus μR ⁶ atat sunn cer (cen μR)
gnimradh ngle (ngae μR) ceathra hanmanna (ceithri anmae μR) μΛμR ati
iad B ⁷ ngarmand gan B ⁸ gae M ⁹ hanmand B ¹⁰ berlae μR.

4. ¹ Ticolath (Ticolad μR) a Ebra aird (ard μR), Maloth isin Grece (a
Grec μR) gle gairg (gare μR) μΛμR Ticoladh B ² Laitin μΛμR
³ Tinoltach μΛ Tinoiltech B ⁴ are fene μΛμR.

5. ¹ bes μR ² is eol dam cen time tra μΛμR is eol dam gan time
tra B ³ anmanna μR anmonda B ⁴ binne μΛμR binde B ⁵ an μR.

XVII.

R³ ¶ 142 (B 10 β 31 : M 269 a 12).

1. ¹Goirtigernn ainm in bērla
do bi ²ac ³Mac Dē ⁴deg-ērgna,
ocus ⁵ac sil nAdaim ūair,
rē cumdach in Tuir ⁶Nemrūaid. 650
2. Ge ro ¹lean ²dē ³bēarla ⁴Eabra,
⁵ac lucht in domain ⁶dealbda,
⁷ead bus ainm ⁸īar mbrāth na mbenn,
⁹don bērla, ¹⁰gnāth-Goirtigern.

1. ¹sic M, Goirtigearnd B ²ag B ³a gloss in M. i. ac Adam
⁴deigerna M ⁵ag sil Adhaimh (om. n.) B ⁶-aidh B.

XVIII.

R³ ¶ 144 (B 10 γ 16).

1. Gaidhel Glas, foghnaidh a radh
risi(n) fear crithir comlan,
indi diata Gaedhel Glas,
uathadh ga fūil a eolas. 655
2. Dar fotraicead sa tuind trein,
¹deadh-mac Niuil, mac gu mor-mein, 660
gur iadh in athair fa chneas,
o nar ²b'urus a leigheas.
3. An ti glas ni dheachaidh dhe,
no gur foir eo maith Maise :
d'fagsadar file ro-feas 665
gurob de ata Gaedel Glas.
4. Do fagaibh do ocus da cloind
Maisi—fa maith in aemoing—
gan peist gan nathair gu neim
a tir da ngebdaís Gaideil. 670
5. Fagbais fagbhala ele
Maisi, mac gu mor-gloine,
gan diultagh fri daim n-Ain-fir
ag sil gasta glan-Gaeidil.

2. ¹the a sbs. yc B ²burusa a B.

XVII.

1. Goirtigern was the name of the language which the Son of God (= Adam) of good wisdom had, as well as the seed of Adam once on a time, before the building of Nemrod's Tower.
2. Although it was called the Hebrew language among the folk of the shapely world, This is what the name shall be according to the judgement of the summits [= sages] for the language, current Goirtigern.

2. ¹len B ²om de M ³berla M ⁴Eabhra B ⁵ag B
⁶delbha B ⁷eadh B ⁸re mbrath mbend B ⁹in M
¹⁰gnaith M Garthigeard B.

XVIII.

1. Gaedel Glas—it is convenient to give the name to the sparkling (?) perfect man: the reason why he was called Gaedel Glas, few there be who know thereof.
2. As he laved him in the strong wave, the good son of Nel, a youth with great mind, the serpent wound about his skin, so that his healing was not easy.
3. The green spot would not depart from him till Moses gave him good assistance: Poets have left the important fact of knowledge That "Gaedel Glas" comes therefrom.
4. He left to him and to his progeny did Moses—good was the instrument—that no reptile or venomous serpent should be in the land where the Gaedil should settle.
5. He left other bequests, did Moses, a youth of great renown, that the valorous seed of pure Gaedel should never oppose the company of the Most High.

XIX.

R³ ¶ 153 (B 10 8 58: M 270 a 4).

Ro gon ¹Milig ²fa maith cland 675
³Raffoir nīr bo ro-anband
 Ro ⁴seuch eo crūaid on tīr ⁵trell
 Co sruth Nil, eo fuair Forand.

¹ Milidh B ² ba B ³ Refalair nar bo (ro *ins. sec. man.*) gand B
⁴ sguch gu cruaidh B ⁵ treall B.

XX.

R² ¶ 432 (V 11 γ 25: ∧ 13 β 8: E 8 β 7: D 20 γ 26).R³ ¶ 156 (B 11 β 7: M 270 β 37).

1. Ocht meic ¹Golaim na ngāire
²darb ainm ³Milid ⁴Easpāine, 680
⁵ro ⁶sleachtadar ⁷mili ⁸mag:
⁹ea tīr as a ¹⁰tāncadar?
2. ¹Aireach ²Februad, ³Dond, dar Dia
⁴do genair sa Sceithia;
⁵rucad ⁶in ⁷Ēigept ⁸aibnig 685
⁹Ēber oeus ¹⁰Aimirgin.
3. Hir, ¹nī robe lāech ²bu lia
³ro genair ⁴a thaebh ⁵Traigia.
 Ro ⁶genair ⁷Colptha in ⁸cloidim
⁹a ¹⁰nglind ¹¹Colpa a ¹²nGaethlaidib. 690
4. ¹Ruetha ie tur Breogain ²can brōn
³Erennān is ⁴Ēremōn:
 dā ⁵sōsar na ⁶lāech ⁷can locht:
 Mac Dē do ⁸trāeth a ⁹tothocht.

1. ¹ Galaim V_∧ED ² diarb V_∧ED ³ Milidh VB Milig M
⁴ Esp. V_∧ED ⁵ do B ⁶ sleachtatar V_∧ slechtsatar ED ⁷ mile B
⁸ magh VB ⁹ citne tire ingeinitar (-gen- V) V_∧ citne tire hingenatar E
 citne tiri in genatar D: cia M ¹⁰ tangadar B.

2. ¹ Herech Febra is Donn, dar (is Don is dar ∧) V_∧ED ² Fabruadh B
³ *ins.* is B ⁴ ro geinitar (gen- V) isin (sin V) Sceithia V_∧ ro genatar
 sin Sceithia E rogenair hi taeb Tracia D ro geinedair sin Sceithia B do
 genair i taeb Traigia, *with* no sa Sceithia *sprs.* M ⁵ rucait VE rucait ∧
 rugad D rugadh B ⁶ an V_∧B ind E ⁷ Eigipt _∧E Egipt D Eighipt B
⁸ aibnigh V_∧ aibhnigh B ⁹ Eber Fīnd (Finn D) is Amargen (Amh- _∧
 Amargin E Aimirgin D) V_∧ED ¹⁰ Ameirgein B.

XIX.

Mil of good progeny inflicted a death-wound
 on Refloir, who was not weak :
 he departed under duress from the land once on a
 time
 to the river Nile, till he found Pharao.

XX.

1. The eight sons of Golam of the laughings,
 whose name was Mil of Spain,
 they cleared a thousand plains :
 what was the land from which they came?
2. Airech Februa, Dond, before God !
 they were born in Scythia.
 Born in streamy Egypt
 were Eber and Amorgen.
3. Ir, no warrior was greater
 was born on the side of Thracia—
 Colptha of the sword was born
 in the valley of Colpa (Gampa, R²) in the Marshes.
4. Born at the tower of Breogan without sorrow
 were Erennan and Eremon,
 the two youngest of the warriors without blemish :
 the Son of God subdued their wealth.

3. ¹nir been laech V_Λ nir been laoch E nir been laech D ni roibe
 laech B ni roibi laech M ²bud V_ΛD bad EM ³ro geiner B
⁴i taeb VD i ttaeb _Λ do taob E i tracht M ⁵Tracia VE Traicia _Λ
 Tragia D ⁶geinir B ⁷Colpta D Colpa B ⁸claidim V claidhim _Λ
 cloidheim B ⁹hi nglinn Gampa i nGaethlaigib (-tlaig- _Λ) V_Λ in glinn
 Gampa in Gaetlaigib D ¹⁰nglend B ¹¹Gampan Gaotl-ib E Cholpa M
¹²-ibh B.

4. ¹ruchta E rugtha ag B ²cen V_ΛE ein D gan B ³Herannan VD
 Herennan _Λ Herandan E Arandan B ⁴Herimon V_Λ Eiremon E Eirimon B
⁵sossar _Λ sosar D ⁶laoch E ⁷gan V_ΛB cen E ein D ⁸traoth E
⁹totocht E.

NOTES ON SECTION II.

PROSE TEXTS.

First Redaction.

103. (= R³ ¶ 134). The genealogical relationship of Feinius to Noah is in confusion. R¹ gives us Feinius s. Baath s. Gomer s. Iaphet; R² makes Baath s. Magog, and its influence has affected R³, which here deserts the F*Q tradition.

The short Min version of this paragraph brings us as near as we can get to the original form, except for the interpolated I bath, who is elsewhere a *brother* of Baath. He is unknown to F*Q in this place. In *taissech amra airigda* was probably an interlined gloss in √R¹, *taissech* being written in a not very intelligible contracted form; it was therefore misread *fer* by √L. *Issē-side . . . bērlai* was evidently a marginal note in √R¹, and the genealogy of Nimrod the same in √R¹; the first note was taken into the text before the second, for the latter has no fixed "habitat": it is here in L, but in F*Q it has entered the following paragraph (= R³ ¶ 137).

The latter interpolation emphasises a contrast, not consistently maintained, between *Bērla Fēne*, attributed to Feinius, and *Gāedelg*, constructed by Gaedel Glas (¶ 107). Such contrasts of a current and a learned language are common: we find them in *Auraicept na n-Ēces*, in *Maro*, in *Hisperica Famina* (where "Hisperic" and "Ausonic," i.e. normal Latin, are contrasted, to the disadvantage of the latter). There are numerous conflicting stories of the ancestry of Feinius and of the nature of his exploit: see *Auraicept* ed. Calder, pp. 14, 16. The whole episode of the artificial synthesis of the Gaelic language is one of the most obvious indications of the spuriousness of this part of the story.

104. (= R³ ¶ 137). The differences between R¹ and R³ (M version) are scribal only: but M has one bad error (*isin*

Asia for *assind Assia*, corrected in the derivatives of B) and also some interpolations, on which see the notes on ¶ 137.

105. (= R³ ¶ 138). The interpolation in this ¶ is adapted from Augustine (*Civ. Dei* iv. 6) by whom it has been borrowed from Trogus Pompeius or his summarizer Justin. See also Isidore, *Etym.* xviii. 1, Orosius i. 1, ii. 2. The last-named author stresses the contrast between the peaceful pastoral life of earlier times and the military turmoil which resulted from the ambitions of Ninus.

Min is free from the intrusion: its peculiar reading *scor* for *dēnam* is interesting.

In R¹ the reading of F is much better than L, and is very close to *Q. *Fō oen māin* in L may possibly betray a Latin original, but it is more probably a misreading of *smacht* written in √L in an abbreviated form (rmaƿ) and slightly injured. Another lapse of sL is the omission of γ *da decc* at the beginning of the ¶. The chronology presupposed as between the Babylonian and Egyptian monarchs mentioned in the narratives is of course ridiculous.

At the end of the ¶, by turning *ni* to *no* (*Q in R³), or *do* (F), the F*Q tradition has badly perverted the real sense of the passage.

106. (= R³ ¶ 140). Gaedel Glas is suddenly introduced, and his relationship to Nel is left unstated. Perhaps a sentence has been lost from the beginning of this ¶, describing the settlement of Nel in Egypt and his marriage to *Scota*. R³ shows us what it was like, but the ¶ is there re-written and expanded under the influence of the poem no. X (*Fēne ō Fheinius*). It must be noticed, however, that *Scota* is unknown to Min, so that she may be a comparatively late intrusion into the R¹ tradition.

107. (= R³ ¶ 142, first part). The list of languages in the different MSS. varies in spelling and other respects to such an extent that the only satisfactory way of setting it forth is to collect all the versions into parallel columns. This will be found as an appendix to the present Section, and any comments that it may suggest are given at the end of this group of notes. As R² does not possess the list of languages

in any form, it is unlikely that the prose tabular list would have been omitted from Min, when it was tacked on to R², if Min had contained it; we infer, therefore, that the metrical list was the only catalogue of the languages in Min.

108. (= R² ¶ 125, R³ ¶ 150). Though the practical identity of this ¶ in R¹ and R³ would suggest that the latter is, as usual, dependent on the former, the context shows that this is not the case. It reaches R³ from R², or, rather, from the long interpolation in certain mss. of R², on which see below, note on ¶ 118. It must, however, have been originally borrowed by R² from R¹, for in R² it interrupts the sense, which runs continuously from ¶ 124 to ¶ 126: evidently it was scribbled, as a marginal note of time, having been borrowed for the purpose from some ms. of R¹. A slight modification has been made at the beginning to adapt it to its new context.

109. (= R³ ¶ 151). R³ gives us a composite text, with matter from R² ¶ 127 (the description of the voyage). The divergent texts in Min and R¹ relating to Noemel indicate that this sentence is, as we have marked it, glossarial.

110. (= R³ ¶ 152). Here again R³ gives a composite text, taking the vendetta story from some other, fragmentary, source. This can be shown by setting forth the succession of kings in tabular form.

R ¹		R ³	
<i>Scythians</i>	<i>Gaedil</i>	<i>Scythians</i>	<i>Gaedil</i>
. . .	Eber Scot	. . .	Eber Scot
. . .	Boamain	. . .	Boamain
Noemius	. . .	Noemius	. . .
. . .	Ogamain	. . .	Ogamain
Refill	. . .	. . .	. . .
. . .	Tat	. . .	. . .
Refloir	. . .	Refloir	. . .
. . .	Agnomain	. . .	Mil

Both versions agree that Ogamain died a natural death, but after that point they diverge. R² (¶ 126) gives a mere abstract, but agrees with R³ in ending with Mil, not with

Agnomain. In ¶ 157, however, R³ returns to this point of divergence, and gives us a copy of the R¹ text: the close correspondence with F shows that ∞ R³ has gone back for this part of his text to *Q. The assonantal names of Nél and Nenuail indicate that their legend is in essence dioseuric: the mutual hostility of their descendants would be quite in keeping with this.

The words *ar ecin*, near the beginning of this ¶, must be glossarial, as they have no fixed abode in the sentence. We have already laid down this principle.

We can hardly doubt that the name "Tat" has been borrowed from Eusebius. *Tat filius Hermetis Trismegisti* is recorded in the version of Hieronymus as flourishing in the nineteenth year of Amintes, king of Assyria. We need not here discuss the connexion of this name with that of the Egyptian god Thoth, nor the mass of nebulous philosophy put forth under these pseudonyms: it is unlikely that the Irish historians knew or cared anything about such matters. We may however suggest that a section of genealogy has been provided by this entry. Our compilers and scribes make extraordinary muddles of the Oriental names which they copy from Eusebius or his editor; and it would, for them, be a very trivial blunder to turn *Tat mac Herme(t)is Trismegist* into *Tat mac Her m Estris m Egist*, and this, when the influence of analogical formation got to work upon it, would slip with very little difficulty into *Tat mac Sera mic Sru mic Esru*. Reference to ¶ 99 (vol. i, p. 162) shows that "Ogamain m. Boamain m. Ebir Seuit," which separate Tat and Sera in the texts before us, are interpolations.

In both texts *Noemius* becomes *Nemi* in the genitive case, once more indicating translation from a Latin original. In printing these names I have omitted quantity-marks, even over vowels which might reasonably be presumed to be long, to avoid all appearance of arbitrarily meddling with the text.

Serious criticism of this naïve example of manufactured history would be an impertinence, but it may be worth passing notice that the historians have made the invading combatants two generations later than the Scythian defenders. Boamain is in the sixth generation after Feinius: his Scythian successor Noemius in the fourth.

111. (= R³ ¶ 158). Here *Q seems to preserve the proper form of the sentence *is lia tuirim*, which has been mutilated by the loss of some words both in L and in F.

The sentence about the hands of Lamfhind reads like a glossarial interpolation, and I feel no doubt that it is so. It must however be very old, for it appears in all the mss., and also in the poems.

The sentence about the coupling between the ships is mutilated in both mss. of Min.

112. (= R³ ¶ 159). Here *Q gives by far the best copy of the paragraph. F comes next, but is spoilt by the careless *conerbailt* for *condebairt*.

The geographical notions in this and similar itineraries are obviously valueless artificial inventions; it may be said in general that their inventors borrowed the place-names which they used more or less at random, chiefly if not entirely from the geographical prolegomena to the *History* of Orosius. In my book *Ancient Ireland* (p. 84) I have shown that the *fact* of a long voyage may be based upon general historical reminiscence, though no importance can be allowed to the details of the narrative.

The soporific fountain is certainly borrowed from an incident in the legend of the *Voyage of Brendan*: see Schröder, *Sanct Brandan*, p. 18; Waters, *Anglo-Norman Voyage of St. Brendan*, p. 42.

113. (= R³ ¶ 160). *Q shows that *Glas* (miswritten *Glunfind* in L) is glossarial. The mistake of L is not very serious, as all the *Ēbers*, *Febri*, *Febri* are doubtless multiples of one personality. The appended explanatory matter in Min is a quite unnecessary interpolation, as all the facts which it contains have already been set forth: the glossator has forgotten this. The excerpt must come from another source, in which *Ibath* was substituted for *Nenua* as the name of the son of Baath.

The explanation of *Ēber's* nickname, like that of Lamfind's, appears to be a very early gloss.

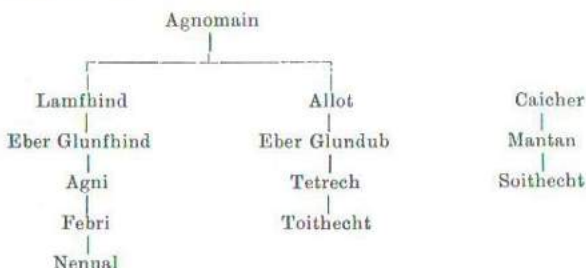
114. (= R³ ¶ 161). The long genealogy with which this ¶ begins runs down the margin of L, but within the edge of

the column of writing: an intermediate stage between the glossarial form, outside the column of writing, and the complete incorporation in the text which we find in F and R³. The text of *Q is once more the best.

The geographical interpolation in Min, which has ousted the very modest itinerary in LF*Q, is of unusual length for an addition to that normally succinct version. The jumble of names is identified so far as possible in the translation, and with one exception needs no further comment: namely, the difficult *Narbo scorda*, if this is to be treated as a geographical proper name, like the other stages in the route. As it apparently lies between Albania and the Bosphorus, it is presumably (though not necessarily!) somewhere in the Balkan peninsula. The Scardus Mountains naturally suggest themselves, but there is nothing about them to account for "Narbo." The city called Sarmizegethusa in Dacia, afterwards more manageably named Colonia Ulpia, could also conceivably lie behind the word under discussion. A further clue might be offered by Narbo (= Narbonne), forty miles south of which town were people called Sordones or Sordi: but to call in the aid of these names would make the geography of the passage more unintelligible than ever. Naturally I have considered the possibility of treating the word as predicative, *nar bo scorda* "that was not . . ." cut, or enclosed, or delimited, or ploughed, or something of the kind; but this expedient is not satisfactory. There I leave the question; there may be some, perhaps quite simple, explanation which does not happen to have occurred to me. I retain the name *Torrian*, recognising its ambiguity ("Tyrrhene" or "Mediterranean") which the context is powerless to resolve. Crete is repeated by some oversight. The *Sab* ("strong") Islands are the Fortunate Islands (= Canaries); the name has arisen from a confusion between *fortis* and *fortunatus*, encountered in some Latin text. I have failed to hit upon an identification for "the swamp called *Coir*."

115. (= R³ ¶ 162). The compound *Gædel-tōisech* in F*QMin, artificially emended in L, has probably arisen from a gloss. Some one noted *Gædel* (gen. pl.) above the word *tōisech* in his copy of the ms. There is a further corruption toward the end of the paragraph. We are told of "two

grandsons" in joint rule: but actually three persons are mentioned. If we set out the names, as we find them, in genealogical form,



we see, first, that Nenual is a *great*-grandson of the ancestor from whom he is derived; and, secondly, that the assonantal names, Toithecht and Soithecht (compare *Oece* and *Uece*) were almost certainly intended to be in close association.

The genealogy has become so disjointed that it cannot be restored with certainty, though it is tempting to suggest the following as the original form—



excluding Nenual altogether. Presumably the name of Tetrech, which in a measure rhymes with the corresponding Febri, is borrowed from that of the usurper Tetricus (267–274 A.D.).

116. (= R³ ¶ 163–4). Only for a few slight differences, chiefly orthographical, we might have supposed that R³ based his text on F, so closely does his version approximate to that ms. But they are enough to make it clear that we must still continue to postulate *Q as the source of these two paragraphs in R³. The genealogical matter is evidently intrusive in all mss. The Tuscans and the Lombards we know, though it is surprising to find them in Spain. The Barchu, who appear in a variety of spellings, are less easy to identify. Barcino (= Barcelona) suggests itself; it is also not impossible that

the word is an old error for Baschu, and that the people intended were the Vascones, in the western end of the Pyrenees. But on the whole it is most probable that the corruption is more deeply seated than appears at first sight, and that in the Barchu, Langobardi, and Toiseno of LG we are to see the Vaceaei, Celtiberi, and Oretani, the three peoples of Spain mentioned by Orosius (I, ii. 74).

117. (= R³ ¶ 165). It is a quaint fact that Breogan's Tower has evolved into "Tor mac Breoghain, king of Spain" in the late romance called *Cath Finntrágha*.

Second Redaction.

118-125. (= R³ 143-150). This long *pericope* is no part of the original text of R², and it confuses the narrative. It is a scholastic invention, designed to glorify the Gaelic ancestry by bringing them more closely into connexion with Moses. It is not found in ED; it probably was not in R, but it certainly was in \wedge , as stichometry shows that the text of \wedge was as closely identical with V in its lost leaves as it is in the extant portion. It was also contained in \surd P, but sP never got very far in copying it. V therefore is now our only authority for the text in R²; but it was also taken into R³, where it occupies ¶ 143-150; from which we infer that the interpolation was contained in ∞ R³'s.MS. of R² (*W). This had on the whole a slightly better text than the version which we find in V. Thus, in ¶ 118, V has admitted an absurd gloss making Aaron brother of Abraham. A necessary sentence (*ō rānig dochum . . . fiadnuise in tslōig*) has been lost from V in the beginning of ¶ 119, but is preserved in R³, in ¶ 144. But in general the differences are trivial.

Capacirunt, Capaciroth: also written in two words, *Capa Cirunt*. The two forms are used in this paragraph in both redactions, the one at the beginning, the other in the middle. The second form is preferable, the first being a corruption. Clearly the place intended is the (unidentified) Pi-Hahiroth of Exodus xiv. 2. This our historians have divided into *Piha Hiroth*, the h's have become gutturals, and in some way the syllables of the first member of the word have become

reversed. There is a possible touch of perverted scholarship in the identification of Pi-Hahiroth with an "estate." The writer of the story seems to have looked up the Septuagint text, where the name of the place is rendered, not as a proper name, but by the words ἀπέναντι τῆς ἐπαύλιως, "in front of the farm-stead."¹ There is an abstract of this story in Liber Flavus Fergusiorum (43 aβ) in which the place appears as *Capaciroth*.

Foillsi fiadnuise is a glossarial ejaculation, which early entered the text, for its confusion.

119. The explanation of the name of Gaedel Glas, like all such explanations, is glossarial.

Cēt lem-sa and similar expressions are almost invariably jussive, not permissive, in sense, and should be so translated.

The immunity of the descendants of Gaedel Glas from serpent-bites is undoubtedly totemistic in origin: for parallels see Ridgeway, *Early Age of Greece*, vol. ii, p. 456.

120. This ¶ makes it clear that the preceding ¶, with the story of the serpent, is an interpolation: it is therefore so indicated in the printed text. The present paragraph follows on naturally with the end of ¶ 118, where Nel has put provisions at the disposal of the Israelites. Moreover in the R³ version the interlocutor continues to be *Aaron*. In R² he has been changed to Moses, owing to the influence of the preceding story. This is a natural change to take place, but the contrary is not; we therefore infer that *Aaron* was the original speaker. There is a further interpolation at the end of the ¶ in the mss. of R³, which is an attempt to explain how the ships came to be at the disposal of the Israelites at all: a problem solved otherwise by K, from whom we learn unambiguously that they stole them! This insertion has been further complicated by the taking into the text of a marginal query: "[*cīd*] ar na bertais Meic Israhel fēin leo cena na longa sin?"—a reader's natural question "Why did not the Israelites use these ships themselves?": along with a later reader's not very illuminating reply.

121. There is no Biblical authority for the numbers of

¹The actual meaning of the Hebrew word is quite uncertain.

Pharaoh's army that was drowned. These statistics are most probably glossarial: they vary in different versions. That the sea was divided *i ndiaid* "in the wake of" the people has arisen from a confusion of ideas—a mixture of the sea opening *before* the Israelites and the Egyptian host pursuing and coming to grief *behind* them. Compare ¶ 150, which contains a gloss showing a more intelligent grasp of the situation.

122. The theory that Nel's descendants remained for three generations in Egypt after the catastrophe to Pharaoh contradicts the story of R¹, and indeed contradicts that of the versions of R² which are not contaminated by this interpolation. According to these, the exodus from Egypt took place immediately after the catastrophe.

123. A list of Egyptian kings will be found in Section VIII. This enumerates five kings between "Cineris" and Tures or "Tuir," in order Cerres, Armades, Rameses, Amenoses, Amenomes. These names are borrowed (and mutilated) from Eusebius. Cerres = Akherres and his successor Kherres, who may be Tutankhamun and his successor Kheper-kheperuari-maat-ra. Armadis = Armais, that is Hor-em-heb, the king with whom the eighteenth dynasty came to an end, c. 1321 B.C. Rameses (the Eusebian Remesses) may be either the first or the second of the numerous kings who bore that name. Amenoses (= Menophes) is most likely Merneptah, and Amenomes (= Amenophes, but here out of his proper place in the Eusebian canon) is presumably Amenmeses. Tures or Tuir, whom our present narrator apparently supposes to have been the immediate successor of Cineris, was actually the ninth in succession after Smenkhka-ra, and was not a king at all, but a queen, the Thuores of Eusebius and the Ta-wosret of the Egyptian records, whose *floruit* was in the last quarter of the thirteenth century B.C. "Nectenibus," that is Nectanebus II (Nekht-neb-ef in the Egyptian records) was the last native king of Egypt.

Probably *Ocus ba Forand . . . Nectenibus* and *ocus ba ar cūis . . . riu-son sin-sen* are the two halves of a marginal gloss which has been intruded, suffering dismemberment in the process. One of the two alternative enumerations of the

intervening kings is certainly a reader's correction in some ancestral ms.; the text of R³ gives reason to believe that in this case it is the first of the alternatives which is to be so rejected: see the note on ¶ 148.

124. *Ō ro batar co trēn*, i.e., after they had recovered from the catastrophe in the Red Sea.

125. On this ¶, and its relation to its present context, see the note on ¶ 108 above.

126. This brief summary of the contest in Scythia appears in R³ at ¶ 152. See above, notes to ¶ 110. Note that in this version Refloir is not son of Rifill, but of "Nema" or Noemius, who is his grandfather in the other texts. Taprobane (= Ceylon) is the only geographical term introduced into the itinerary with which we have not yet met.

127. We evidently have here a story parallel to that of Nel and his descendants. The two voyages follow much the same route: both introduce an Egyptian king as patron, and an Egyptian princess called Scota. The marriage of Mil to the Scythian princess Seng is unknown to ∞ R² or to any of his interpolators.

128. Nekht-neb-ef, the personage called Nectanebus II, was the last native king of Egypt, as has been mentioned above. It is true that he was driven from his kingdom and fled to Ethiopia: his conqueror was not, however, Alexander the Great, but Artaxerxes Ochus, B.C. 350. Alexandria was founded by Alexander the Great in 332 B.C. It is needless to say that Scota II, daughter of Nectanebus, is as mythical—or rather as fictitious, for "mythical" implies at least the existence of a tradition—as her namesake and doublet, Scota I daughter of Cineris. The word is merely the feminine of *Scotus*, and is one more grain of evidence that this artificial history in its earliest form wore a Latin dress.

129. It is safe to remove *γ ni huaman . . . gabāil do* from the text as glossarial: it refers to nothing else in the history, and indeed contradicts the antecedent story, in the present form of the document, that this promise had been made by Moses. Evidently it is the jotting of some patriot, jealous for the honour of his mythical ancestor. Keating

refers it to the prophecy of Caicher at the Rhipaeon mountain: this, however, cannot be justified, as that event does not appear in the antecedents of the story in the present version—another interesting illustration of the critical worthlessness of a composite eclectic text. The γ at the beginning of this interpolation should probably, as so frequently, be corrected to \dot{i} . The words *in lín cétna* have no grammatical connexion with the context, and are also glossarial.

The end of this ¶ is redactional and harmonistic. Originally the two Scotas were one, set in different stories, but both contrived to give a name for the origin of the Scots. When they were blended into one composite story, Scota I, wife of Nel, had the chronological pre-eminence (to say nothing of Riphath Scot and Eber Scot); so that Scota II, wife of Mil, could no longer claim any eponymous significance. The redactor therefore ingeniously “turns the tables” upon her, and tells us that so far from her descendants deriving their name from her, she took her own name from her husband’s people. A blundering glossator of H borrows this comment, but applies it to Scota I, thus dethroning her from her eponymy: see below, ¶ 137.

130. We remove *for in Muir immechtrach* and *seōlad sé samláithi*, as their intrusion disturbs the text.

Iníll aro ní an fem de is not necessarily mere learned nonsense, like the gibberish sentences peppered through the apocryphon called *Tenga Bithnúa*, though naturally the explanation given of it is futile. It helps to keep up Caicher’s character as a druid to put enigmatical utterances into his mouth, and the compiler may quite possibly have adapted some traditional “word of power” for the purpose. The difference between the formula as presented in the text of V and in the associated gloss indicates that the words, such as they are, are corrupt. They are not found in R³, but reappear in K, one of many indications that K, while borrowing from R¹ and R³, based most of his work on R². The phrase is given in *Auraícept na n-Éces* as an example of *Bérta Fortchídi* (“obscure language”): see Calder’s edition, lines 1323, 4640.

The itinerary in this and the following ¶, which greatly

elaborates the simpler route set forth in R¹ ¶ 111, seems to show an attempt to lay down a route in the shape of a vast spiral. It starts from Egypt, passes through the Red Sea, round Asia, south, east, and north, into and out of the Caspian Sea, on through the straits of Gibraltar, past the north coast of Africa, through the Black Sea, on to the North Cape, and thence, 300 years thereafter, to Ireland: in a further random wandering, through Southern Europe and the Mediterranean Islands (¶ 131). There may be some idea of "luck" underlying this roundabout course, but the left-hand-wise direction is not favourable to any such esoteric explanation. The source and extent of the knowledge of the outer world among the native historians of Ireland would offer matter for a separate monograph: we must here confine ourselves to a few points. It is not clear whether *Clochaigi* is meant to denote a special part of Scythia (compare *Arabia Petraea*) or is a mere reference to the general *inopia* of the country (emphasized by Orosius III, xiii. 7). The author believes with Strabo (VII, ii. 4, etc.) that the Caspian was an inlet of the Northern Ocean, not a closed inland lake. The transference of the Sirens to that sea is a bold stroke of originality! The Libyan Sea is between Crete and Cyrenaica: Coronis is the Cyraunis of Herodotus, identified with the little island of Cercina off the Libyan Coast: the Pontic Sea is the Euxine. *Trē-uillech*, the stock epithet for Spain, comes from the *Hispania trigona* of Orosius (I, ii. 69).

If Bregunt in ¶ 131 is here correctly identified with Burgundia, the authority followed by our historian for the name will scarcely be older than the sixth century. Before that time it is the people (*Burgundiones*), rather than the territory, which appears in literature.

132. Compare R¹ ¶ 116, from which it will be seen that the number of battles has increased from 3 to 54, and that the Tuscans have turned into Frisians!

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134. On this ¶ see the note to ¶ 103.

135. ∞ R² has evidently considered the preceding ¶ as belonging to § I: this present paragraph is his "chapter-

heading" of § II. It maintains the Magog version of the genealogy.

136. This entire ¶ is glossarial. Its nucleus is evidently a marginal genealogy of Feinius Farsaid, in some early ms. of R³. This being taken into the text received the further gloss *is hē imorro . . . Tur Neamrūaid*, which was probably still glossarial in √BMH. It was taken into the text in ∞ B and ∞ M, but in ∞ H it remained glossarial, to be combined later with the text at the end of the long insertion in that tradition. This insertion consists primarily of R² ¶ 16, taken practically as we find it in V, with but one difference (*ochtmad* for *sesed*, doubtless the result of a misreading of a numeral sign: and if the matter is of any importance at all, the R³ version has a greater claim to correctness). The glossarial interpolation *Is follus . . . tuc Scotie on Tur* in ¶ 16 was also taken over, and with it was incorporated the R³ gloss about the learning of Feinius (with a further interpolation, γ *ba so-gradaiqi*). But it became separated from its original context when another hand inserted a list of the eight leaders of the Tower-builders. This differs from the more extensive lists in *Auraicept* and has some additional particulars, such as the statement that Peleg was the ancestor of the Indians, a "fact" which the compilers apparently ascertained from *Sex Aetates Mundi*. There is an interesting suggestion of a reminiscence of the lost Irish *Genesis* which we have been endeavouring to reconstruct, in the description of Nimrod as a hunter "opposed to" the Lord. This arises ultimately from the familiar Hebrew idiom which says "a mighty hunter before the Lord," meaning no more than "a very mighty hunter indeed." The Irish perversion can hardly have arisen from the Vulgate version of this phrase (*coram Domino*), but might very well have been induced by a pardonable misunderstanding of the LXX (*ἐναντίον Κυρίου*). The hand of the conscientious Translator whom we have isolated seems here, for the last time, to be recognisable.

The ancestry given for Latinus is a desperate piece of harmonistic redacting. Faunus was actually son of Picus, and Italus had nothing to do with his ancestry, any more than "Alainus" with whom he is identified. The identification of

Rifath Scot with Fenius Farsaid in one place, and the latter being reckoned as sixteenth in descent from Rifath in another, and, at the end, his specification as one of the sixteen of Rifath's progeny at the Tower, are collectively further interesting attempts at reconciling irreconcilables.

137. The MB version is practically identical with R¹ ¶ 104 except for a few interpolations, duly marked in the printed text. We have already noted the taking in of the Nimrod genealogy into the wrong place out of the margin: see above, notes to ¶ 103. Except for this, the only important interpolation is *Phostoiges* in M (not in B) after the name of Pharaoh. This same name appears later in an interpolation in the same ms. (see below, ¶ 140, critical note (18)) in the form *Pharao Istoiges*, and evidently represents a peculiar idea of √M as to the personality of the Pharaoh of the Exodus. Nothing that can reasonably be identified with this name can be found among the perversions of Pharaonic names recorded by Manetho and Eusebius; it must be a vague recollection of *Pastores*, the "Shepherd Kings," to whom Eusebius assigns 103 years (30th year of Jacob to 12th year of Joseph), ending 212 years before the Red Sea catastrophe.

H substitutes a fuller version of Pharaoh's message, derived from R² ¶ 18, plus the interpolation on Scota already commented upon under ¶ 129, and a chronological extract from the glossarial matter in R² ¶ 17.

138. This is R¹ ¶ 105, copied with some mistakes, on which see the notes on ¶ 105. The principal variant is the chronological discrepancy at the beginning (40 or 42 years in R¹, 52 in R³).

139. A chronological interpolation in H derived from R² ¶ 17. The conclusion of this ¶ has entered the text of H in the previous ¶, showing that it was a marginal comment in ²/ H, copied from a ms. of R², and accidentally or otherwise bisected. We have already seen illustrations of this process of dispartition. The only critical contribution which the text makes is that *mac Anaciss* and *Lavinia*, which as E ¶ 17 shows us were glossarial, have now become established in the text. Once again "six" is corrected to "eight" as the number of the leaders at the Tower.

140. Here ∞R^3 has for the moment abandoned his scissors and pastepot, and taken up his pen to write a composite paragraph, not found in the two preceding redactions. The first sentence (as is shown by the word *teas*) he takes from R^2 ¶ 118. He then goes back to R^1 ¶ 106 for the particulars about Nel's marriage to Scota and the birth of Gaedel Glas, though without slavishly following the words of his authority. Then he gives the quatrain *Fēne ō Fheinius*; either he himself, or a later hand, has inserted the prose paraphrase which precedes it in the present text.

141. This is one of the peculiar interpolations which are frequent in M. The "Seythian" origin of the name of the Scots is favoured by the author of this paragraph. I have not discovered its source.

142. To the list of languages as given by Min, the redactor appended this grammatical paragraph (see above, note headed ¶ 107 A). It was an unusual proceeding on his part: he is more accustomed to prune Min than to faree it; and he must have attached special importance to it. *W must have included Min, as well as the long Nel-Moses pericope at the beginning of this section: and from this ∞R^3 took over the paragraph and inserted it where we find it.

To discuss the contents of the paragraph itself at length would be outside our present scope: and in any case it is of no importance, for it was clearly brought to its present form by arbitrary philomaths, before it became included in the LG text. It originally began by being an enumeration of the four parts of grammar (orthography, accidence, syntax, and prosody): reasonable enough, if elementary. This was overlaid by some glossator, who (impressed by the number "four") quoted, evidently without knowing anything of the nature of their contents, four important but quite irrelevant law tracts. Orthography then suggested a reference to various forms of secret writing, enumerated (but without any illuminating explanations) in *Auraicept na n-Ēces*.²

²This document would have to be in constant reference if we had any excuse for introducing an exhaustive discussion of the matter before us.

Of grammar ('accidence') we are given puerilities about its being "a rudder of correct speech" and its "excellent knowledge." Syntax, or composition, suggests a mention of the standard stories which the professional historians were supposed to know; and for prosody another old and apparently lost law-tract is quoted, again with no knowledge of its origin, or of the nature of its contents. The statements of these scribblers call for no more serious consideration than that of a schoolboy who told an acquaintance of mine, in answering a "general knowledge" paper, that "the Book of Kells contains thousands of poems relating the secret history of the Irish people."

The number "four" reappears in the four principal languages, and in the four names of Gaelic. These names, along with the incomprehensible "Goirthigern," applied to antediluvian Hebrew, and, indeed, the whole paragraph which contains them, are admirable examples of the artificial pedantry with which these ancient charlatans, unequipped with any real learning, contrived to maintain their prestige.

The four names of Gaelic are not so mysterious as they appear to be: they have evidently been adapted unintelligently from some old glossary. Gaelic was, we are told, gleaned or collected from the other languages. *Tionól* is Irish for "a gathering" or "an assembly," and *tionóltach* is a factitious adjective derived from this word. *Legulus* is a late Latin word meaning "a gatherer" of fruit, applied especially to one who gleaned fallen olives, לִקְטָה , *l-q-t*, are the radical letters of the Hebrew words which bear the sense of "gleaning." תִּלְקָה *t-l-qq-t* (omitting the vowel-points) occurs three times in *Ruth*, chap. ii, meaning "she gleaned." From the backward spelling of the Tetragrammaton in poem V, l. 96, we learn to read any Hebrew words, that may appear in our texts, from left to right—i.e., backward from the Hebrew point of view: and evidently this word, culled from a glossary, read backwards, and fitted arbitrarily with vowels, has produced the word *Ticcoloth*. As for *Moloth*, the "Greek" name for Gaelic, if we write συλλογή , the word which naturally suggests itself in this connexion, in capital letters: thus, $\Sigma\Upsilon\Lambda\Lambda\text{O}\Gamma\text{H}$: we see without difficulty how this could evolve into *MOLOTH* (the first *lambda* being read as A, and the resultant UA reduced to O).

Gairthigern, which doubtless has nothing to do with the personal name more familiar in the form *Vortigern*, must be left in its obscurity. It suggests vaguely some such meaning as "the call" or "the voice" "of Lords" or "of the Lord"—a name not inappropriate for the speech of Paradise, celestial and terrestrial, in the days of innocence. The name might conceivably have been suggested by the hymn to "The Voice of the Lord" (= thunder), Psalm xxix (Vulgate xxviii).

The version of the story of the formation of Gaelie, substituted by H for the early part of this paragraph, makes Feinius the inventor of Gaelie, not Gaedil, as the rest of the paragraph maintains.

143. Here begins the extract which R³ has made from the V version of R². The chief differences in R³ are orthographical and insignificant; but the report of the interview between Nel and Aaron is slightly fuller in R³. Comparison of the two versions reveals a few glossarial intrusions in both texts, duly marked in the proper place.

144. = R² 119. R³ here preserves an un mutilated text. The opening sentence, missing in R², and (less certainly) the statement that the injured boy was carried to Moses at the suggestion of Nel's household, appear to be original, not intrusive. But "Succoth" is perhaps intrusive: this was a camping place *before* the Israelites moved to Pi-Hahiroth (Ex. xiv. 2), and there is no reason why it should be mentioned here.

145. = R² 120. On the appended gloss to this paragraph see note to ¶ 120. This apart, the two versions run parallel except for slight verbal changes.

146. = R² 121. We need notice only that a too-hasty glossator has thrown the first sentence into confusion by inserting *Nel*; and that *W must have had the same curious mistake as the extant ms., in making the division of the Red Sea *behind* the Israelites.

147. = R² 122. We remove *im muir Rūaidh*, which is unknown to R², as an unnecessary gloss.

148. = R² 123. The omission in M of the words *in cūiced rī trichat no* is an indication that (contrary to what we

should *a priori* have expected) the first, not the second, of these alternatives is the glossarial interpolation. It has therefore been so marked in the printed text of R².

149. = R² 124, with no difference but an insignificant interpolation.

150. = R² 125. Comparison between the two texts enables us to remove from R² ¶ *a mac .i. Eber Scot* as glossarial, (borrowed from R¹ ¶ 109) the plurals following being harmonistic changes. On the other hand, in R³, *mac Easrū meic Gædhił* must be an interpolation. So, perhaps, is *ō ra bāithead . . . Israhel*, which contradicts the assumption of the pericope before us, that the family remained in Egypt for at least three generations after the catastrophe in the Red Sea. The mention of the names of the sons of Mil at the end of the ¶ is also glossarial.

151. ∞ R³ now returns to R¹, to take over the account of the departure from Egypt, and then returns to R², whence he extracts the itinerary of the voyage and the fighting for the crown of Scythia (including the slaying of Refloir by *Mil*) as it appears in R² ¶ 126, omitting the chronological note at the end. The end of the paragraph from *Imtūsa Srū* is a return to R¹; but it has fallen into a certain amount of confusion, as comparison between the two texts will show. The clumsy *Imtūsa Srū*, meaningless in its present context, is redactional. It indicates that the account of the voyage was borrowed from R² by the original compiler, and was not an introduced gloss which had produced subsequent dispartition of the extract from R¹: they are the words of an editor, who having turned aside from authority A for a moment to cut something out of authority B, goes back to A with words equivalent to, "To return to what we were saying . . ." There would have been no such link if the paragraph had merely been cut in two by an intrusive glossator.

The redactor has not taken the trouble to correct R²'s parentage of Refloir ("Nema" or Noemius instead of Refill): and he has introduced a mistake of his own in the Scythian genealogy. Nenual I was *son*, and Nenual II *great-grandson* of Feinius: the *grandson* of that patriarch was Baath.

152. R³ takes the beginning of this ¶ from R¹, ¶ 110, but for the actual account of the fighting between the claimants for the Scythian crown he has gone to some independent source. This is not R², though it has affinity with the brief description of the war in R² ¶ 126: especially in ascribing the slaying of Refloir to Mil, not to Agnomain as in R¹. It is, however, fuller, and enlightens us as to the kinship existing between Mil and Refloir through the lady Seng, of whom we should not otherwise have heard in this place. There must have been a large number of such inventions hammered out by the ancient "historians." The amount of genuine traditional material underlying them was small: they smell of the lamp; perhaps they were never meant to be more than the equivalents of a modern "historical romance" which, however, later uncritical compilers found and took seriously. There does not seem to be the slightest indication of a source from which these successions of names could have been obtained. Refill may be of Scandinavian origin: the name appears as that of a sword in *Skáldskaparmál* (Pros. Edda, ed. Wilken, p. 116) and *Rafils hestr*—"Rævil's steed"—is a kenning for "a ship" (Ræfil being the name of a sea-lord) in the Western Volsung-lay (Vigfusson and Powell, *Corpus Poet. Boreale*, i, p. 156). This may give some indication of whence the germ of these ideas of an eastern European dynasty came; but the story itself is mere invention. On the other hand some hints (indicated in the introduction to the following section of this compilation) may possibly point to a mythological germ at the heart of the narrative.

153. Apparently based on R² ¶ 128, but both are more probably taken and re-modelled from a common source. The differences are too great to allow us to regard it as one of R³'s ordinary borrowings. "Fornechtenibus" has evidently evolved at some stage of the tradition from an abbreviation For(and) Necht.; "Forand" has then been inserted by a later scribe.

154. R³ now returns unmistakably to R² and borrows ¶ 129, omitting the last sentence. The passage has acquired

some additional accretions. B has made a mistake which might have occurred more frequently, writing *Forann* for *ferann*.

155. This itinerary comes from another source: the geographical names are corrupt and obscure. *Indniam* (where we once more see a Latin accusative) is presumably India, but it might be the river Indus. In *Cirord*, remembering that *c* before *i* is pronounced soft in such names, I am inclined to identify the land of the Seres or Chinese. *Golgardoma* may be the city of Palibothra, which is situated on the Ganges (*Gaind*). *Sliab Coguaist* is usually identified with the Caucasus, but here it may conceivably mean the Hindukush mountains. I can give no reasonable identification for *Ithia* and the river *Boria*. *Ocus anaid mi innte* is marked as a gloss, as it clearly comes illogically before the following words. It is evident that after the itinerary, which has ousted the R² version, the tale of the Sirens was borrowed from R²: but this has been upset by a too-eager glossator, who as usual wrote the story in his own words without waiting to see whether the document had it already.

The interpolator had a capricious memory, which played him false in three respects. He imagined that the device of stopping the ears was a usual custom; he forgot the name of the man who suggested it in the case under discussion (this is supplied by the context, but he overlooked it); and he made an odd mistake about the material used to shut out the music.

The new form of the story ousted the old. The tale of the Amazons is a fresh importation into the story. It probably existed as a Latin gloss in $\sqrt{\text{MBH}}$, as only independent translation from a common source would account for the essential similarity but verbal divergence between the versions of B and M.

The details as to the manners of the Amazons are a commonplace of Classical tradition, and may have reached the Irish compilers through Isidore (*Etym.*, IX, ii, 64). Amazons were said to have been established in many regions (see the particulars collected in Roscher, or any other dictionary of Classical Mythology): but I have not discovered the source of the statement that there were 32 clans of them. There is

a corruption in B, due probably to a rubbed line of writing in \sqrt{B} . The words *-dis a congeindtleacht conad anflaith* correspond to *-ed a ndibraici umpu*. *Ocus is ē lin* in M, and are of about the same length, but they make neither reasonable sense nor grammar with the context. The reading of M should be substituted.

156. This much-expanded story of the wanderings of Mil comes from a source other than the previous redactions. Most noteworthy is the episode of the Cruithne, told to account for the Gaedil and the Cruithne living together in the same country. It might be an adaptation of the story of Moses and Nel (or *vice versa*?). In both cases there are two sets of wanderers seeking a territory, and in both cases an invitation is given by the one company to the other to share the land which they expect to occupy. But recalling the parallel which we have already drawn between *Liber Occupationis* and the narrative of the Israelites, we can hardly regard it as doubtful that the story of Joshua and the Gibeonites (*Jos.* ix, 3 ff.) was at the back of the compiler's mind. It is left ambiguous whether it was by the Cruithne or by Mil that the invitation was given: possibly the former was at first preferred and, indeed, constituted a sort of title-deed to the lands of the Cruithne in favour of the Gaedil. Later developments, as we shall see hereafter, favoured the second alternative. According to Isidore (*Etym.*, XIV, iii, 3) Alania was the territory between the Maeotic Marshes and Dacia. "Druim Sait" is *Saltus Castulonensis*, the eastern part of the Sierra Morena. The situation attributed to *Farus* (aliter *Forus*) suggests identification with the Pyrenees.

157. A few prefatory words introduce another extract from *Q, with which this part of R³ closes. The version in R¹ will be found at the end of ¶ 110.

158. = R¹ (*Q) ¶ 111. The text has suffered slightly in transcription, as comparison will show. The variants are of no critical importance.

159. = *Q ¶ 112. The same observation applies to this also.

160. = *Q ¶ 113. Note the omission of Gl[as] after the name Febri, though this is found in F.

161. = *Q ¶ 114, which closely resembles the F version, as usual.

162. = *Q ¶ 115, which again corresponds to F in what it contains and omits. The genealogy is corrupted to the extent of making Febri son of Agno[mai]n, instead of the different person Agni; and as in the previous paragraphs there are one or two other minor deviations.

163. = *Q ¶ 116. Once more the text is very close to F, even in the loss of the "fourteen wedded couples" who were in the ships along with the seven hirelings: this must have been missing in √*QF. The genealogies have become badly mixed in this present version of the text.

164. = *Q ¶ 116, latter half.

165. = *Q ¶ 117, with several corruptions. The dating of the discovery of Ireland to Samain eve is a new interpolation.

The List of Languages.

It is obvious on the surface that this so-called list of languages is essentially a much-corrupted list of names of places, or rather of population-centres; and it is not necessary to seek far for its source. The names have all been extracted from the description of the world and its geography in Isidore (*Etym.*, book XIV). The geographical order of Isidore, and any possible genealogical order (indicating the distribution of the names among the descendants of the three sons of Noah) have been abandoned in favour of a metrical order: for mnemonic purposes the list must have been put into verse form, in which considerations of alliteration and rhyme dominate all others, immediately after it had been drawn up. This cannot have taken place long after Isidore's compilation became available in Ireland; for we find the list, in an imperfect form, in two seventh-century poems published by Kuno Meyer, which in the present note we shall call Y and Z.³ It appears, again in an imperfect form, in

³ "Über die älteste irische Dichtung" (*Abh. der Königl. Preuss. Akad. der Wiss.* 1913). The poems begin *Enna, Labraid* (Y) at p. 27, and *Cū cen mǎthair* (Z) at p. 53, of Meyer's publication.

the set of quatrains here published as poem no. XI (in the present note called V, i.e., *verse*). The full list appears also in *Auraicept na n-Éces*, in two texts (Ballymote, here called E, ed. Calder, pp. 16, 18, and Yellow Book of Lecan, here called A, ed. Calder, p. 179) which differ not inconsiderably between themselves and from the version in the prose LG (in the present note called P, i.e., *prose*).⁴ All these six Irish versions of the list have to be collated in order to establish the identifications of the names.

In the following summary, variants of spelling within the LG texts, which can be ascertained from the tables in the proper place, are disregarded, except in so far as they indicate the most probable version of the respective names to be adopted. The order of the names is as in P; the small figures denote the numerical position of the names in the other lists. The names in italics are those in Isidore, references to chapter and section of book XIV (ed. Lindsay) being added. The omission of a name from any list is indicated by *om.*

There are 65 names in the list in Y, 56 in Z, 65 in V, 61 in A and 72 in E. They are much corrupted, and many of them defy certain identification. There also appear to be some doublets, in which the same name appears in different forms.

The original list appears to have been nothing more than a catalogue of the principal countries, for an aid in geographical study, and without any *arrière pensée* of attaching it to the Flood or to the Babel story. There was thus no motive for making the number 73 exactly; and it is therefore unnecessary to assume with Meyer that any of the strophes of the early verse lists are missing (*op. cit.*, p. 27). It was only when the grammarians appropriated the lists that the number 73, to correspond with the number of the peoples descended from the diluvian patriarchs, and that of the languages dispersed at the Tower of Babel, became

⁴ Another version of the list will be found in the document correctly described by Scaliger as *Excerpta utilissima ex priore libro chronologico Eusebii etc. latine conuersa ab homine barbaro, inepto, hellenismi et latinis imperitissimo* (Scaliger's ed. of the Chronicle of Eusebius, 1606, part ii, p. 44 ff.).

indispensable; and it was attained by heroic interpolations. The most curious of these are the three "languages" appended to the lists in M and H, to which attention is called in a footnote. These three absurdities are necessary to the lists in question, as, owing to the loss of certain items, they could not otherwise have made up the required number.

1. Beithin : Bethin Y¹ Bithin Z¹ Bethin V¹ Beithin A¹
Beithin E¹ : *Bithynia* (3. 41)
2. Scitin : Scithin Y² Scithin Z² Scithin V² Sgeithin A²
Scithi E² : *Scythia* (3. 31)
3. Scill : Scill Y⁴ Scill Z⁴ Scill V³ Sgill A¹² Sieil E⁶ : *Cilicia*
(3. 45)
4. Scartin : Scarthaig Y⁵ Scarthin Z⁵ Scartain V⁴ Ircair A¹¹
Hireain E⁷ : *Hyrcania* (3. 33)
5. Guit : Gothia Y⁷ Guith Z⁷ Guth V⁵ Goith A⁴⁵ Guit E⁸ :
Gothia (3. 31)
6. Greie : Grëie Y⁶ Grëie Z⁶ Grec V⁶ *om.* A *om.* E : *Graecia*
(4. 7)
7. Germain : Germäin Y⁹ Germäin Z⁹ Germain V⁷ Germain
A⁴ Germain E⁴ : *Germania* (4. 3)
8. Gaill : Gaill Y⁸ Gaill Z⁸ Gaill V⁸ Gaill A⁵ Gailli E¹³ :
Gallia (4. 25)
9. Poimp : Point Y¹⁰ Poimp Z¹⁰ Paimp V⁹ Point A⁶ Point
E⁹ : *Pentapolis* (3. 24)
10. Frigia : Frig Y⁴⁸ Frig Z⁴⁷ Frigia V¹⁰ *om.* A *om.* E :
Phrygia (3. 41)
11. Caispia : *om.* Y *om.* Z Caspia V²¹ *om.* A *om.* E :
Cappadocia^(a) (3. 38)
12. Dardain : Dardäin Y⁵⁷ Dardäin Z⁵⁴ Dardain V¹² Dardain
A⁵⁵ Dordain E⁶⁶ : *Dardania*^(b) (3. 41)
13. Pampil : Pampil Y¹¹ Pampil Z¹¹ Poimpil V¹³ Paimpil A⁷
Paimpil E¹⁴ : *Pamphylia* (3. 44)
14. Morind : Moraind Y¹² Moraind Z¹² Morind V¹⁴ Morann
A⁹ Morain E¹⁰ : *Mauretania* (5. 10)

(a) Corrupted by the influence of the name of the Caspian Sea.

(b) The compiler has overlooked the identity of Dardania and Phrygia, which is expressly stated by Isidore.

15. Liguairn : Lugdōin Y¹³ Lugdōin Z¹³ Ligairn V¹⁵ Luigdin^(a)
A¹⁰ Lugoil E¹¹ : *Lycaonia* (3. 42)
16. Oatri : om. Y Oatri Z¹⁴ Oatre V¹⁶ om. A om. E : A variant
in P is Daithri; perhaps a corruption of *Bactria*
(3. 30)
17. Creit : Creit Y¹⁷ Creit Z¹⁷ Creit V¹⁷ Creit A¹⁶ Creit E¹⁸ :
Creta (6. 15)
18. Corsic : Corsic Y¹⁸ Corsic Z¹⁸ Corsic V¹⁸ Coirsic A¹⁵
Corsic E¹⁹ : *Corsica* (6. 41)
19. Sicil : Sicil Y²⁰ Sicil Z²⁰ Sicil V²⁴ Sigil A¹⁸ Sicil E²¹ :
Sicilia (6. 32)
20. Reit : Reit Y²¹ Reit Z²¹ Reit V²³ Reit A¹⁹ Reit E²² : *Raetia*
(4. 27)
21. Sardain : Sardain Y¹⁹ Sardain Z¹⁹ Sardain Y²⁶ Sardain
A¹⁷ Sardain E²⁰ : *Sardinia* (6. 39)
22. Magidon : Macidōin Y²⁷ Macidōin Z²⁷ Maicidōin V³⁹
Maicidōin A²⁵ Maigidon E²⁹ : *Macedonia* (4. 13)
23. Tessail : Tessail Y⁵⁴ Tessail Z⁵¹ Tessail V²⁰ (also Tesalia
V⁵¹) Tessail A³⁸ Tæasail E⁴⁷ : *Thessalia* (4. 12)
24. Armein : Armēin Y³⁵ Armēin Z³⁵ Armēin V²² Armaint
A³³ Armoin E⁴¹ : *Armenia* (3. 17, 35)
25. Dalmait : Dalmait Y⁵⁸ Dalmait Z⁵⁵ Dalmait V¹¹ Dalmait
A⁵⁶ Dalmait E⁶⁷ : *Dalmatia* (3. 7)
26. Romain : Rōmāin Y²⁴ Rōmāin Z²⁴ Romain V³² Romain A²²
Romain E²⁵ : Possibly (Urbs) *Romana*, but most likely
a corruption, induced by the influence of the name
of Rome, for *Pannonia* (4. 16)
27. Rugind : Recin Y²² Rigind Z²² Rugind V³³ Reicir A²⁰
Reicil E²³ : apparently the *Rhegini* (*Etym.* IX ii 32)
28. Moisig : Masail Y²⁵ Mosin Z²⁵ Maisic V³⁸ Masgusa A²³
Massail E²⁷ : perhaps (Urbs) *Mazaca* (*Etym.* IX ii
30); not *Moesia* (4. 9), for which see no. 53 below)
29. Arboin : Narbōin Y²⁸ Narbōin Z²⁸ om. V Narmaint A²⁸
Narboin E³³ : (Urbs) *Narbona* (*Etym.* XV i 64)
30. Hisbain : Hespāin Y⁴³ Espāin Z⁴³ Hespania V³¹ Espain
A⁴³ Esbain E⁵³ : *Hispania* (4. 28)
31. Gairit : Galait Y³⁶ Galait Z³⁶ Galait V⁴⁹ Galus A³⁵ Galaid
E⁴⁴ : *Galatia* (3. 40)

(a) A has *Luigdin oic*, the first of several names in this version of the list provided with otiose adjectives. This is a clear indication that the Auraicept version of the list has been taken from a verse composition.

32. Huinusind : *om.* Y *om.* Z Humind V³⁴ Amuis A³⁴ Amuis E⁴² : *Phoenicia* (3. 17)
33. Saraic : Cicir Y¹⁵ Cipri Z¹⁵ Saraic V²⁵ (also Cipir V¹⁹) Sicir A¹³ Circir E¹² (also Sarain E⁵⁷) : *Saraceni*^(a) (3. 29)
34. Broes : Roid Y²³ Rudi Z²³ Broes V³⁰ Roait A²¹ Roid E²⁴ (also Barais E³⁶) : *Rhodos* (6. 22)
35. Brit : Britain Y³² Britain Z³¹ Bretuais V²⁹ Britain A²⁰ Britain E³⁸ : *Brittania*^(b) (6. 2)
36. Orië : Hircāin Y¹⁴ Hircain Z⁴¹ *om.* V Ireair og A⁴¹ Hircain E⁵¹ : a corruption of *Illyricum* (47) with influence of *Hyrcania* (*ante* no. 4)
37. Burgan : Bragmain Y⁶⁴ *om.* Z *om.* V Braghmaint A⁶¹ Bramāin E⁷¹ : *Burgundiones*^(c) (*Etym.* IX ii 99)
38. Belgaig : Belgie Y³³ Belgaieh Z³² Belgaig V²⁷ *om.* A *om.* E : *Belgia* (4. 26)
39. Mugaig : Magoieh Y³⁴ Magoieh Z³⁴ Mucaig V³⁷ Magoig A³² Maguieh E⁴⁰ : the variant Muceaid, found in some mss. of V, suggests that this is *Mygdonia* (3. 39)
40. Boet : Bethain Y³¹ Boet Z³³ Boet V²⁸ Boit A³¹ Boid E³⁹ (also Bethain E³⁷) : *Boeotia* (4. 11)
41. India : Inneedai Y⁶⁵ *om.* Z India V³⁵ Inceda A⁶⁰ Inneedai E⁷² : *India* (3. 5)
42. Pardae : *om.* Y *om.* Z Parthia V⁴⁰ *om.* A *om.* E : *Parthia* (3. 8)
43. Callia : *om.* Y *om.* Z Callia V⁴¹ *om.* A *om.* E : *Caria* (3. 38, 42)
44. Siria : *om.* Y *om.* Z Siria V⁴² *om.* A *om.* E : *Syria* (3. 16)
45. Aidin (in L only) : Alain Y⁴⁰ Alain Z³⁹ *om.* V Allain A²⁹ Alain E⁴⁹ : *Alania* (4. 3)
46. Galbat (in F only) : not in any other list. A doublet of no. 31, *Galatia*
47. Acait (in F only) : Achuid Y³⁷ Acit Z³⁷ Achait V⁴⁵ Acain A³⁷ Achid A⁴⁵ : *Achaia* (4. 14)
48. Atheni : Athain Y³⁸ Athin Z³⁸ Athin V⁴⁴ Actain A³⁶ Athain E⁴⁶ : *Athenae* (4. 10)

(a) Influenced by the names of *Cyprus* and of *Sicilia*.

(b) So spelt in Isidore, *ed.* Lindsay.

(c) Possibly influenced by the name of the Brahmans, if we could assume that the Irish compilers had ever heard of them. The name comes next to "India" in Y, A, E.

49. Albain: Albāin Y⁴⁰ Albāin Z⁴⁰ Albanas^(a) V⁴⁶ Alpain A⁴⁰ Albain E⁵⁰: *Albania* (3. 34)
50. Saxus: *om.* Y *om.* Z Sax V⁴³ *om.* A *om.* E: *Saxones* (IX ii 100)
51. Ebre: *om.* Y *om.* Z Ebra V⁴⁷ *om.* A *om.* E: *Hebraei* (IX i 9)
52. Ardain: *om.* Y *om.* Z Ardain V⁴⁸ *om.* A Ardair E⁴⁸: *Arcadia* (4. 15)
53. Moysi: *om.* Y Mussin Z²⁶ Maisi V⁵³ *om.* A *om.* E: *Moesia* (4. 9)
54. Tracia: Traic Y⁵⁵ Traic Z⁵² Tracia V⁶⁰ Traig A⁵⁴ Traedai E⁶⁴: *Thracia* (4. 6)
55. Edis: *om.* Y *om.* Z Edis V⁶² Eisil A⁵² Essill E⁶³: unless this is meant for *Hellas* (4. 7) I cannot identify it. *Edessa* is possible, but it is not mentioned in the section of Isidore which has supplied the other names.
56. Vesogiam, *aliter* Ulsogum: *om.* Y *om.* Z *om.* V *om.* A *om.* E: apparently (*P*)*elasgi* (IX ii 74)
57. Tripolita: *om.* Y *om.* Z *om.* V *om.* A *om.* E: *Tripolitana* (5. 6)
58. Zeugis: *om.* Y *om.* Z *om.* V *om.* A *om.* E: *Zeugis* (5. 3)
59. Numa: Nombithi Y³⁰ Numin Z³⁰ Numeid V⁶¹ Nombith A²⁹ Nobith E³⁵: *Numidia* (5. 9)
60. Murit (in R¹ only): Moreain Y²⁶ *om.* Z *om.* V Moreain A²⁶ (also Mair A²⁴) Moreain E³⁰ (also Inair E²⁶ Mair E²⁸). *Cain* is probably an adjective which has become attached to the name: apparently a doublet of no. 14, *Mauretania*.
61. Hicail: Etail Y⁴² Etail Z⁴² Eeail V⁶³ Etail A⁴² Itail E⁵²: *Italia* (4. 18)
62. Gaedilg: *om.* Y *om.* Z *om.* V *om.* A *om.* E: an absurd interpolation, into a list of languages from which "Gaedilg" was said to be fashioned!
- [Here H has Moisee, which should have been with no. 53 above.]
63. Media: *om.* Y *om.* Z Media V⁵⁴ Moiet A⁵ Meid (or Moid) E⁵: *Media* (3. 11)

(a) Another example of the fusion of an adjective with the place-name.

64. Foirne : *om.* Y *om.* Z Foirne V⁵⁵ *om.* A *om.* E : presumably *Persida* (3. 11)
65. Grinni : Grinne Y⁴⁶ Grinne Z⁴⁵ Grinni V⁵⁷ Grinne A⁴⁶ Gruid E⁵⁶. Rendered by Meyer (*op. cit.*) "Gemeinschaft," but certainly understood by the compilers of these lists to be a name. Perhaps a corruption of *Cyrene* (5. 5)
66. Franc : Fraine Y⁴⁷ Fraine Z⁴⁶ Franc V⁵⁶ Affraine A⁴⁷ Fraine E⁵⁸ : *Franci* (IX ii 101)
67. Fresin : Fresin Y⁴⁹ Fresin Z⁴⁸ *om.* V Freisin A⁴⁸ Freisin E⁵⁹ : *Fresi* (not mentioned by Isidore)
68. Longbard : Longbaird Y⁵⁰ Longbaird Z⁴⁹ Longbard V⁵⁹ Longbaird A⁴⁹ Longbaird E⁶⁰ : *Langobardi* (IX ii 95)
69. Lacedemoin : Lacedemōin Y⁵³ Lacedemonnai Z⁵⁰ Lacedemoin V⁵⁸ Lacedemoin A⁵¹ Lacedemoin E⁶¹ : *Lacedaemonia* (4. 16)
70. Troiana : Troian Y⁵⁶ Troia Z⁵³ Troia V⁵⁰ Tragianda A⁵³ Troiannai E⁶⁵ : *Troas* (3. 41)
71. Colehia : Cielaid Y¹⁶ Cielaid Z¹⁶ Colaig V⁵² Cielait A¹⁴ Cielaid E¹⁷ : *Cyclades* (6. 19), but influenced by the name of *Colchis*.
72. Caspia : a repetition of no. 11.
73. Aegipt : Egeipt Y⁶³ *om.* Z Egipt V⁶⁵ Egiptda A⁵⁹ Egept E⁷⁰ : *Aegyptus* (3. 27)
74. Aethioip : Etheoip Y⁶¹ *om.* Z Ethioip V⁶⁴ Eithiop A⁵⁸ Ethioip E⁶⁹ : *Aethiopia* (5. 14)

The following names are found in the other lists but are omitted by P :—

75. Scuit Y³ Scuit Z³ Sgouit A³ Scuit E³ : *Scoti* (IX ii 103)
76. Nordi Y²⁹ Noric Z²⁹ Nāir A²⁷ Nairn E³¹ (also Narmais E³² Norith E³⁴) : *Noricus ager* (4. 5)
[At Y⁴¹ Hireāin, a doublet of 36].
77. Guich Y⁴⁴ Guith Z⁴⁴ Guit A⁴⁴ Goirce E⁴³ (also Goith E³⁴ Guith E⁵⁵). Not *Gothi*, *Gothia*, for which see no. 5 : perhaps their synonym *Getae* (IX ii 89), made into a separate people (compare Phrygia—Dardania, nos. 10, 12)
78. Ladaieh Y⁵¹ Laidieh A⁵⁰ : perhaps *Lycia* (3. 38)
79. Lid Y⁵² Lodain E⁶² : perhaps *Lydia* (3. 43)

80. Daic Y⁵⁹ Daic Z⁵⁶ Daic A⁵⁷ Dacia E⁶⁸: *Dacia* (4. 3)
 81. Dachi Y⁶⁰. A doublet of the last.
 82. Luireedai Y⁶²: Unrecognizable; *Liguria?* (6. 41)

VERSE TEXTS.

X.

Metre: *snēdbairdne*.

306. K reads *bri co dochta* and glosses it *briathar co ttegoscc no co munadh*. All the old mss. have *brīg*, which we must translate 'value,' 'sense,' 'meaning.'

XI.

Metre: *devide scāilte*.

This poem is primarily a mnemonic list of *places*, extracted from Ísidore, and put into verse form with especial attention to alliteration. It is independent of the prose list associated with it, which seems to come from some other source; the two lists do not completely correspond. For fuller particulars see the notes on the prose list, above, p. 148 ff. In both lists, most, though not all, of the names have to be rendered substantivally, not adjectivally—Bithynia, Scythia, Cilicia, etc.—to represent them literally. K ignores this poem, as well as its context, nor does it appear in *Auraicept* in connexion with the list of languages. Though Kg knows of the study of languages by Feinius and his family, he makes no attempt to enumerate them.

(2) 313. *Lir* "numerous" could be rendered "populous" and applied to the name of a country, but has hardly any meaning when applied to the name of a language. 315. *Cipir*: not in prose text. See p. 152, no. 33.

(3) 319. *Huimind* in all mss.: apparently a misreading for *Huinus* (written "Huin;"), i.e., Phoenicia. The last syllable is an iteration of the first syllable of *India* which follows: the form *Huinusind*, which appears in the prose texts, would not fit into the metre. *Araib* is not in the prose text.

(4) 322. *Albanca* must be retained in its present form for metrical purposes, but doubtless it was originally *Alban chas*,

“pleasant Albania.” This leads to the inference that the composition before us is a metrical re-grouping of the names in another verse list, written in a different metre, like those published by Kuno Meyer and referred to in the foregoing notes on the prose text. 324. *Tesalia* must be a doublet of *Tessail* in line 315.

XII.

Metre: *debide scäülte fordalach*.

337. *Scêne* = *Inber Scêne*, the Shannon estuary (see vol. i, p. xxxv). K omits this poem, but it is given by Kg (ed. I.T.S., ii, p. 28) reading *duib* for *lib* in 335. This reading (found misspelt in V) is metrically preferable.

XIII.

Metre: *debide scäülte*. Attributed to Gilla Coemain († 1072) but certainly not all the work of one hand. In the poem as originally written there is *conachland* between the successive quatrains, which is rigidly maintained throughout; and the rupture of this linkage, wherever it occurs, must indicate an interpolation. This reduces the composition to the following quatrains: 1, 9–18, 21–25, 28–39, 43. If these are read continuously, they will be found to give complete sense, and the incidents mentioned in the rejected quatrains (here partly in smaller type) can be omitted without loss or discontinuity. We can also reject quatrain 24, which merely repeats the matter of 18. Thus pruned, the poem is simply a versification of the story narrated in the R¹ version.⁵ Like R¹, it does not specifically state Gaedil's relationship to Nel. The course of the Scythian vendetta follows exactly the lines of R¹. There is, however, a divergence in the matter of the leaders of the Gaedil after their banishment: they are specified as Agnomain with his sons Allot and Lamfhind, and Eber, with his sons Caieher and Cing: here the poem differs from all the prose texts. This Eber is a brother of Agnomain and son of Tat. On “the sea of Liuis” which is unknown to R¹ (though R² borrows it from

⁵ Or preferably, *vice versa*, the R¹ story is a paraphrase of the poem.

this poem) another son of Agnomain called "Glas" is abruptly introduced to us: on this person see below, note to line 407.

In the quatrains rejected, 2-8 give us the history of the family of Feinius, with the singular episode of Nel's slaying Nenual—a Cain-and-Abel incident ignored by the prose texts. Nos. 26, 27 give us the tale of the well of wine, which in any case looks like a later addition to the story; and 40-42 enumerate the sons of Mil and of Bregon.

K has the poem, but omits quatrains 3-6 (substituting quatrain 58 of poem no. V) 26, 27, 40, 41, and has numerous variant readings. Kg presents no complete copy of the poem, but quotes several of its quatrains as occasion arises.

(2). Kg quotes this quatrain (p. 10^e), but gives as his version of the second line *Neanúl is Niúl ba hághmhar*, a form foreign to the LG tradition. In quoting from this poem, Kg usually mentions the first line and the author; he makes an exception here, as though he were conscious that the quatrain is spurious. K gives it as in the older texts.

(3). The story told here may perhaps give us the germ of the Scythian vendetta story. Mil = Nel and slays his brother Nenual [= Refloir], and, being driven out, flees to Egypt and marries Scota. This fratricide looks like an adaptation of the Cain-Abel episode, but it is a common type of folk tale and may be original. *In lāich lír*: I take *lír* to be the genitive of *ler*, though there is no other hint of an association of Feinius with the sea. But the alternative "the multitudinous hero" is meaningless, unless it refers to his descendants.

(4). This quatrain was not in K's copy of the poem, but it was in Kg's: he quotes it on p. 14 with M's reading *iars(o)in* for *trē gail*.

(5). Quoted by Kg with some slight verbal differences, possibly due to lapses of memory. He does not refer to the title or author of the poem in this case, so the stanza may not have been in his copy. It is not in K's. . 358. The explanation of Gaedel's name ignores the story of the serpent.

* These references are to the I.T.S. edition of Keating's History, vol. ii.

(7). Here K resumes. K quotes this quatrain and the next (p. 26) with some slight differences, the only important one being *ó a thoigh* for *dia thaig* (365). 366. *Mara Romair* is the name of the sea, an adaptation of the Latin *Mare Rubrum*; *rūaid* is merely an Irish adjective, and should not be translated as a proper name.

(8) 367. For *lucht .iiii. long* K has the unauthorized reading *cāoga lōideng*.

(9) 372. *Nenual* is to be pronounced as a dissyllable, as in 378; where *Noemius* must be trisyllable, although in 383 it is a dissyllable.

(12) 384. *Brecc* is a stock epithet for shields; see *Fled Bricrend* 45. Thus a shield becomes a standard of comparison for the quality expressed by the word.

(13) 389. For *na chrích cen chill* K has *i ccrine cind*. *Chrīne* also appears in L.

(14) 393. For *cen cor thim* K has *tenn-coir nar tim*, a corruption that cannot be based on any extant MS.

(15). Kg quotes this quatrain (Vol. II, p. 32) with trifling orthographical deviations. K has several corruptions: *ceitri* for *secht* (396), as in Min; *roglan* (397) for *co n-glor*; in 398 following L Min.

(16) 399. The older prose texts have no cognizance of *Noinel* and *Refill*, the sons of *Reffoir* who drove the *Gaedil* out from *Scythia*. In 402 K again follows Min (*medrach* for *merda*).

(17) 403. *Dia* is apparently the word glossed *lōr* in an obscure poem in artificial jargon edited by Meyer (ZCP v. 484). The scribes seem to have taken it for *Dia* = God, and Min has tried to make the passage intelligible by changing *ba* to *dar*. We have seen above that the verse contradicts the prose in the matter of the names of the chieftains.

(18) 407. K reads *Elloit, Laimhfionn, Glass lonn leir tri meic . . .* It may be that the couplet originally ran thus

Allot, Lāmfind, Lāmglas leir,
trī meic Agnomain imrēil . . .

preserving a tradition of *three* sons of *Agnomain*, named in accordance with the usual custom in naming triplicities,

A + B + B'—one of the three names being independent, the others forming a "dioscuric" assonance. We shall meet with numerous cases of this type of name-group as we proceed. Lamglas, however, disappeared, his name being taken to be an epithet of Lamfhind, and his personality being sunk in Febri [= Eber] Glas, who is elsewhere represented as a son of "Agni" [= Agnomain = Mil]. As the *variae lectiones* show, there is good evidence for the reading *trī meic* (408), and it is, on the whole, the preferable reading. But the historical theory underlying the text here adopted, without Lamglas, must have taken shape before the prose text was compiled.

(19) 411. K has a reading which gives 30, not 3, as the number of the ships.

(20) 417. There is nothing in the prose to correspond to this couplet. The whole quatrain is spurious.

(21) 419. The Libyan Sea, according to Orosius (I, ii, 97), is an alternative name for the Adriatic; but he extends the meaning of the term so far as to make the sea so designated wash the southern coast of Crete. For Coronis (422) see note on the Prose Text ¶ 130. The visit to the Libyan Sea, and Coronis, is borrowed by R² (¶ 130), but the death of [Lam]glas is not mentioned.

(22) 423. Unless "the fair island" be Coronis, proleptically mentioned in the preceding quatrain, we have no record of it anywhere in the prose texts.

(23) 429. The story of Lamfhind's shining hands is, as we have seen, an old interpolation (probably, however, later than the incipient disappearance of his [twin]-brother Lamglas).

(24) 434. Cing is unknown to the prose text. Agnomain has now disappeared; from the prose text we learn that he died on the Caspian Sea. K has turned *lúath dar ler* into *luaiter libh*: one of several misreadings which look more like arbitrary attempts at emendation than copies of variant texts.

(25) 437. K's reading *conerbairt riū Caicher cain* seems to be another arbitrary alteration.

(26). This quatrain and the next are certainly spurious. Not only do they break the *conachland*, but they are absent

from the earlier redactions and also from K, so that they were not even established in the text with the security of some of the other spurious quatrains. The monosyllable rhyme trēn-lēn in lines 443-4 is contrary to the metrical rule.

(27) 446. *Denmedach* is in all the MSS. except M, which has *-mnedach*, correctly.

(29). In this quatrain also K has introduced several verbal changes.

(30) 455. *Co fi* glossed *co neimh*, K.

(32) 463. K again follows Min in reading *garta* for *gasta*, but Kg, who quotes this quatrain (p. 34), has *gasta*. On the other hand, K agrees with the trī chēt bliadan of 464, whereas Kg has *tríochad bliadhan*. Kg has an altogether peculiar version of 465-6, *Anaid lucht díobh ann o sáin, Go dtí deireadh an domhain*. The text, as before, agrees with R¹ in the long sojourn at the Maotic Marshes.

(33) 467. Kg (p. 38) reads *Brátha mac Deaghátha díl*. The scansion shows that *De-ath* is dissyllabic: the spelling in B, *Deaath*, is intended to indicate this (cf. *Deaghátha*, just quoted).

(34) 472. Allot is s. Nuadu s. Nenual in the prose texts.

(35) 475. K has a completely different version of the first three lines of this quatrain.

(36) 480. On these names, see the notes to the prose text ¶ 116.

(38) 487. For *Doriachtatar* K reads *do ernaidhset*, apparently without authority.

(39) 492. For *nEspáin il-dathach* K gives us *nEspaine nughrach* and Kg *Easpáinne uallach*.

(40) 495 ff. The names enumerated in these three spurious stanzas can best be discussed when we come to them in the prose text of a later part of the book. They have no relevance in the present section.

XIV.

Metre: *sētrad fota*. The assonantal scheme is elaborate.

In the four lines of a quatrain, ABCD, B-D have monosyllabic rhymes, AC end in dissyllables. In each couplet

there is alliteration, preferably between the last words of B and D. The last word of A generally alliterates with the preceding word, or with the first prominent word of B; when this does not happen, by compensation there is alliteration in the body of A, and/or two pairs of words in alliteration or three words in alliteration in B. The last word of C rhymes with the penultimate word of D. Licence to break these fetters is permitted in a quatrain containing many proper names, and the poet allows himself an occasional liberty in other cases, though it is quite possible that such lapses are due to corruption in the text. Author, *Cenn Faelad* († 679).

(1) 511. Here and elsewhere K reads *Golamh* for *Milid*. 513. Refloir was son of Refill s. Noemius according to the prose texts. Through the influence of Latin, Noemius becomes Noemi in the genitive (with a variety of spellings). This presently becomes nominative, and here develops a new genitive, *Nēmān*, which must be so pronounced to rhyme with *glē-bān*. 514. *Glas* is glossed by K *gleo uais*, which is further glossed in a quotation in O'Reilly's Dictionary, s.v., "i.e., *gleo doiligh*, difficult combat." Possibly this interpretation improves the sense of the cheville slightly, but hardly sufficiently to justify departure from the simple meaning of the words.

(2) 515. *Ceithri*: K reads *cethracha*. 517. K completely re-writes this couplet.

(3) 522. *Folt*, "a head of hair," used here in gen. pl. of the foam-crests of the individual waves. A poetical idea, into which the author has been betrayed by the necessity of finding a rhyme for *port*.

(4) 524. *Airecht*, glossed *curia* R.C. i 59. 526. *Aba thīrech*, apparently a kenning for the Nile, which makes the existence of Egypt possible. K, presumably in disapproval of Egypt and the Nile being put into the west, to rhyme with *fian*, has re-written the line. 527. For *dā fer dēc* K reads *diorna*, and glosses it *nuimir no tomhus*.

(5) (6A) 533A. This couplet has become badly corrupted.

Amorgen and Goseen have disappeared, and "do Dhond" is a bad line-ending.

(7) 536. *Ro leth a ngnai sund co sāl*, literally "their countenances spread there to the sea."

(9) 544. *Rēcsat* for *rētsat*, s-pret. of *riadaim*. "They fared in the land on the wave," i.e., over the sea.

(10) 547. This poem tells the story of the wanderings of Mil much as it has reached R^2 , and the geography is similar. The sirens are, however, absent, as is also the prophecy of Caicher. But we need not necessarily assume that the poem represents a stage of development before these had entered into the story: they may have been quietly dropped because even Cenn Faelad found that he could not fit them into his elaborate metre.

(11) 551. "Forty-four" battles: the prose text says fifty-four. We have evidently two divergent tales of the fighting in Spain, the one a story of three battles, one with each of the Spanish tribes, the other a story of a large number of battles against the whole population. It is the latter which is followed here.

(12) 558. *nDiss*, glossed by K *imderoile*.

(14). K omits from here to the penultimate stanza inclusive possibly because this part of the poem records matter which he had not yet touched upon in his history at the point where he introduced it. But some of the omitted stanzas are not free from suspicion of spuriousness. 565. *Lār il-lacha*, apparently "floor of many ducks"—a kenning for a sea or a lake.

(15). This is one of the stanzas which is doubtful. The regular rhyme between the ultimate of 569 and the penultimate of 570 is missing. In any case there is much uncertainty about the text of these two lines. *Scāil* (570) must be regarded as the verbal noun of *scāilim*, though the normal form is *scāiled*.

(16) 573. The reading *demin* in R^3 would be preferable to *linne*, as it would give a missing alliteration: but we should lose the assonance with *rindī*. In any case this assonance

is in the wrong place, and the quatrain also is probably spurious.

(17) 576. Division into twelve parts—another Israelite reminiscence!

(18) 581. *Mōrglan* and *Fulman* do not make a good assonance; at least it is below Cenn Faead's usual standard.

(19) 586. *Detla*, "bold," the reading in R³ gives better sense, but *tetra* gives a better alliteration, which is the more important consideration.

(20) 587. *Rāith Bethaig ac Eōir* = Rathbeagh on the Nore, Kilkenny, O.S. sheets 9, 10. The convivial statements about it are merely for metrical reasons. 589. *Rāith Aindind* was apparently in the Cualu territory, but its site is not certainly identified. 590. *Tōchar Mōr*, or in full *Tōchar Inbhir Mhōir*, the Causeway of the Avoca Estuary at Arklow; identified with Togher, Wicklow, O.S. sheet 36.

(21) 591. *Dūn Sobairci*, Dunseverick, Antrim, O.S. sheet 3. 593. *Delginis*, etc. Hogan, *Onom.* s.v. "Delinis," translates *iar suilgi* as "West of Suilge," but makes no attempt to identify this supposed place. But in fact *suilig* means "easy, gentle" (see *Tecosca Cormaic* ed. Meyer s.v. in vocabulary) and *iar suilgi* is a mere cheville, parallel to *iar n-ōl* in the previous quatrain. *Delginis* is Dalkey, near Dublin, O.S. sheet 23. 594. *Dūn Etair* was somewhere in the promontory of Howth, Dublin, O.S. sheet 15, 16, 19.

(22) 595. *Rāith Arda Sūird*, identified by Hogan with Rathurd, Limerick, O.S. sheet 14. 596. *Dūn mBindi*: not identified. 597. *Rāith Rīgbaird*, vaguely identified by Hogan with a large fort east of Easky, townland of Carrow Mably, Sligo, O.S. sheet 12. 598. *Dūn Cairich*, not identified.

(23) 599. *Nar*: identification doubtful.

XV.

Metre: *debide scāilte*.

This poem calls for no special notice: it is merely a paraphrase of the prose passage with which it is associated,

composed for mnemonic purposes after the prose had evolved into the form in which we have it.

XVI.

Metre: *debidē scáilte*, with concessions to *ōglachas* in the end rhymes of quatrains 3, 5. Also in *Auraicept* (ed. Calder, pp. 171-2), but in a very different version, with the quatrains in this order—4123, 5 being omitted. The first couplet of this quatrain is preserved in $\mu \wedge \mu R$ only: B ends the poem with a six-line stanza made up of quatrain 4 and the last couplet of 5. In M quatrains 4 and 5 were omitted from the text and were added in the top margin of the page, whence they have been cut off by a bookbinder, leaving only the word *diamair* and the last couplet of quatrain 5. The first couplet of 5 is preserved by Min only.

XVII.

Metre: a rather free *debidē scáilte*.

XVIII.

This poem is not in K, but it is quoted with a different text by Kg (vol. ii, p. 18). The last two quatrains are omitted by Kg.

(1) 655. *G.G. cionnus do rádh* Kg. 656. *Crithir*: the ordinary meaning "fearful, trembling" does not seem to be applicable here. The word also means "a spark," and might here be treated as gen. pl. "the man of sparks," "sparkling man." But this hardly seems satisfactory. Dinneen translates the word "brilliant" in Keating, but does not acknowledge the existence of such a meaning in his dictionary. 657. *An ní ó bhfuil G.G. Is tearc ga bhuil a seanchas* Kg.

(2) 659. This quatrain reappears in Kg with slight changes only. The story of the serpent is obviously quite different from that in the prose texts of LG. Kg takes it into his history as an alternative version.

(3) 665. *Is eadh thuigid eolaigh as Gonadh de atá G.G.*, Kg.

XIX.

Metre: *debide imrind*, obscured by a corruption in the LG texts. Kg (Vol. ii, p. 42) reads *thall* for *trell* at the end of the third line, which mends the metre and gives better sense. K has the same reading.

XX.

Metre: *debide scaille*. Author "Conaing" according to Kg.

Quoted by Kg, p. 46, with only one important variant (*go ngladh* for *dar Dia* in line 683): also by K, with close kinship to the text in the R² group of mss. In this text it does not appear in the present section, but is postponed to § VIII. The poem calls for no special comments, being merely a list of names alternating with rhyming chevilles.

SECTION III.

CESSAIR.

Introduction.

With this section begins the interpolation which breaks into the "history" of the development of the Milesians and of their Taking of Ireland—as described in the introduction, vol. i, p. xxxv ff. We have seen that it formed no part of the original text, but that it was an independent document, and was known as such to Nennius.

It falls primarily into two parts, easily separated from one another: primarily, for each component can be further analysed. The first relates to certain legendary invasions before the Flood: the second to a number of stories—or, rather, of variants of one story—of invasions after the Flood. Nennius does not seem to have known of the first of these, so that we may infer that his copy of the book did not contain it: and it is important to note that it is entirely ignored by Min. This points to the further inference, which is also indicated by the loose connexion between the component parts, that they were originally independent documents.

As names are required for these two documents, we shall call the first *Pericope Antediluvianorum*, an expression whose convenience may condone its incompatibility with classical propriety. The second we shall call *Liber Praecursorum*. For reference we shall abbreviate these names to PA and LP respectively. The composite book, which consists of these two elements, we shall call *Liber Originum*, abbreviated to LO.

LO is by far the most valuable portion of LG. The first part, PA, is a cosmogony: the second, LP, is a series of successive variations of a theogony, with ritual elements interspersed. Though badly messed by uncomprehending redactors, it gives us one of the most extensive collections

of European pre-Christian theology, ritual, and mythology that any non-classical literature can afford.

PA itself, even in its oldest available form, is obviously composite, consisting of different elements very loosely flung together. The limits of the separate documents are shown by the following analysis.

First Redaction.

¶ 166. As will appear in the notes, this ¶ is no part of PA: it is undoubtedly part of the original LG, and formed the only acknowledgement which that document contained of the pre-Milesian invaders. The original author of LG was writing a "history" specifically of the Milesians, and their predecessors interested him only in so far as they accounted for the opposition offered, to the Milesian landing, by the aborigines. For probable interpolations see the notes.

¶ 167. An excerpt from the "Quire of Druim Snechta" (*Cin Droma Snechta*), giving an independent account of the story of the Antediluvians. In F*Q, but not in L, and certainly no original part of PA. The opening words (as is demonstrated in the notes) belong, not to this excerpt, but to PA.

¶ 168. An excerpt, professedly from a different source, also peculiar to F*Q, telling the story of the Spanish fishermen.

¶ 169. Here we have (1) a fragment of the original PA, headed in L by the opening words of LO. This settles the otherwise unanswerable question whether PA had or had not been already combined with LP when the latter was inserted into LG. The simple form of PA is preserved in L (in a mutilated form, see the notes): \sqrt{F} has here interpolated a long description of Cessair's voyage.

¶ 170. Continues the original PA, following on the tale of Noah's summary dismissal of Cessair and her followers which is common to the extant manuscripts of R'. It narrates in the briefest form their landing at Dūn na mBare, and their subsequent fates.

¶ 171 has nothing original to PA. The sentence *Nī rogab nech . . . ndīlinn sin* must belong to LO, and is meant to

confirm the compiler of that document in his judgement in excising the pre-Cessair "takings." The poem containing the names of the women is an interpolation, as is shown by the variant versions of the matter introducing it, and by the fact that no prose text based upon it is included in this Redaction.

Thus the redaction consists of the following elements:—

From LG: ¶ 166.

From PA: Heading of ¶ 167; one sentence in ¶ 169; ¶ 170.

From LO: Heading of ¶ 169 in L; end of ¶ 171.

From the Quire of Druim Snechta: ¶ 167.

From other, miscellaneous sources: ¶¶ 168, 169 (in F), 171.

Second Redaction.

¶ 172. A modified form of ¶ 166 from LG, harmonized with LO.

¶ 173. A parallel to ¶ 168, but in different words and from a different source.

¶ 174. A very composite paragraph, as the introduction shows. "Saball s. Manual" comes abruptly into view; it is evidently assumed that the reader knows all about him. The very pointlessness of the allusion suggests that he held some prominent position in the original version of the Cessair saga. In Keating, at least in the mss. followed in the printed text, he appears, in a quatrain here quoted as poem XXVI, under the form "Saball s. Nionuall." It is conceivable that this is correct, and that we are to identify Nionuall, in spite of the double *l* (which, however, is not written uniformly) with the *Nenual* of whom we have heard in connexion with the tower of Babel. This would link Cessair's foster-father with the long chain of enigmatical warring kings in Scythia, for whom no terrestrial identification, either in history or in recorded mythology, can be suggested: and leads to the further inference that in their names we may have the skeleton of some unknown saga of a War in Heaven—one of the doubtless innumerable mythologies, once current among the welter of tribes in Neolithic and Bronze Age Northern Europe, but now passed irrecoverably into oblivion.

¶ 175. R² has re-written the story presumably under the influence of other sources. In both R¹ and R² the purpose of the voyage is to escape the Flood: but in R¹ the suggestion comes from Noah, in R² from druids; in R¹ the destination is vague, in R² Ireland is specifically mentioned; and in R² the absence of serpents in Ireland, thus ensuring a continuation of Eden-purity, is given as a reason for expecting a sanctuary there. Is it possible that we have lost a story of the appearance of a *piast* which robbed the country of its state of grace? Has Keating's queer story of the visit of the "three daughters of Cain" got any bearing upon this possibility? A reader of √V has been studying the Quire of Druim Snechta or some derivative therefrom, and has inserted the marginal note which has been taken into the beginning of this paragraph. It does not appear elsewhere in the extant MSS. of R², though it probably was in Δ, in which this portion is now missing.

¶ 176. On this paragraph see the notes (at the end of the text) to ¶ 169.

¶ 177. Comparison with ¶ 170 is instructive. Obviously the same document (PA) underlies both: but, in the form in which R² presents it, it has been almost doubled in length by interpolations, and very nearly promoted to the rank of an independent text. The additional "facts" are—

1. The date, 40 days before the Flood.
2. The important topographical augmentation (*Irrus Desscirt Corco Duibne*) commented upon in the notes to ¶ 170.
3. The additional date, A.M. 1656 (diverging from the annalistic calculation, A.M. 2242).
4. The alternative versions of the cause of death of Ladra, ignored in R¹.
5. Fintān's genealogy, connecting him with Bith and Lamech; and the explanation of Bochra as his *mother's* name.

To these we may add

6. (Narrated in ¶ 178) the bare fact that the three men shared the 50 women, which does not appear to have been in the original PA, but has been imported

through the influence of Poem XXV. In R¹ this poem is quoted for the names of the women; in R² their distribution among the men has become the centre of interest.

¶ 178. See preceding note, no. 6.

¶ 179. PA, as represented by R², here ends; but a different version of the same story is now tacked on to it. This is certainly based on the PA story, but it has undergone so many transformations that it must be treated as an independent document. For purposes of reference we shall call the Cessair story in ¶ 174–178 C^A, and that in ¶ 179–183 C^B.

¶ 184, 185 are further interpolations; the first apparently from the original LG (see the notes), giving chronological details; the second containing the legend of the resurrection of Fintán.

R², then, is composed of the following elements:—

From LG—¶ 172 (modified), 184.

From PA—C^A ¶ 174–178 (with numerous alterations and interpolations).

Based upon PA—C^B ¶ 179–183, a version so much worked over as to be a new document.

From other sources—fragmentary notes in ¶ 173, 184, 185, in addition to various odds and ends of interpolation here and there.

Third Redaction.

As in the previous sections, the Third Redaction is a pastepot-and-scissors combination of R¹ and R², almost its only value being that it gives us independent texts of both the preceding versions. As before, we set forth its construction in tabular form, marking with * paragraphs from R¹, with † those from R².

*¶ 186 = ¶ 166. Closer to R¹ than to R² ¶ 172: differing from both in making the Gaileoin and the Fir Domnand *contemporary*.

*¶ 187. The F*Q excerpt from the Book of Druim Snechta, ¶ 167. An interpolation describing the Flood inserted in the middle.

- *¶ 188. The F*Q excerpt, describing the three fishers, ¶ 168.
- *†¶ 189. The F*Q heading of ¶ 169. Interpolation about Saball borrowed from R² ¶ 174.
- †¶ 190 = ¶ 179. Here R³ jettisons all the versions but Cⁿ and follows it exclusively (with numerous corruptions and interpolations, especially in M).
- *¶ 191 = ¶ 180, 169. Continuation of Cⁿ for the first sentence, and then returning to R¹ for the details of the voyage, omitted by R² from his text of Cⁿ. Noah's command to make the voyage is reproduced, though the *lām-dīa* had already given his orders!
- *¶ 192 = ¶ 169. Continuation of R¹'s account of the voyage.
- *†¶ 193 = ¶ 170. Description of the landing at Dūn na mBare. Goes back to ¶ 193, R², for fuller details about Ladra's death. M inserts an isolated episode about Bath s. Bith, not found elsewhere.
- †¶ 194 = ¶ 180 ad fin., 181. Returns to Cⁿ and copies it slavishly, including the abrupt termination with "ḡ rl".
- †¶ 195 = ¶ 182. Continuation of Cⁿ.
- †¶ 196 = ¶ 183. ditto.
- ¶ 197. A superfluous list of the women, compiled from poem XXV. The last sentence comes from R¹ (¶ 171).
- ¶ 198. Synchronistic matter, derived from an early chronicle much used in the subsequent sections of LO.

It is obvious that the Cessair story stands on a different footing from the subsequent tales of invasion. These are tales of a history, or rather of a theogonia—no doubt misinterpreted, but to be accepted and criticised as historical legend. The Cessair tale, however, is essentially cosmogonic.

The significance of the heroine's name is obscure (it appears once again as that of Cessair Cruthach, daughter of a "king of France" and wife of King Ugoine): but those of her associates are clear enough. She is the daughter of Bith, that is of "life," "world," or "universe"; and her companion Fintān the deathless is son of Bochna or "ocean." They form a sort of Deucalion-and-Pyrrha couple, and, like their prototypes, they are associated with a great Flood. There is no room for doubt that the Cessair legend is a tattered fragment of a Flood myth, such as is told almost universally throughout the world.¹ The story usually follows a uniform course: Deity determines to destroy mankind, but instructs a favoured mortal to make a ship for his own salvation: the Flood comes and departs, and the ship grounds on a hill: by certain devices, which differ with different stories, the world is re-peopled.

The LG editors knew of no great Flood but the Hebrew version, enshrined in the Book of Genesis; and they were obliged therefore to link the Irish "Deucalion and Pyrrha" with the family of Noah. This is, of course, a mere impertinence, and may be entirely ignored in reconstructing the original form of the tale. Here some Being—quite possibly Sabhall mac Manuail—through the medium of an oracular fetish, warns Cessair and Fintān, the cosmogonic pair, of the coming of a Flood. In one (or three) ships they escape, and ultimately come to ground on a mythical hill called (from the circumstance) Dūn na m-Bare, the Fortress of the Ships (in the plural) which corresponds to Noah's Ararat and to Deucalion's Parnassus. It is not necessarily a sea-coast eminence: "in Corco Duibne" may be dismissed as an early gloss of no authority: the original story-tellers most probably supposed that it was somewhere near the confluence of the three rivers, Nore, Barrow, and Suir. For unless these three rivers have some correspondence with the three couples who led the expedition, it is difficult to see why they are introduced into the story at all. It is not a fatal objection to this hypothesis that the grounding of Cessair's ark on *her* Ararat must in that case have been proleptic,

¹ A comparative study of this legend, with numerous references, will be found in Frazer, *Folklore in the Old Testament*, i, 104-361.

preceding the actual advent of the Flood: otherwise the ship could not have sailed to an inland Dūn na m-Bare. Unquestionably this anomaly is a result of editorial manipulation. In the original (pagan) legend Cessair must have survived her Flood: in fact, her voyage to Ireland is essentially her flood-voyage. But when it was ascertained on inspired authority that no one in the world had been saved from the Flood except Noah and his family, it became necessary to make Cessair and her exploits uncompromisingly antediluvian.

We now understand the significance of the fifty² women who were in her company. Originally they were the mothers of the various nations of the earth, the list being a LO counterpart of the list of languages in the preceding section: their names are badly corrupted, but some of them are suggestive of an eponymous significance. And undoubtedly Cessair is the *Magna Mater* of the Irish people. Although her name does not seem to be used eponymously, that of her doublet, Banba, is a well-known by-name of Ireland: Mac Firbis, in his preface to *Chronicum Scotorum*, calls her *Heriu no Berba no Cesar*: and a glossator of M has inserted the words “.i. Ere” above the name of Cessair, in almost every place where it occurs.

The identity of Cessair with Ēriu is underlined in the story of the Adventures of Tadg mac Cēin,³ where that personage is represented as being greeted by Cessair (who here shares the immortality of Fintān) with precisely the same sentence—“it is long since thy coming was prophesied”—with which Ēriu greets the arriving Milesians in a later section of LG.

Naturally a story such as this cannot be torn from its context and forced into its present incongruous situation without leaving many loose ends no longer to be explained. Bath son of Bith, who appears in an interpolation in M, is one of these. *Dindsenchas* knows of two women, companions of Cessair, Fraechnat who is buried in Sliab Fraeich,⁴ and Eba, a she-leech, who rashly went to sleep on the shore called

² Or thrice fifty, according to the *Druim Sneachta Banba* story.

³ *Silva Gadelica*, i, 348, ii, 391.

⁴ Gwynn, *Metrical Dinds*, iv. 254.

Traig Eba, and was drowned in the rising tide⁵—doubtless, in the original story, one of the victims of the Flood. These persons do not appear in the LG list of Cessair's companions, unless we are to find them in Feochair and Abba respectively, who appear in the list of women. Undoubtedly Adna [= ancient] son of Bith, though he is transferred by historical compilers to a post-diluvian era, was originally of the company of the flood-heroes: conceivably he was a doublet of [L]adra.

Earnest believers in a universal Flood are faced with the difficulty of accounting for the perpetuation of ante-diluvian history across the catastrophe; and they dream of inscriptions on imperishable materials (as in Giraldus, *Top. Hib.*, iii. 1, Keating, I, v. 4, and see *ante*, vol. i, pp. 158, 254). Perhaps the Irish expedient of resurrecting Fintān and giving him a measure of immortality is as good as any, though Keating and the Annals of Clonmaenois recognise that it is contrary to the infallible testimony of Scripture.

The grotesque story of the flight of Fintān may possibly be included as a mockery of the unorthodox tales related of him: but it is also conceivable that there is a didactic purpose in the contrast between the long-lived Fintān, who avoids the women, and the short-lived Ladra, who is guilty of excess.

It is shown in the notes to ¶ 168 that the Capa story is primarily dioscuric. According to poem XXII one of these persons was a wright, and another a leech—two of the chief occupations of the Dioscuri.⁶ But the *p* in the first name arouses suspicion that here at least we have artificial manipulation at work. And the statement that they took away "three handfuls of green grass" (*Book of Fenagh*, p. 50) does not help much; still less the note to the printed text of that document that "in some of the bardic accounts" [unspecified] "of the Colonizations of Ireland," they "are stated to have carried away with them a sod cut from the soil of Ireland as if in token of a right of possession." It is probably of importance, for a complete study of the origin and mutual connexion of all these legends, that the same

⁵ Gwynn, *Metrical Dinds.* iv, 292.

⁶ See J. R. Harris, *The Dioscuri in the Christian Legends*, p. 61.

action is attributed to "Adna" in a set of verses quoted by Keating (I, vi, 1).

A few words will be all that is necessary to summarize the later texts of K and Kg.

Kg gives us the stories of the Three Daughters of Cain, of Banba (as in ¶ 167), and of the Three Fishers, which are ignored by K. In dealing with Cessair, both compilers follow Cⁿ (¶ 179) in the story of Noah's repulse of the suppliants and their recourse to the *lām-dia*. For the details of the voyage, K goes back to C^a (¶ 176); Kg does so also, but he leaves out the itinerary, adds up the stages, and says that the whole journey lasted 7¼ years. From the landing at Dūn na mBarc the two narratives run parallel; K looks back to C^a for the manner of the death of Ladra (omitting the alternative story of the oar), while Kg follows Cⁿ in passing it over. Kg, while properly sceptical about the survival of Fintān, quotes an interesting verse naming four learned men in the four quarters of the world at the time of the Flood, to wit Finntān, Ferōn, Fors, Andōid son of Ethōr. Ethōr reappears as one of the triad which closes the dynastic line of the Tūatha Dē Danann: in Ferōn and Andōid we recognise with little difficulty two of the alleged sons of Nemed, called in the present compilation Fergus and Ainnind. We must expect, and we shall find throughout our study, a wide range of corruption in proper names, which have no generally known signification to keep them to a standard form, and which are peculiarly liable to arbitrary alteration.

SECTION III.

First Redaction.

L 2 γ 47 : F 4 β 3.

166. ¹Scuirem † ²i fecht-sa² || do scēlaib na ³nGāedel
¹co ro aisnidem do na secht⁴ tūathaib ⁵ro gabsat Hēringd
 rempo.⁵ Ro gab ⁶ēm Cessair ⁷ingen Betha meic ⁸Nōe,
 cethracha ⁹lā rīa ndīlind. ¹⁰Partholōn mac Sera, ¹¹trī
 chēt bliadan ¹²iar ndīlind. ¹³Nemed mac ¹⁴Agnomain do
 Grēcaib ¹⁵Scithīa, i cind trichat ¹⁶mblíadan iar
¹⁷Partholōn. Fīr Bolg ¹⁸īarsain. Fīr Domnand
¹⁹īarsain. ²⁰Galiōin īarsain.²⁰ Tūatha Dē Danann
²¹īartain : ²²unde Fintān cecinit,

Hēriu cīa fīarfaighther dim.

L

F

167.

Cia didida cīa [sic]
 ragab Erinn iar tusmid
 talman?

Is ed isbert Lebar Droma
 Snechta^(a) comad Banba ainm
 na cead ingine fogabad Erinn
 ria nilind, .i. comad uaithi
 nobet Banba for Erinn. Tri
 eóicait ogh do dechaid 7 triar
 fer. Ladra in tres fer, is e
 cead marb Erenn insin : is uad

166. (variants from F) ¹scuirim ²⁻²om. ³ngil with aed sprs. ye F
⁴⁻⁴itfetsam coraitsnedem don .iui. ⁵⁻⁵rogabasad (second a expuncted)
 Erinn rompo ⁶am ⁷ingin Beatha ⁸Nae ⁹om. la ¹⁰rubbed in L :
 might also be -alan. O'Curry's transcript has -alon, but the two vowels are
 certainly identical. ¹¹tri .cc. ¹²ria, the r afterwards erased ¹³Nemid

166. Let us cease [at this point] from the stories of the Gaedil, that we may tell of the seven peoples who took Ireland before them. Cessair d. Bith s. Noe took it, forty days before the Flood. Partholon s. Sera three hundred years after the Flood. Nemed s. Agnomain of the Greeks of Scythia, at the end of thirty years after Partholon. The Fir Bolg thereafter. The Fir Domnann thereafter. The Gailioin thereafter [*al.*, along with them]. The Tuatha De Danann thereafter. [The sons of Mil thereafter as Fintan said]. *Unde Fintan cecinit,*

Poem no. XXI.

167.

Now, who (was the first who) took Ireland after the creation of the world?

This is what the Book of Druim Snechta says, that Banba was the name of the first woman who found Ireland before the Flood, and that from her Ireland is called "Banba." With thrice fifty maidens she came, and with

¹¹ Agnon L Agnamaid F ¹⁵ Seithiedai (*the h dot yc F*) ¹⁶ *om. m- L*
¹² Parthalan ¹⁸ iartain ¹⁹ iarsin ²⁰⁻²⁰ Gailiúin maraen rusiden
²¹ airsin ²² meic Milid iarsin amail isbert Fintan.

(a) Written Dromas nechta.

ainmnigter Ard Ladrann. Cetracha bliadan badar is an indsi: dosainie iaram galar, conerbailtar uili an aen sechtmain. Da cet bliadan iarsin do bi Eriu can aen duine beo, con iaram tainie dili. Cethracha la 7 bliadain ro bi Ere fo dilind. I cinn tri cet mbliadan iarum rosgab Parthalon Erenn: trebstar sin cóica bliadan ar cóie cét, condaselgadar Concind, conna terna † uarthid || nech dia chlaind i mbethu. Tricha bliadan iaram can duine i mbethaid an Erinn.

168.

Mad iar n-araili slicht imorro, is iad so cetna ro la for Erinn ria ndilind, .i. Cappa 7 Luasad 7 Laigne; † acht chena ni hairmid <Lebor> Gabala iad, ar nir aittrebsad iat[h] Erenn ||. Is ed so imorro dosfuc a n-Erinn: a techt do iascach for muir, co ra seit in gaeth o Espain co Erinn. Soised fritasi co Espain for cenn a man, do tiachtain do aittrebad Erenn. O do riachtatar Erim doris, dosfarraid in dili, corasbaidh oc Tuaig (a) Indber: conad dib do can in file,

Capa is Laigni is Luasad grind.

three men. Ladra, one of the three men, he is the first dead man of Ireland at that time: from him is named Ard Ladrann. Forty years were they in the island: thereafter a disease came upon them, so that they all died in one week. Afterward Ireland was for two hundred years without a living person and thereafter came the Flood. A year and forty days was Ireland under the Flood. At the end of three hundred years thereafter, Partholon took Ireland: he dwelt there five hundred and fifty years, till the Cynocephali drave him out, and there escaped [survived] not one of his children alive. For thirty years after that there was not a man living in Ireland.

168.

If we follow another version, however, these are the first who came over Ireland before the Flood, Capa, and Luasad, and Laigne; [howbeit, (the Book) of Taking does not reckon them, for they did not settle in the land of Ireland]. Now this is what brought them into Ireland; their coming upon the sea for fishing, so that the wind blew them from Spain to Ireland. They came back again to Spain to fetch their wives, to come and settle in Ireland. When they reached Ireland once more, the Flood overtook them and drowned them at Tuad Inbir: so that of them the poet sang

Poem no. XXII.

(a) Written *ottuaig*, and the first *t* scratched down into *c*.

L

169. *Incipit de Gabalaib Herend. Rosgab iarum Cessair ingen Betha meic Noe, ut poeta dixit, cethracha laa ria ndilind.*

F

Cesair ingen Beatha meic Nae, is i ^odog[ab] Erinn ar tus, cethracha laithi ria ndilind, ‡ mad iarsin slicht doluid-sem sunn. ||

Is ē ¹fochond a ²tiachtana, ar ³teched na ⁴dilend : ūair asbert ⁵Nōe friu : Ērgid, ar sē, co ⁶himmel iartharach in domain : bēs ⁷noco ria in ⁸diliu.

Dia Mairt iaram, 7 .xu. fuirri, ro gluais o hindsi Morohen for sruth Nil in Egift. Bai deich bliadan in Egift. Fiche tra[th] dhi ar muncind Mara Caisp. Da trath deg di for Muir Caisp co riacht in Muir Cimirda. Aen trath di in Aissia Bic, co Muir Torrian. Seolad fichet trath di co Sliabh nElpa. Fri re nae trath di asen co Espain. Seoladh nói trath di o Esbain co Erinn. Cóie uathad, for Satharnn, amail isbert in fili,

Cessair canas táinic sē.

169. ¹fochaidnd ²tidecht ³teichid ⁴dilind ⁵Nae do raid friu eirgid ase (*sic*) ⁶himell iartarach. *O'Curry's transcript of L omits the*

169. *Incipit de* The Cessair daughter of Bith
 Takings of Ireland. There- s. Noe, she it is who took
 after Cessair daughter of Ireland at first, forty days
 Bith s. Noe took it, *ut poeta* before the Flood, [if we
dixit, forty days before the follow the version that has
 Flood. come here].

This is the reason for her coming, fleeing from the
 Flood: for Noe said unto them: Rise, said he, [and go]
 to the western edge of the world: perchance the Flood
 may not reach it.

Thereafter, on Tuesday,
 dated the fifteenth, she set
 forth from the island of Meroe
 upon the river Nile in Egypt.
 She was ten years in Egypt.
 Twenty days had she upon
 the surface of the Caspian
 Sea. Twelve days had she on
 the Caspian Sea till she reached
 the Cimmerian Sea. One day
 had she in Asia Minor, to the
 Torrian Sea. A sailing of
 twenty days had she to the
 Alpine Mountain: for a space
 of nine days had she thence to
 Spain. A sailing of nine days
 had she from Spain to Ireland.
 A unitary five [=the fifth day
 of the month], on Saturday
 [she landed], as the poet said,

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very conspicuous lenition-mark in iartharach. ^rco ^adile ^bab om. in
 MS.: in marg. ^b (sic) written faintly.

170. Lucht trī ¹mbare dosrala do Dūn na mBare ²hi crīch ³Corco Duibne. Ro ⁴bāttea dī baire ⁵dīb. Tēna Cessair, lucht ⁶a ⁷bairee, .i. cōica ingen ⁊ triar fer: ⁸.i. Bith mac ⁹Nōe, diatā sliab Betha—is ¹⁰and ro hadnacht, i ¹¹earn mōr ¹²Slēbe Betha; ¹³Ladru lūam, diatā Ard ¹⁴Ladrand—is ē ¹⁵cētna marb ¹⁶dochōid fo ūir ¹⁷Hērenn: Fintān mac ¹⁸Bochra, diatā ¹⁹Fert Fintāin ōs ²⁰Tul Tuinne. Atbath Cessair i ²¹Cūil Chesra la Connachta, cona cōicait ingen.

171. Ité inso a n-anmand-
side, ut Fintan cecinit

Amail i[s]bert in fili

*Cethracha trāth don tūr
tind.*

Is iat so imorro anmanda
in cōicat ingen do badar a
fail Cessrach, ut Fintan
cecinit

Cāin raind do raindsemar etronn.

¹Nī rogab nech ²trā do ³šil Adaim ⁴Hērind rīa ⁵ndilind
acht ⁶sain.

Second Redaction.

V 3 a 32: E 2 γ 3: R 76 B a 13: D 5 a 6.

172. ¹Scuirem do scēlaib na ²nGāidel ⁊ ³fodessta || ⁴co ro ⁵aisnedem do na cōic ⁶tūathaib ⁷ro gabsat ⁸Ērind rempu. ⁹Ro gab Cessair ⁊ ¹⁰rempu, || .i. ¹¹ingen⁹ Betha meic Nōe ⁊ meic ¹²Lamiach ||, cethracha ¹³lā rīa ¹⁴ndilind. Rosgab

170. ¹mare dorala ²a ³Orea ⁴baita da ⁵dīb ⁶this a om. O'Curry, wrongly. In F' luchtā bairci is written instead of the more usual lucht abairci ⁷-ci ⁸im, the - for m yc F' ⁹Nae F' ¹⁰an (sprs. yc F) do ¹¹earn ¹²Sleibi ¹³Ladra luaim ¹⁴-ann ¹⁵.c. ¹⁶dochuaid ¹⁷Er. ¹⁸written b̄ cā F' ¹⁹Firt ²⁰Tuil Tuindi ²¹Carnn Cuili Cessrach la Conachtaib a coicait ingen.

170. The crew of three ships arrived at Dun na mBare in the territory of Corco Duibne. Two of the ships were wrecked. Cessair with the crew of her ship escaped, fifty women and three men: Bith s. Noe, of whom is Sliab Betha (named)—there was he buried, in the great stone-heap of Sliab Betha; Ladra the pilot, of whom is Ard Ladrand—he is the first dead man who went under the soil of Ireland; Fintan s. Bochra, of whom is "Fintan's Grave" over Tul Tuinde. Cessair died in Cul Cessrach in Connachta, with her fifty maidens.

171. These are their names, *ut* Fintan *cecinit* As the poet said
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Now these are the names of the fifty maidens that were in Cessair's company, *ut* Fintan *cecinit*

Poem no. XXV.

None of the seed of Adam took Ireland before the Flood but those.

172. Let us cease [now] from the stories of the Gaedil, that we may tell of the five peoples who took Ireland before them. Cessair took [before them]—d. Bith s. Noe [s. Lamech], forty days before the Flood.

171. *The words* Ité . . . *cecinit look like an insertion in* L ¹ nir gabh ² om. ³ chlaind ⁴ Erinn ⁵ ndilin ⁶ sin.

172. ¹ scuirium V ² nGoedheal E nGoidel R nGoedel D ³ fodesto D fodesta ER ⁴ go E ⁵ -dim V faisnedem R aisneidem ED ⁶ thu- E ⁷ dogab- D ⁸ H- DE (rempo E) ⁹⁻⁹ rosgab em Cesair ingen R. *Apparently roscab E, but the word obscured by an injury to the MS.* ¹⁰ rempo E rempa D ¹¹ ingin E ¹² looks like Lainiach V ¹³ laithe R ¹⁴ -inn D

¹⁵Partholōn i cind āen bliadna decc ar trī cētaib iarom. Nemed rosgab ¹⁶iarom, ¹⁷iar trichait bliadan. Fir Bole iarom, ‡ iar dā cēt bliadan. || Tūatha Dē ¹⁸Danann iarom. ‡ ¹⁹Gāidil ²⁰iarsin, *usque ad finem mundi.* ||

²¹*Hēriu cia fjarfaighther dim.*

173. ¹Asberat ²araile ³combeth gabāil ⁴an ⁵Ērind rīa ⁶Cessair, ⁷i. ⁸Cappa ⁹γ ¹⁰Laigne ¹¹γ ¹²Luassat, triar ¹³iascaire do lucht na Hespāine ¹⁴dochomlaiset co Hērinn : co ¹⁵facatar a suthaighe, co ro ¹⁶midraiset techt ar ¹⁷eūlu ar ¹⁸cend a trī mban. ¹⁹Ie tintud ²⁰dōib, ²¹dosfarraid ²²diliu ²³corusbāidh ²⁴hie ²⁵Tuaid Inbir, γ ni ²⁶fargabsat ²⁷elanda. *De quibus hoc carmen ²⁸dicitur,*

Capa is Laigni is Luasad grind.

174. Do gabāil ¹Cessrach ²andso ³sīs, ⁴γ dia scēlaib ⁵rīa ndilinn.⁴ Ceist : Cia ⁶cēta rogab Hērinn ar ⁷tūs,⁶ iar ⁸tustin talman? Nīnsa. ⁹Cessair, ingen Betha meic Nōe meic ¹⁰Lāmiach, dalta-¹¹side ¹²Sabaill meic ¹³Manūail, *ut ¹⁴dicitur*

Cessair ingen Betha būain.

175. ¹Asberat araile comad Banba ainm na hingine sin rogab Ērinn rīa ndilind, γ comad ūaithi nobeth Banba for Ērinn.¹

Doluid ²Cessair ³iarom ⁴a Hindsī ⁵Meroēn ar ⁶teched na ⁷dilend, ar ba ⁸dōig ⁹lese dū na ¹⁰rāncatar ¹¹dōini rīam ¹²cossin, γ nach dērnad ¹³ole na ¹⁴himurbus, γ ro

¹⁵ -tol R: hi for i ERD ¹⁶ om. E ¹⁷ iarndib cetaib bl. E ¹⁸ Danond E Don- D ¹⁹ Goidhil E Goidil R ²⁰ iarsain E ²¹ this poem in V only.

173. ¹ assb- V asp- D ² aroile ED araile R ³ gombeth E combeith R ⁴ ind ER in D ⁵ Herind D ⁶ Cesair VR ⁷ om. i. R ⁸ Capa ER ⁹ γ yo D ¹⁰ -gh- E ¹¹ om. γ R ¹² Luassatt E Luasat R ¹³ iascaired V iasgaire D ¹⁴ -omh- E dochumlaisetar R ¹⁵ facatt- E facatar RD ¹⁶ midraiset E -uis- D ¹⁷ cula R ¹⁸ cenn DR ¹⁹ ic tintudh V ic tinntud E oc tinntud R ²⁰ the b dotted, but probably without significance D ²¹ -uid D ²² ins. an R ²³ -ros- DER -baid D ²⁴ ic E oc R ²⁵ Tuaidh V

Partholon took it, at the end of three hundred and eleven years thereafter. Nemed took it thereafter, after thirty years. The Fir Bolg thereafter, [after two hundred years]. The Tuatha De Danann thereafter. [The Gaedil thereafter, *usque ad finem mundi.*]

Poem no. XXI.

173. Others say that there was a taking in Ireland before Cessair, to wit Capa, Laigne, and Luasat, three fishermen of the folk of Spain, who came together to Ireland: they saw its fertility, and decided to come back for their three wives. When they returned, the Flood came upon them, and drowned them at Tuad Inber, and they left no progeny. *De quibus hoc carmen dicitur,*

Poem no. XXII.

174. Of the Taking of Cessair here below, and of the tales told of her before the Flood. Who first took Ireland in the beginning, after the Creation of the World? Cessair, daughter of Bith s. Noe s. Lamech; fosterling was she of Saball s. Manual, *ut dicitur,*

Poem no. XXVI.

175. Others say that Banba was the name of that woman who took Ireland before the Flood, and that from her Banba is a name that Ireland has.

Cessair came thereafter from the Island of Meroe, fleeing from the Flood: for she thought it probable that a place where men had never come till then, where no

†Tuaid E Tuaig D 26 fārec- E fārec- R fārecabsat D 27 clanna R
28 om. R.

174. 1 Cēsraċ VRD Chessarāċ E 2 inso E annso R so D 3 siss V
4-4 om. EDR 5 iar n- V 6-6 cet gabail roġab Eri and om. ar tus R
7 thus E 8 second t dotted without meaning V. tuistin ER thustin D
9 Cēsair R 10 Laimiāċ R 11 sidhe V 12 -abh- E 13 -uail R 14 d̄x. D.

175. 1-1 in V only 2 Cēsair R 3 om. ED 4 a hind a hindsi (sic) V
a hinnsib R a hinnsi D 5 Meren with o yc sprs. E Marahén R 6 techedh R
7 d̄ilinn ER dilenn D 8 doigh E 9 leisi ER lesi D 10 -ng- D
11 doine ED daine R 12 cosin EDR 13 olcc V 14 himarbus E himarbus D

sāerad ar biastaib ⁊ mīchuirthib in ¹⁵domuin, ¹⁶combad sāer ¹⁷in dū ¹⁸sin ar ¹⁹dīlind. Ocus ro ²⁰indisetar dana a ²¹druidhi di ²²Hēriu fon innas sain, ⁊ ara ²³tiset eo Hērinn. ²⁴Conid aire sin ²⁵do riacht ²⁶Cessair for iarair ²⁷Hērenn.

176. Dia Mairt a ¹hindse ²Meroēn, ³ar fut ⁴srotha Nīl. Secht mbliadna dī fri ⁵tāeb ⁶Eigipti. ⁷Ocht trāth ⁸dēce ⁹dī for ¹⁰munciunn Mara ¹¹Caisp. Fiche trāth ⁹dī o Muir ¹²Caisp ¹³cosin Muir ¹⁴Cimerda. Trāth dī ¹⁵do Aissia ¹⁶Bicc, etir Siria ¹⁷⁊ Muir ¹⁸Torrian. Fichi trāth o ¹⁹Aissia ²⁰Bicc, ²¹ic seōlad ²²co Helpa. ²³A hocht dēce o Elpa co Hespāin. Nōi trāth ²⁴dī o Espāin co ²⁵Hērinn. Dia ²¹Sathairn do riacht ²⁷Hērinn, ⁊ ²⁸cōje dēce ²⁹forsin ²⁶Sathairn sin, amail ³¹asbert in ³²file,

Cessair can as tainic sī.

177. ¹Cethracha lā rīa ²ndilind ³trā ⁴do ⁵ruachtatar; lucht teora mbare dosrala do Dūn na mBare ⁶in Irrus ⁷Desscirt ⁸Coreco ⁹Duibne. Ro bāidit dā ¹⁰bairece ¹¹dīb, ¹²connach ¹³tērna dīb acht ¹⁴Cessair, lucht a ¹⁵bairece : sē bliadna ¹⁶caocat ar sē ¹⁷cētaib ar ¹⁸mīle o ¹⁹thossuch ²⁰domain ²¹co sin. ²²Cōeca ingen ⁊ triar fer ²³līn ²⁴battar ²⁵issin lung sin, .i. Bith mac ²⁶Nōe meic ²⁷Laimiach, ōn

imarþus R ¹⁵ domain E ¹⁶ comad V ¹⁷ an R ¹⁸ sain E ¹⁹ -inn RD
²⁰ inn- RD -diss- E ²¹ druidhe E druide R -di D ²² Eri R: do riassin E
 fon innas sin E fon innas sin R foan inas sai the first a yc sbs D ²³ -sad
 (a dot, not a lenition-mark, over the d) V -ssad E -sed R ²⁴ conidh E:
 airisin R ²⁵ do riass E ²⁶ Cesair R ²⁷ Erenn R.

176. ¹ hinsī E innsib R hindsiu D ² Maraoen R ³ iar ED ⁴ srothae E
⁵ toeb RD ⁶ Egipt E Egipte R ⁷ .ui. changed to .iiii. E; uii R ⁸ dec VR
⁹ om. R (bis) ¹⁰ muin- ERD -cind E -cinn R ¹¹ Caisb R ¹² Chaisp D
¹³ co R ¹⁴ Cimerdhae E Cimerda R ¹⁵ do Aissi V d'Aissia E do Assia RD
¹⁶ bic VR ¹⁷ is VD ¹⁸ Torian V Toirrian R Torren D ¹⁹ Assia R Aisia D

evil nor sin had been committed, and which was free from the reptiles and monsters of the world, that such a place should be exempt from a Flood. And her wizards, indeed, told her that Ireland was in that case, and that on that account she should come to Ireland. Wherefore Cessair arrived, in search of Ireland.

176. On Tuesday, from the island of Meroe, along the river Nile. Seven years had she alongside the territory of Egypt. Eighteen days had she upon the surface of the Caspian Sea. Twenty days had she from the Caspian to the Cimmerian Sea. A day had she to Asia Minor, between Syria and the Torrian Sea. Twenty days from Asia Minor, sailing to the Alps. Eighteen [days] from the Alps to Spain. Nine days had she from Spain to Ireland. On Saturday she reached Ireland, and that Saturday was dated the fifteenth, as the poet said,

Poem no. XXIII.

177. Forty days before the Flood they arrived: the crew of three ships chanced upon Dun na mBare in the Southern Promontory of Corco Duibne. Two of the ships were wrecked, so that there escaped none of them save Cessair, with the crew of her ship: a thousand six hundred fifty and six years from the beginning of the world until then. Fifty women and three men were the

²⁰ bic VRD ²¹ ac R ²² go D ²³ .xiii. (*om. a*) MSS.: *ins.* trath *sec.*
man. R ²⁴ *om.* R ²⁵ Heiir- E ²⁶ Sat- E -airn V ²⁷ Erind ER
²⁸ coiced E ²⁹ forin V ³⁰ -tharn E tSatharn R ³¹ asp- D ³² fili R

177. ¹ the -a *yc* E ² -linn ER ³ trath E ⁴ a E ⁵ -dar EV
⁶ an Iorrus E in Hirrus R ⁷ deisc- R desc- D ⁸ Corca ER Chorca D
⁹ Dhuibni E ¹⁰ bairc ERD ¹¹ dibh E ¹² conach ER ¹³ terno ER
¹⁴ Cesair E ¹⁵ -ree ED -rei R ¹⁶ caecat V coecat RD ¹⁷ cet R
¹⁸ mhili E mili R ¹⁹ thosach ED tosach R ²⁰ domh- E ²¹ cus an
²² mbladain sin RD co sin mbladain sin E ²³ caoga E ²⁴ *ins.* is e R
²⁵ batar VED ²⁶ isin ER isind D ²⁷ Naoi E Nai R ²⁸ Lamiach VD

²⁸ainmnigter Sliab Betha, ar is ²⁹and ro ³⁰hadhnacht, ³¹i
³²earnn mōr ³³Slēibe Betha : Ladra lūam, ōn ³⁴ainmnigther
 Ard ³⁵Ladrand, is ³⁶ēside ³⁷cētna marb ³⁸Ērenn rīa
³⁹ndilind : ⁴⁰atbath do ⁴¹furail banaich, nō ⁴²issē ⁴³lunta
⁴⁴in ⁴⁵rāma ⁴⁶dochuaid ⁴⁷i tarb a ⁴⁸sliasta : scip eruth
 trā, ⁴⁹issē in ⁵⁰Ladru sin ⁵¹cētna marb ⁵²Hērenn.
⁵³Finntān mac Labrada meic ⁵⁴Bethaig meic ⁵⁵Lamiach
qui dicitur Mac Bochra, ar ⁵⁶Bochra *nomen matris eius* :
 ba ⁵⁷hē-side ⁵⁸in ⁵⁹macāem ⁶⁰ōn ainmnigter F'ert F'intāin ⁶⁰
 ōs ⁶¹Taul ⁶²Tunide.

178. Ro ¹randsat ²in triar fer sin ²in ³cōecait ⁴ingen
⁵etorru, ⁶ut ⁷Fintān dixit

Cāin raind do raindsemar etrond.

179. Mad āil trā ¹a ²fiss ³tairthiud ⁴Cesra ⁵hi tīr ⁶nĒrend,
 i. ⁷fāith Dē ⁷a ⁸thechtaire dia ⁹rād fri ¹⁰Nōe mac ¹¹Lamiach :
¹²Dēne ¹³airee duit do ¹⁴erannaib ¹⁵ētromaib, ar ¹⁶doraga dīliu
¹⁷dilegfaidh ¹⁸each mbeo acht ¹⁹tussu ¹⁷do ben ¹⁷do meic ¹⁷mnā
 do mac. Ocus ²⁰missi, ar Bith, eid dogēn? Nī ²¹lēcar ²²damsa,
 ar ²³Nōe, ar ²⁴mēt do ²⁵peccaid, do ²⁶lēcan ²⁷sin ²⁸aire. Ocus
²⁹mesi, ar ³⁰Findtān hua ³¹Lāimiach, ³²eid dogēn? Nī ³³lium
 a ³⁴chomas, ar ³⁵Nōe. ³⁶Missi, ar ³⁷Ladru, ³⁸eid dogēn?³⁵
³⁹Nimtha a ⁴⁰chomas, ar ⁴¹Nōe, nī long ⁴²ladrand ⁴³in long-sa ¹⁷
 nī ⁴⁴hūaim ⁴⁵thadhat. ⁴⁶Īarsain ⁴⁷doluid Bith ⁴⁸i ⁴⁹comairle ¹⁷

Laimiach E Laimiach R ²⁸-ther ED ²⁹ann RD ³⁰haghnacht E
 hadn- R adhnacht V ³¹hi ED a R ³²carnd E carn D ³³Sl-i Bethad D
³⁴-ghter E ³⁵Ladrann ERD (Ladr- DR) ³⁶eisidhe E esin R
³⁷cedna E ³⁸Eir- E H- D ³⁹ndilinn RD ⁴⁰adbath E ⁴¹Fur- D
⁴²ase E ise RD ⁴³lunna E ⁴⁴ina E na R ⁴⁵ramha E ramai D
⁴⁶-aidh V ⁴⁷a ER hi D ⁴⁸sliasta D -sda E ⁴⁹ise ERD : an R
⁵⁰Ladra ERD ⁵¹cedna E ⁵²Eir- E Er- R ⁵³Findtan E Fintan D
⁵⁴Bethad R ⁵⁵Laimiach E ⁵⁶Bohera V ⁵⁷om. -side RD (*written*
 ba h'ē D, ba hō E) ⁵⁸an R ⁵⁹macaomh E -aem *yc* R ⁶⁰⁻⁶⁰tra
 ota Firt Findtain (Fintain D Finntain R) EDR ⁶¹Tul E ⁶²Tuinde E
 Tuinne RD.

178. ¹rann- RD -sad E ²an R (*bis*) ³caogad E ⁴n-ingen VD
⁵ins. hi (a R) trib rannaib RD (-uib D) hi tribh randaib E: etarra E
 etorra R ⁶amail asbert Finntan R ⁷Findtan VE.

tally that was in that ship : to wit Bith s. Noe s. Lamech, from whom is Sliab Betha named, for there was he buried, in the great stone-heap of Sliab Betha : Ladra the pilot, from whom is Ard Ladrann named—he is the first dead man of Ireland before the Flood. He died of excess of women, or it is the shaft of the oar that penetrated his buttock : whatever way it was, however, that Ladra is the first dead man of Ireland. Finntan s. Labraid s. Bethach s. Lamech, *qui dicitur* Son of Bochra, for Bochra is *nomen matris eius* : he was the youth after whom is named “Fintan’s Grave” above Tul Tuinde.

178. Those three men divided the fifty women among them, *ut Fintan dixit*

Poem no. XXV.

179. Wouldst thou know of the adventure of Cessair into the land of Ireland : A prophet of God and His messenger had said unto Noe s. Lamech : Make thee an ark of light timbers, for a Flood shall come, and shall submerge every living thing save only thee and thy wife and thy sons and the wives of thy sons. And I, said Bith, what shall I do? It is not permitted to me, said Noe, for the greatness of thy sinfulness, to suffer thee into the Ark. And I, said Fintan grandson of Lamech, what shall I do? I have no power, said Noe. I, said Ladra, what shall I do? I have no power, said Noe : this ship is no

179. ¹ *erasure of about four letters here* R ² Fis E fis D ³ tairtiudh E
 tairthiud R ⁴ Chesra E Cesrai R ⁵ i ER ⁶ nErind V nEir- E
⁷ faid E ⁸ tech- DR ⁹ radh E ¹⁰ Nae V Naoi E Nai R
¹¹ Laimhiach ER (m R) ¹² dena ER ¹³ aire ER ¹⁴ crandaibh E
¹⁵ -bh E -omm- D ¹⁶ doradha dili E ¹⁷ -legh- E -faid R ¹⁸ cech R
¹⁹ tusa ERD ²⁰ misi ERD ²¹ legar D ²² damh- E ²³ Naoi E
²⁴ meit R ²⁵ pec- ER pheucid D ²⁶ leic- E lecen R lecon D ²⁷ isin E
 (sind D) isind R ²⁸ airec D ²⁹ misi ERD ³⁰ Finn- D ³¹ Laimhiach
 E Lamiach D ³² ciodh E ³³ liom E lim R limm D ³⁴ com- R
³⁵ Naoi E ³⁶ misi ER mise D ³⁷ Ladhra E Ladra RD ³⁸⁻³⁹ om. R,
 cidh dogen V cidh doghen E ⁴⁰ nimta R ⁴¹ chommas V com- R
⁴² Naoi E ⁴³ latrann D ⁴⁴ an R ⁴⁵ huaimh E ⁴⁶ thadhad E tadh- R
 thad- D ⁴⁷ -sin ERD ⁴⁸ -uidh VE ⁴⁹ a R hi D ⁵⁰ comharli E

⁵⁰Findtān ḡ ⁵¹Ladhru, ḡ ⁵²asbertatar: Cid ⁵³dogēnum ⁵⁴din
⁵⁵comairle sin, ar is ⁵⁶airchend ⁵⁷co ⁵⁸targa ⁵⁹diliu, ḡ ⁶⁰cindas
⁶¹nosfrithāilfium? Ninsa, ar ⁶²Cessair ingen ⁶³Betha. ⁶⁴Tabraid
⁶⁵aitidin damsā, ḡ dobersa ⁶⁶innus ⁶⁷comairle ⁶⁸duib. ⁶⁹Rotbia
⁷⁰an nī sin, ar ⁷¹eat. ⁷²Tabar ⁷³didiu lāmdia ⁷⁴chūcaib, ⁷⁵ar sī,
ḡ ⁷⁶adraid ⁷⁷do, ḡ ⁷⁸dellaid ⁷⁹fri Dīa ⁸⁰Nōe. ⁸¹Tuesat iarom ⁸²dia
⁸³chūcu, ḡ ⁸⁴issī ⁸⁵comairle ⁸⁶tuc an dia ⁸⁷dōib: ⁸⁸Dēnigh
⁸⁹longaiss ḡ ⁹⁰ēirgidh ⁹¹for muir. Acht ni ⁹²fetadarsom, ḡ ni
⁹³fitir a ndia ⁹⁴caim do ragad ⁹⁵diliu. Conid ⁹⁶ead ⁹⁷dorigensat,
a n-aire ⁹⁸dognim ḡ ⁹⁹dula ¹⁰⁰innti, secht ¹⁰¹mbliaidna ḡ ¹⁰²rāithi
¹⁰³ria ¹⁰⁴tiachtain ¹⁰⁵dilend.

180. ¹Is ²hē ³līn lotar ⁴hissin ⁵aire ⁶sin: cōica ingen im
⁷Chessair ⁸ḡ im ⁹Bairrinn ḡ im ¹⁰Balba ¹¹ḡ im ¹²Findtān ḡ im
Bith ḡ im ¹³Ladra.¹¹ Ro ¹⁴sirsitar trā ¹⁵Ēigipt ḡ rl., co
¹⁶rīachtatar ¹⁷co ¹⁸Hespāin. ¹⁹Rostimart ²⁰doinend ḡ ²¹anfud
²²co Hērinn fri rē ²³nōi trāth,²⁴ congabsat ie Dūn na ²⁵mBare
iar ²⁶nĒrinn, ²⁷ḡ ²⁸dolotar cona mnāib co ²⁹Miledach—ḡ Bun
³⁰Sūainme ³¹ind inbaid sin ba ³²hainm dō .i. ³³sūainium ³⁴Sūiri
³⁵ḡ ³³sūanem Eōire ḡ sūainem ³⁶Berba: ḡ ³⁷issē sin ³⁸Comur na
Trī ³⁹nŪsqi, do ⁴⁰chummusc na trī ⁴¹n-aband.

181. Ocus ¹rannsat ²in ³cōicait ⁴n-ingen ⁵hi trī, ḡ rue Fintān
⁶Cessair do ⁷rogain, ḡ ⁸secht ⁹mnā dēce ¹⁰maille ¹¹fria: rue Bith

ccomairle D ⁶⁰Finntain E Finntan RD ⁶¹Ladhra E Ladra RD
⁶²adb- E ⁶³dodenan (sic) E dodēnum R dogenam D ⁶⁴don E
⁶⁵chomairle D: -leisi E and om. sin E ⁶⁶airchend E airchenn RD
⁶⁷go E ⁶⁸targha R ⁶⁹dili E ⁷⁰cinnas EDR ⁷¹-alfam ERD
⁷²Cesair ERD ⁷³Bethu R ⁷⁴-uid E ⁷⁵aididin E aititin D
⁷⁶written innu; V: indas R inus D ⁷⁷comhairli E ⁷⁸duibh E
⁷⁹rodbia E ⁸⁰ani E in ni RD ⁸¹iad E ⁸²-air E ⁸³om. E dana R
⁸⁴ins. ar si RD: cugaib E eucaib R ⁸⁵om. ar si RD ⁸⁶-aidh V
⁸⁷dho the dot of aspiration apparently ins. sec. man. D ⁸⁸deall- E
⁸⁹fria E ⁹⁰Naoi E Noi R ⁹¹tugsad E ⁹²dee R ⁹³chuca ED
cuca R ⁹⁴asi ER isi D ⁹⁵comhairli E comairli R ⁹⁶tug ED
⁹⁷doibh E ⁹⁸dengid longus VE denid D denaidh R ⁹⁹longais RD
¹⁰⁰eirgid E ergid DR ¹⁰¹fo with r sprs. yc V: fur E ¹⁰²feadatar E
fetatar RD ¹⁰³Tit- E ¹⁰⁴cuin VER qī D ¹⁰⁵dili ER ¹⁰⁶eadh V
ed ER hed D ¹⁰⁷doronnas E ¹⁰⁸gniomh E ¹⁰⁹dol E ¹¹⁰nt E
inti D ¹¹¹om. m- V ¹¹²raiti E raithe R rathi D ¹¹³re E
¹¹⁴tichtain RD ¹¹⁵dilinn R.

ship of robbers and no den of thieves. Thereafter Bith and Ladra and Fintan came to consult together, and they said: What shall we do for that counsel, for it is final that a Flood shall come, and how shall we make us ready for it? Easy! said Cessair, daughter of Bith. Give submission to me, and I shall give you a manner of counsel. Thou shalt have that, said they. Take then to yourselves an idol, said she: worship it, and sunder you from the God of Noe. So they took a god unto themselves, and this is the counsel that it gave them: Make ye a voyage, and embark upon the sea. But they knew not, nor did their god know, when the Flood should come. Accordingly what they did was to make their Ark, and to go into it, seven years and three months before the coming of the Flood.

180. This is the tally of those who went in that ark: fifty women in the company of Cessair and Bairrind and Balba and Fintan and Bith and Ladra. They sought out Egypt (and so forth) till they reached Spain. Storm and tempest drave them to Ireland in a space of nine days, till they landed at Dun na mBare, behind Ireland, and they came with their women to Miledach. At that time Bun Suainme was its name, from the confluence of the Suir, the Nore and the Barrow. That is the Meeting of the Three Waters, from the mingling of the three rivers.

181. They divided the fifty women into three shares. Fintan took Cessair for choice, and seventeen women with her: Bith

180. ¹ his D ² e RD ³ lion E ⁴ isin ER hisin D ⁵ airc VD
⁶ om. sin ERD ⁷ Chesair E Cesair RD ⁸ om. 7 D ⁹ Bairinn ER
 Bairrind D ¹⁰ Balbu R ¹¹⁻¹¹ um Bith 7 um Finntan 7 um Ladrau R:
 im before Findtān yc V ¹² Findtann E ¹³ Ladhra E ¹⁴ sirsidar E
 sirsetar R sirset D ¹⁵ Eighipt E Egipt RD ¹⁶ -dar E ¹⁷ om. eo R
¹⁸ Spain R ¹⁹ rotimart R ²⁰ -nenn D ²¹ anfad R ²² om. eo
 Herinn R co Heir- E ²³ nóe V naoi E ²⁴ ins. o Spain eo Herinn R:
 -sad E ²⁵ mBarec V ²⁶ nEir- E ²⁷ om. 7 R ²⁸ dollotar R
²⁹ Miledach ERD ³⁰ Suainmi ER ³¹ an R ³² om. h- E ³³ Suainem
 ED (bis) Suainem . . . suainem R ³⁴ Suire ERD ³⁵ om. 7 R
³⁶ Berruai D ³⁷ is e R is he D ³⁸ Comar ERD ³⁹ nUsqi E nUisqi R
⁴⁰ commuse E comusec R chumusec D ⁴¹ n-abann ER n-abonn D.

181. ¹ randsat ER ² an R ³ coecat E .la R ⁴ om. n- ER
⁵ i E a R ⁶ Cesair R ⁷ rogu E roga D ⁸ ins. a R ⁹ mna
 sprs. yc D ¹⁰ ins. dana R: immaille ER moalle D moaille R ¹¹ frie ERD

took seventeen women including Bairrind: Ladra took sixteen with Banba, and was dissatisfied thereat. And he came with them into Ard Ladrand (and so forth).

182. And those sixteen women came to Cessair and they said: What shall we do now? Messengers were sent from Cessair to Bith, and she asked what the women should do. Afterwards Bith came to the place where Fintan was, and they divided the fifty women into two shares, and Bith took twenty-five women of them to the north of Ireland. Bith died in his mountain.

183. Thereafter the women went back, to the place where they left Cessair and Fintan. Then Fintan escapes, a-fleeing before all the women, across Bun Suainme, that is, across the Suir, and over Sliab Cua, which is in Cenn Febrat: left-hand to the Shannon eastward, to Tul Tuindi over Loch Dergdeire. *Post* Cessair came to Cul Cessrach in Connachta, and her women with her; and her heart brake within her for the absence of her husband and for the death of her father. Then was completed the time from Adam to the Flood, save seven days *tantum*.

184. But it is to the epoch of Adam that this Taking of Cessair is reckoned. In this epoch, moreover, from the Flood to Abraham, and to the ninth year of the reign of Abraham, Ireland was not discovered till Partholon found it: and he was three hundred years over Ireland till the pestilence quenched him. In the six hundred and fourth year of the epoch of Abraham the Nemed-octad came into Ireland: and it had dominion four hundred years over Ireland. Thereafter Ireland was for two hundred years desert, and then the epoch of Abraham was completed, save four years. The Fir Bolg *post* took it, in the beginning of the four years of

Tuinne RD	²² Deirg- RD	-derce E	-derc RD	²⁴ doluidh E	dolluid R
²⁵ Cesair RD	²⁶ Cesair R;	<i>om.</i> i	Conachta ERD	²⁷ bantrocht E	bantrocht E
bantrocht D	bantracht R	²⁸ <i>om.</i> le R	²⁹ maidis ER	madis D	
³⁰ cridi ER	cride D	³¹ innti ER	³² ingnaiss V	³³ <i>om.</i> h- R	
³⁴ <i>om.</i> 7 R	³⁵ -bad ERD	³⁶ ann- ERD	³⁷ ind E an R	³⁸ -sir ER	
³⁹ Adham E	⁴⁰ .iii. ER:	la R.			
184. 1 Adhaim VE	Aduim D	² an R	³ seo R	⁴ Cesra R	⁵ in R
⁶ -ser ED	⁷ <i>om.</i> so imorro,	<i>ins.</i> tra R	⁸ Habraam R	⁹ cosind E	
¹⁰ nomad V	¹¹ Abraaim R	¹² noco ED	nochas R	¹³ Er- E	Eri R
¹⁴ <i>om.</i> 7 R	¹⁵ Erind R	¹⁶ ros EDR	-dileg ERD	¹⁷ i m- E	an R
¹⁸ -aidh V:	mortflaid E	¹⁹ -mad D	cetrumad R	²⁰ -med ER	²¹ .iiii. R
²² ind E in DR	²³ <i>om.</i> 7 R	²⁴ Fallna E	fallnastar R	²⁵ ind E	
²⁶ Hereo E	²⁷ Héri R	²⁸ fas RD	²⁹ -badh VR	³⁰ flaith R	
³¹ annsin DE	ann R	³² .iii. D	³³ <i>om.</i> R	³⁴ Bolg ED	³⁵ i R
³⁶ tosach RD	³⁷ .iii. mbl. R	³⁸ deiriud E	deirid R	³⁹ Abraaim R	

⁴⁰Feraib ⁴¹Bole co tãncatar ⁴²Tuath Dē Danann, ⁴³eo rogabsad for ⁴⁴Firu Bole : tricha bliadan *tantum* ro ⁴⁵leiced ⁴⁶flaithus dōib. Remis imorro gnima ⁴⁷Tempuil Solman do ⁴⁸deochatar Meic ⁴⁹Miled, la Lúgaid mac ⁵⁰nItha.

185. In gabāil-¹si trā ²Cesra, ³niss ⁴gabait ⁵aroile hison ⁶ngabālaib. Acht ⁷issiat ⁸fofuair ⁹Hērinn ar ¹⁰tūs. ¹¹Acht ni ¹²tērna nech dīb-¹³seo ¹⁴uile, acht ¹⁵Findtān ¹⁶namā a ¹⁷āenur, ro ¹⁸bōi ¹⁹isind ūaim ōs ²⁰Tul ²¹Tuinni fo ²²dilinn : γ ro ²³fuirig Dīa a ²⁴anmain ²⁵and, ²⁶conidh hē ro ²⁷innis ²⁸gabāla Ērenn, ²⁹γ rl.

Cethracha trāth don tūr tind.

⁴⁰Is amlaid-³¹sain ³²dana ro forbad ³³gabāil ³⁴Cesra.

Third Redaction.

B 12 a 49; M 271 γ 21.

186. ¹Sguirim † trā || do scēlaib na ²nGāedheal † ³adfeadsam || ⁴go ro aisneidheam do ⁵na secht tūathaibh ⁶ro ghabsad Ērind ⁷rompu. ⁸Ro ghabh āmh Ceassair^(a) ingean Beathadh meic Nāi, ⁹cethracha lā ¹⁰rē ndilind. ¹¹Parrtholōn mac ¹²Seara, trī ¹³cēt bliadan ¹⁴iar ndilind. ¹⁵Neimeadh mac ¹⁶Aghnomain do ¹⁷Grēgaibh Sceithā, ¹⁸a cind ¹⁹trichad bliadan iar ²⁰Partholōn. Fir ²¹Bolg iartain. Fir Domnand iarsin. Gaileōin marāen riu-²²sin. Tūatha Dē Danand ²³iarsoin. † Meic ²⁴Milidh ²⁵iarsain || ²⁶ut dixit Findtān,

Hēriu cia fiarfaigther dim.

⁴⁰Feruib E Fheraib D ⁴¹Bolg D ⁴²Tuatha R ⁴³corceabsat E co rogabsat ERD ⁴⁴Fhiru E Fira D ⁴⁵leiceadar E legv D ⁴⁶flaithus ERD ⁴⁷Tempaill Sholman R ⁴⁸-dar E dollotar R ⁴⁹Milid R ⁵⁰om. n- E.

185. ¹seo D om. R ²Cesra V Cess. R Chesra D ³niss ER ⁴gabait ED gabsat R ⁵aroile VR (-li R) ⁶ngabala R ⁷is iat ERD ⁸fofuair V fosfuair R ⁹Erind R ¹⁰thus E, tuss D ¹¹om. R ¹²therna D ¹³so RD ¹⁴uili R huile D ¹⁵Finntan R Fintan D ¹⁶namma E om. R ¹⁷oanar ERD ¹⁸bo E bui R ¹⁹isin R sind D ²⁰Tuil R ²¹Tuinne RD ²²dilind R ²³fuirigh VE fuirig D ²⁴anmuin D ²⁵ann RD ²⁶conide ER conidhe D ²⁷indis D

the end of the reign of Abraham. A series of thirty-six years after the taking by the Fir Bolg, till the Tuatha De Danann came, who took it over the Fir Bolg: thirty years *tantum* was the principedom permitted to them. In the time of the building of Solomon's Temple the sons of Mil came, with Lugaid son of Ith.

185. Now this taking of Cessair, others do not accept it among the Takings: still, it is they who found Ireland at the first. Howbeit not one of all these escaped, save only Fintan, who was in the cave above Tul Tuinde under the Flood. God kept him waiting there alive, so that it was he who related the Takings of Ireland, etc.

Poem no. XXIV.

In this wise, then, the Taking of Cessair came to an end.

186. Let us cease, then, from the stories of the Gaedil [which we have related], that we may tell of the seven peoples who took Ireland before them. Cessair d. Bith s. Noe took it, forty days before the Flood. Partholon s. Sera, three hundred years after the Flood. Nemed s. Agnomain of the Greeks of Scythia, at the end of thirty years after Partholon. The Fir Bolg thereafter. The Fir Domnann thereafter. The Gaileoin along with them. The Tuatha De Danann thereafter. [The sons of Mil thereafter], *ut dixit* Findtan

Poem no. XXI.

²⁸ each (gach R, cech D) gabail rogab (rogab- D) Herinn ERD ²⁹ om. 7 rl: ins. amail asbert an fili R ³⁰ om. *this sentence* R ³¹ -sin D ³² dono D
³³ gabhail E ³⁴ Cesra V Chesra E.

186. (*variants from M*) ¹ scuiream thra ² nGaeidel ³ adfeadam
⁴ co ra aisedeam ⁵ na seacht tuathaib ⁶ rogobsad ⁷ rompo
⁸ rogab em Ceasair ingen Beatha ⁹ ceathracha ¹⁰ iar ¹¹ Parrthalon
¹² Sera ¹³ ched ¹⁴ re ¹⁵ Nemead ¹⁶ Agnoimean ¹⁷ Grecaib
¹⁸ i ¹⁹ tricha ²⁰ Parrthalon ²¹ Bole ²² -siden ²³ -sin ²⁴ Milead
²⁵ -sin ²⁶ amail adfed in t-eolach anso: (.i. Fintan cc. sbs.).

(a) Cessair glossed .i. Eriu in rough bad hand in M.

187. ¹Cia din ciata rogaibh Ērinn ar tosaigh talman¹? Is ead ²atbert ³Leabhar Droma ⁴Sneachta comad Banba ainm na cēt ingeine ⁵rogabh Ērinn rīa ndilind, ⁊ ⁶gomadh ūaithi nobeith Banba for ⁷Ērinn. ⁸Trī ⁹caoga ¹⁰ogh ¹¹do dheachaidh, ⁊ triar ¹²fer. ¹³Laghra, in treas ¹⁴fer, is ¹⁵esin cēt ¹⁶marbh Ērenn ¹⁷anssin, ⁊ is ¹⁸ūadh ainmnighthear Ard ¹⁹Laghrann. Ceathracha ²⁰bliadan ²¹‡ rīa ndilind || do ²²bhadar ²³isin n-indsi ²⁴sin. Dosfāinig iarom galar, ²⁵conerboiltidar uile an āen šeachtmoin. Dā ²⁶cēt bliadhan iarsin ²⁷bāi Ēriū ²⁸gan duine beo, ²⁹conad iarum ³⁰tāinig dīliū³¹: ceathracha ³²bliadan ⁊ lā ro bāi ³³Ēriū fo dilinn,

no is cethracha³² lā ³⁴robāi in dile ³⁵aga fearthain, ³⁶⁊ cāoga ar cēt lā robāi ³⁷gan tseargadh,

conadh ³⁸anssin ³⁹tug Dīa gāeth do ⁴⁰sūghudh in uisci.

In ⁴¹deachmadh ūathadh cēga, isin mīs⁴¹ Māi, ⁴²luid Nōe isin n-aire ⁊ a ⁴³muindtear ochtair ⁴⁴gus na huilbh ⁴⁵ainmindtibh rug leis. ⁴⁶In sechtmad⁴⁵ fiehit imorro ⁴⁷isin mīs ⁴⁸cētna athorrach do ⁴⁹dechaid aiste, go mad secht lā dēg⁴⁸ ⁊ bliadain ⁵⁰desidhēin ro bāi ⁵¹Nāi isin n-aire. I ⁵²sechtmadh dēg isin mī cētna, .i. i mīs⁵² Māi, ro ⁵³tindseain in dīliū fearthain.

I cind trī cēt bliadan ‡ iar ndilind || ⁵⁴rogab Parrtholon Ērind, ‡ no dono ⁵⁵mar ⁵⁶aderam bōs ||, treabhsad a ⁵⁷sīl cōica bliadan ar cōie cēt, ⁵⁸condaselgadar Concheind, go na terno neach ⁵⁹di claind ana beathaigh. Tricha bliadan iarsin ⁶⁰gan duine ⁶¹beo ar Ērinn.

187. *In marg. of B*: a Cin Droma Sneachta in beac so sis conigi Cessair ¹⁻¹ cid cia diducia rogob Eiriū iar tusmead in talman ² asbert ³ Cin ⁴ Sneachta ⁵ rogob Erind ⁶ comad uaithi ⁷ Erinċ ⁸ ins. ⁊ ⁹ ehaechad ¹⁰ og ¹¹ om. do dheachaidh ¹² fer allin ¹³ Ladra Luam ¹⁴ fear ¹⁵ e ¹⁶ marb ¹⁷ om. ¹⁸ uada ainmnighther ¹⁹ Ladrann ²⁰ glossed no la B ²¹ om. rīa ndilind do ²² badar ²³ isa ²⁴ sea .i. inn Erinn: dosfainic iaram ²⁵ conderbairt mile re hen šeachtmainde ²⁶ ched ²⁷ do bai Eriū ²⁸ can oen duine ²⁹ ins. inti ³⁰ thanic ³¹ ins. forsin n-uile doman coroibe ³²⁻³³ om. ³³ Ern B ³⁴ om. robai in dile ³⁵ oc ³⁶ ⁊ co roibi bliadain acht mi oc tragad na n-uisead

187. Who then first took Ireland after the beginning of the world? This is what the Book of Druim Snechta says, that Banba was the name of the first woman who took Ireland before the Flood, and that from her Ireland is called "Banba." With thrice fifty maidens she came, and with three men. Ladra, one of the three men, he is the first dead man of Ireland at that time, and from him is named Ard Ladrann. Forty years [before the Flood] were they in that island. Thereafter a disease came upon them, so that they all died in one week. After that Ireland was for two hundred years without a living person, and thereafter came the Flood: forty years and a day was Ireland under the Flood,

or it is forty days that the Flood was a-pouring, and an hundred and fifty days it was without drying up,

so that then God sent a wind to suck up the water.

On the tenth unit of the moon, in the month of May, Noe went into the ark with his following of eight persons, and with all the animals which he took with him. Now on the twenty-seventh in the next month of the same name, he came out of it, so that thus Noe was a year and seventeen days in the ark. On the seventeenth in the same month, that is, in the month of May, the Flood began to pour.

At the end of three hundred years [after the Flood], Partholon took Ireland—[or, rather, as we shall say below], his seed dwelt in it five hundred and fifty years till the Cynocephali drave him out, and not one of his progeny remained alive. Thereafter there were thirty years without a living person in Ireland.

do dreich in talman, ⁊ caeca ⁊ cet ³⁷ *ins.* in dilu can tragad oc sugad
na n-uisced do dreich in talman, *and om.* gan tseargadh ³⁸ airisin ³⁹ tuc
⁴⁰ sugad na nuisced ⁴¹⁻⁴² -maid uathaid escai i mis ⁴³ doluid Nae
andsa n-aire ⁴⁴ muintir ⁴⁵ cus ⁴⁶⁻⁴⁷ anmandaib ruc leis ⁊ i seachtmaid
⁴⁸ i.iii.xx. B ⁴⁹ sa ⁵⁰⁻⁵¹ chetna athirrach iar mbliadain do deachaid
aiste conad seacht la dec ⁵² denum B ⁵³ iarsinde sin ⁵⁴ Naei
⁵⁵⁻⁵⁶ seachtmad dec don mi chednai .i. mis: *om.* mi B ⁵⁷ thindscain
⁵⁸ rogab Parrthalon Erind ⁵⁹ *ins.* a B ⁶⁰ adearam beos trebsad ⁶¹ sil
⁶² conad selgadar conchind cona terno ⁶³ dia chloind i mbeathaid ⁶⁴ cen
⁶⁵ a mbeathaid in nErinn.

188. Mad ĩar n-aroile ¹slicht imorro, is ²iat so cētna ³† roghabh no || ro lā for ⁴Ērinn rē ndilind .i. ⁵Capa 7 Sluasad 7 Laighne : ⁶acht cheana nī airmid ⁷Gabhāla iad, ⁸ar nīr aitreabhsad ĩath ⁹n-Ērenn. Is ead so ¹⁰tug an Ērinn, a techt do ¹¹iasgach for muir, gu ro scēid in gāeth ō Easpāin ¹²gu Hērinn. ¹³Soissid dorīs ar ceann a mban do ¹⁴aitreabadh Ērenn. O ¹⁵du riachtadar ¹⁶Ērinn ¹⁷dorīsī, ¹⁸dosfarraid in dīliu ¹⁹go rusbāid ²⁰ag Tuadh ²¹Inmir. Conad ²²dīb rochan in ²³file,

Capa is Laigni is Luasad grind.

189. ¹Ceasair ingean ²Beathadh meic ³Nāi, is ĩ cētna ⁴roghabh Ērinn ĩar ⁵tuistin talman, ⁶cethracha lāithe rē ndilind.

Dalta-⁷sen Sabail meic ⁸Manail, ⁹ut dicitur

Cessair ingen Betha būain.

190. Mad āil trā ĩis ¹turrtugudh Ceasrach ²a tīr ³nĒrinn, .i. ⁴fāide^(a) 7 ⁵a techteaire dia ⁶rādha ria Nōe mac Laimiach : Dēna aire ^{6a}dhuit—

B.

do crandaib edroma, ar doragha dīliu 7 dileaghbaid gach mbeo,

triasin fingail moir doroinde Cain mac Adhaim ar a og-brathair; 7 nī thernoba gan tuitim sa tubaisti sin do sil Adhaimh,

M.

ar se, do chrandaib edruma, uair doroga in dīliu, 7 bīd dilgedach each mbeo,

triasin fingail moir doridne Cain mac Adaim ar a dearbrathair fodein, .i. ar Aibel mac Adaim. Ocus nī thernoba duine cen toitim isin tubaist sin do sil Adaim

188. ¹sleachtaib B ²iad ³om. ⁴Erind ria ⁵Cappa
⁶ins. .i. saer 7 liaig 7 iascairi na cerda ro bai con triur sin ⁷this word
dittographed ⁸uair nīr threbsad ⁹nErind ¹⁰imorro dosfuc in
 Erind ¹¹iasgach for muir co ro seit ¹²co ¹³soigsed fis ar cend
¹⁴thoidecht do aitreb co Herinn ¹⁵da ¹⁶Eirind ¹⁷doridise
¹⁸a dot on the final d without significance B ¹⁹co ²⁰oc ²¹Indber
²²doib ²³t-eolach andso.

188. If we follow another version, however, these are the first [who took or] who came over Ireland before the Flood, Capa and Sluasad and Laigne; howbeit, [the Book] of Taking does not reckon them, for they did not settle in the land of Ireland. This is what brought them to Ireland: their coming upon the sea for fishing, so that the wind blew them from Spain to Ireland. They came back again to fetch their wives, to settle in Ireland. When they reached Ireland once more the Flood overtook them and drowned them at Tuad Inbir: so that of them the poet sang—

Poem no. XXII.

189. Cessair d. Bith s. Noe, she is the first who took Ireland after the Creation of the World, forty days before the Flood.

She was the fosterling of Saball s. Manall, *ut dicitur*

Poem no. XXVI.

190. Wouldst thou know of the adventure of Cessair into the land of Ireland: prophets [of God] and His messenger had said unto Noe s. Lamech: Make thee an ark—

B.

of light timbers, for a Flood shall come and shall submerge every living thing,

by reason of the great kin-murder which Cain s. Adam wrought upon his younger brother: and none of the seed of Adam shall escape without falling in that catastrophe,

M.

said he, of light timbers, for the Flood shall come, and every living thing shall be submerged

by reason of the great kin-murder which Cain s. Adam wrought upon his own brother, Abel s. Adam. And not a man of the seed of Adam shall escape without falling in that catastrophe,

189. ¹ <i>glossed</i> .i. Eiriu <i>sec. man.</i> M	² Beatha	³ Nae	⁴ rogob
Erind ⁵ thustin ⁶ ceathracha laithi re ndilind	⁷ siden	⁸ Manuail	
⁹ om. ut.			
190. ¹ turthugud Cearsrach	² i	³ nErind	⁴ faidi
techtairda ⁵ rada fria Nae	⁶ a duid		⁷ om. a :

(a) *De* has probably dropped out here by homoiotes.

acht tusu ⁊ do bhean ⁊ do tri
meic ⁊ mna do mae,

uair nír cumthaigh sibh re claimn
Cain.

Missi, ar Bith, ered dodhen?
Ni leagar damhsa, ar Noe, air
med do peccad, do legean sa
n-aire. Missi amh, ar Fíndtan
hua Laimiach, ered doghen?
Ni leam do comus, bar Nae.
Missi, ar Ladhra, ered doden?
Nimta a fíis, ar Noe: nim long
latrand in long so, ⁊ ní huaim
thaidead.

Airsin doluidh Bith i comairle
⁊ Fíndtan ⁊ Ladhra ⁊
atbertadar: Cred dodhenum
don chomairli-sa, uair is foir-
ceann gu tora dilind, ⁊ cindas
frithailfimid sind? Atbert
Ceassair: Tabhraidh aitidin
damsa, ⁊ dober ceadus daibh.
Rodbia in ní-si, bar iad.

acht tusu ⁊ do bean ⁊ do tri
mee ⁊ do tri hingena .i. mna
do mae.

uair nír cumdaig sib re cloind
Chain; ordaig is i do derbfur fil
agad fodein ⁊ t'ingena co do
maeib.

Misi, ar Bith mae Nae, eraed
doden? Ni feadar, ar Nae,
uair ní leagar damsas thu ar
med do pecaig dot ligen sa
n-aire. Misi, ar Fíntan mae
Laimiach[‡] dearbrathair de Noe||
ered doden? Ni fillem do
cumachtaib, ar Nae, do legan
isa n-aire. Misi, ar Ladru
luam mae Beathad, ered doden?
Nimtha a fíis, ar Nae, uair ní
leagar . . . sa n-aire.

Misi, ar Ceasair ingen Beathad,
eraed doden? Niconfeadar ol Nae,
doig ní leagar sa n-aire lim. Do
feargaidead Nae friu ⁊ adbeart,

Nim long ladrand in long-sa,
⁊ ní fuaim thechsaget.

Iarsin doluid Bith i comairli
⁊ Fíntan ⁊ Ladru ⁊ Ceasair, ⁊
atbeartadar: Craed do denam
don comairli seo, ar siad, uair
is foircend co tora in dilind
tarsin doman, ⁊ cindis frith-
ailfeam? Ninsa, ar ⁸Ceasair
ingen Beathad: .i. aitidiu ⁊
cendus damsas, ar si, ⁊ dober

[‡] *ins. above line* ⁸ *glossed .i. Ere in same hand and ink as note (1) in ¶ 188.*

save only thou and thy wife
and thy three sons and the
wives of thy sons,

for ye did not company with the
children of Cain.

I, said Bith, what shall I do? It is not permitted to me, said Noe, for the greatness of thy sins, to suffer thee into the Ark. And I, said Fintan grandson of Lamech, what shall I do? I am not thy keeper, said Noe. I, said Ladra, what shall I do? I know not, said Noe: for me, this ship is no ship of thieves, no den of robbers.

Thereafter Bith came into counsel with Fintan and Ladra, and they said: What shall we do for this counsel, for it is final that a Flood shall come, and how shall we make us ready? Said Cessair: Give submission to me, and I shall give the advantage to you. Thou shalt have it, said they.

save only thou and thy wife
and thy three sons and thy
three daughters, the wives of
thy sons,

for ye did not company with the
children of Cain, inasmuch as it is
thy sister whom thyself hast, and
thy daughters are with thy sons.

I, said Bith s. Noe, what shall I do? I know not, said Noe, for it is not permitted to me to suffer thee into the ark, for the greatness of thy sinfulness. I, said Fintan son of Lamech [brother of Noe], what shall I do? We would not stoop to the Powers, said Noe, to suffer thee into the Ark. I, said Ladra, the pilot, son of Bith, what shall I do? I know not, said Noe, for it is not permitted [to let thee] into the Ark.

I, said Cessair daughter of Bith, what shall I do? I know not, said Noe, for I have no permission to let thee into the Ark. Noe was wroth with them then, and said,

For me, this ship is no ship
of thieves, no den of robbers.
Thereafter Bith came into
counsel with Fintan and Ladra
and Cessair, and they said:
What shall we do for this
counsel, said they: for it is
final that the Flood shall come
over the earth, and how shall
we make us ready? Easy!
said Cessair daughter of Bith.
Give me submission and head-

Tabraidh don lamhdia eugaib, ar si, ⁊ adhraidh ⁊ dhe, ⁊ deal- aigh fria Dia Noe.

comairli daib. Rotfia amail chuindgid, ar siad. Tabraidh dono lam-dia chucaib, ar si, ⁊ adraidh de, ⁊ dellaidh fria Dia Noe.

⁹Tugsadh iarom dia chucu, ⁊ is i ¹⁰comairle tug an dī dōibh: Dēnadh ¹¹loingias ⁊ ¹²ēirghid for mūir. ¹³Acht nī leadadar-¹⁴sain, ⁊ nī fīdir ¹⁵a ndia, cuin do ¹⁶raghadh ¹⁷an diliu. ¹⁸Conidh ead ¹⁹dorōnsat, ²⁰in n-aire doghnim ⁊ dul ²¹indte, ²²secht mbliadna ⁊ ²³rāithe rīa ²⁴ndūlind.

191. Is ē ¹lin lōdar ²isin n-aire, .i. ³cāoga ingen im ⁴Ceassair ⁊ im ⁵Barrfīnd ⁶⁊ im Balba ⁊ im ⁷Fīndtan im Bith ⁊ im Ladhru.

Ocus ⁸ro rāidh Nae friu: ⁹ēirghid, ⁹ar sē, co ¹⁰himeall iarthorach in domain, beas ¹¹gu ria in ¹²dīli.

192. Dīa Mairt iarom, ⁊ ar a ¹cūigead dēg ²in ēsca, ro glūais ³indsibh Mara Hen for Sruth Nīl ⁴in Eigipt. Bāi ⁵dēce mbliadan ⁊ ⁶no a secht || ⁷in ⁸Eighipt. Fīchi ⁸trāth dī ⁹for muinchind Mara ¹⁰Casp. Da ¹¹trāth dēg dī for Muir ¹²Caisp ¹³fēin gu riacht ¹⁴a Muir ¹⁵Cimirdha. Āen trath ¹⁶ō Aisia ¹⁷Big ¹⁸dī, co Mur Torren. Seōladh ¹⁹fīchit trāth dī co Slīabh ²⁰nEalpa: fria rē nōi trāth dhī asein co Heaspāin. ²¹Seōladh nōi trāth dī ²²ō Easpāin eu Hērenn ⁊ ²².i. ²³ag Dūn na mBare ||,

⁹ doradsad ¹⁰ comairli tue in dia doib ¹¹ loinges ¹² ergid ¹³ uair
¹⁴ -son ¹⁵ in dia ¹⁶ thicfad ¹⁷ in ¹⁸ conad ¹⁹ doridne-seom
²⁰ an aire ²¹ inti ²² .iii. *miswritten* .un. B ²³ raitli ²⁴ tiachtain
na dilenn.

191. ¹ lind B ² isa ³ caeca ⁴ Cheasair ⁵ Barraind ⁶ om. ⁊
⁷ Fhintan ⁸ roraidh dono Eriu (*glossed* .i. Ceasair no Fotla, *in different hand and ink from 188¹, 189⁸*) riu eirgid ⁹ om. ar se ¹⁰ himell iarthurach
¹¹ co ¹² diliu.

Take to yourselves an idol, said she: worship it, and sunder you from the God of Noe. ship, said she, and I shall give you counsel. Thou shalt have thy request, said they. Take then an idol to yourselves, said she, worship it, and sunder you from the God of Noe.

Thereafter they took to themselves an idol, and this is the counsel that their idol gave them: Make a voyage, and embark upon the sea. But they knew not, nor did their idol know, when the Flood should come. Accordingly what they did was to make an Ark, and go into it, seven years and three months before the Flood.

191. This is the tally that went into the Ark, fifty maidens including Cesair, and Barrfhind and Balba and Fintan and Bith and Ladra.

And Noe said unto them: Rise, said he (and go) to the western border of the world; perhaps the Flood will not reach it.

192. Thereafter on Tuesday, the fifteenth of the Moon, she went from the isles of Meroe^(a) upon the river of Nile in Egypt. She was ten years, [or seven], in Egypt. Twenty days had she upon the surface of the Caspian Sea. Twelve days had she on the Caspian Sea itself, till she reached the Cimmerian Sea. One day had she from Asia Minor to the Torrian Sea. A sailing of twenty days had she to the Alpine Mountain: for a space of nine days had she thence to Spain. A sailing of nine days had she from Spain to Ireland, [namely at Dun na mBare],

192. ¹cuiced dec ²om. in ³indsib ⁴an Egept ⁵.u. bl.
⁶om. no a secht ⁷an Egept ⁸tra B (*the final th has been lost through the forgetfulness of the scribe at the beginning of a new line*)
⁹ar muincind ¹⁰Caisp ¹¹thrath dec ¹²Chaisp ¹³om. fein gu
riacht a ¹⁴γ for ¹⁵Chimirda ¹⁶di an ¹⁷Bic ¹⁸γ co Muir
Toirriam ¹⁹fiche B ²⁰nElpa ²¹seolad .ix. trath di ota sin
²²om. .i. ²³oc.

(a) In the text "Of the Sea of Hen."

B.

amail asbert
Hi cuigeadh uathadh gan eill

ut alias dicitur,

Is and ro gabsadar port.

In cuigead uathadh, for
Satharrn, amail asbert in
file,

Cessair can as tainic si.

M.

i Coreo Duibne ro gob calad-
port,
in cuicead uathaid esca
for Satharn
do sonrad, ro gob euan in Erind
amail asbeart in t-eolach,

193. Lucht ¹trī mbare ²dosrala do Dūn na mBare, ³do
erīch Choreo Duibhne. ⁴Ro bāitea dī ⁵bhaire dībh.
⁶Tērno ⁷Ceassair, lucht ⁸ōen bairce, ⁹i. ¹⁰cōica ingen 7
¹¹triar fear, .i. Bith mac ¹²Nōe meic Laimiach, dīa
n-aimnighther ¹³Sliabh Beathadh—¹⁴is and ro adhnocht, i
¹⁵earnn mōr ¹⁶Slēibhi Beathadh. ¹⁷Ladhra lūamh, ō
'nainmighther Ārd ¹⁸Ladhrand, ¹⁹is ē cēt marbh
Ērenn.

²⁰rē ndīlind, ²¹conas eibil . . . ²²bananaigh; nō ²³sē lunnta in
²⁴reāmha dochuaidh ²⁵a tarbh a sliasta²⁶. Ocus ²⁷cepsi cruth,
is ē cēt marbh Ērenn.

²⁸Adbearait aroile is e in lenb robai
cen airem sa luing leo robaithead i
Tibraid Duin na mBare in la rogobsad
port, .i. Bath mac Beathad, conad de
ita in sen-Tocol, Ni Yagand Bith Bath.

²⁹Fīndtān mac ³⁰Bochna diadā Feart ³¹Fīndtāin ōs Tul
Tuinde, 7 ³²Ceassair ōtā Cuili Ceasrac<h> i Connachtaib.

193. ¹ceathra ²tra dorala ³i Coreo Dubne ⁴ins. 7 ⁵bairce
⁶ins. 7 ⁷Ceassair, glossed .i. Eriu as before ⁸a M, ibairce B
⁹om. i. ¹⁰caeca ¹¹oen triar fer ¹²Nae ¹³Sliab Beatha
¹⁴ins. uair ¹⁵earn ¹⁶Slebe ¹⁷ins. 7: Ladru ¹⁸Ladrand

as one saith

in Corco Duibne she took
harbour.

Poem no. XXVII.

On the fifth unit of the
moon, on a Saturday

ut alias dicitur,

to be precise, she took port
in Ireland, as the learned saith,

Poem no. XXVIII.

On the fifth unit [of the moon] on a Saturday, as the poet saith,
So that of the adventures of Cessair and of her route, the poet saith thus,

Poem no. XXIII.

193. The crew of three ships arrived at Dun na mBare, at the territory of Corco Duibne. Two of their ships were wrecked. Cessair, with the crew of one ship, escaped—fifty women and three men: Bith s. Noe s. Lamech, of whom is (named) Sliab Bethad: there was he buried, in the great stone-heap of Sliab Bethad. Ladra the Pilot, from whom is named Ard Ladrand—he is the first dead man of Ireland

before the Flood, so that he died of female [excess]; or it is the stem of the oar that penetrated his buttock. Whatever form it took, he was the first dead man of Ireland.

Others say that it was the child who was not reckoned in the ship with them who was drowned in the well of Dun na mBare on the day when they took harbour—Bath s. Bith, whence is the old saying, Bith leaves not Bath.

And Fintan s. Bochna, from who is "Fintan's Grave" over Tul Tuinde named; and Cessair from whom is named Cuile Cessrach in Connachta.

¹⁹ doig is e ²⁰ ria ²¹ conis ²² -nigh B ²³ is e lunda ²⁴ raime
²⁵ i ²⁶ ins. and ²⁷ cepi ²⁸ in M only. ²⁹ Fintan ³⁰ Bochna diata
³¹ Fintain oc T. Tuindi ³² Cessair diata Carn Cessrach i Condachtaib.

194. Ocus dolodar cona mnāibh co ¹Mileadhach, ⁊ ²Bun ³Sūinbhi in inbaidh sin ⁴ba hainm dō, .i. sūaineam ⁵Siūiri ⁊ sūaineam ⁶Beōri ⁊ ⁷sūaineim Bearbha; ⁊ is ē sin Comar ⁸na Trī ⁹nUisci do ¹⁰cumasc na trī ¹¹n-abonn ¹²ann. Ocus ¹³roindseat ann in ¹⁴cāoga ingean ar trī, ⁊ ¹⁵rug Fíndtān Ceassair do rogain ⁊ ¹⁶sē mnā ¹⁷dēg maille fria. ¹⁸Rug Bith secht mnā ¹⁹dēc um Barrfínd, ²⁰Rug Ladhra sē mnā dēc im Balbha, ⁊ fa ²¹dīngach de. Ocus doluidh leo ²²in Ard Ladhra, ⁊ rl.

195. Ocus dolodar na ¹sē mnā dēg co ²Ceassair † dar ēis Ladhra, || ⁊ ³atbertsad: Crēd dodēnum budheasta? ⁴Fāidhigh Ceassair teachta co Bith dia ⁵fiarfaigh craed doghēndais na mnā. Doluidh imorro Bith co hāit a ⁶mbī Fíndtān, ⁊ ⁷raindseat in cāoga bān ar dhō, ⁊ ruc Bith ⁸cūig mnā fichet dīb co Sliab Beathadh ⁹a tūaiscert Ērenn, ⁊ ¹⁰atbath and.

196. Īar sin lodar in bandtrocht ar ¹cūlu, co hāirm ²a roibhi Ceassair ⁊ Fíndtān. ³Eoiāidh iaron. Fíndtān ar ⁴teitheadh na mban tar Bun Sūainmhe, .i. tar Siūir, ⁵tar Sliabh Cūa ⁶a Cenn Fheabrad meic ⁷Shin, ⁊ lāmh clē rē Sinaind ⁸sair co Tul Tuindi ōs Loch ⁹Deirdere. Doluidh imorro ¹⁰Ceassair co Cūil ¹¹Cearach ⁊ a ¹²bandtracht lē, ⁊ ¹³moighidh a craidhi ¹⁴indti do ingas a fir ⁊ do ēg ¹⁵a hathar † ⁊ do ¹⁶casbaigh a ¹⁷brathar.¹⁸ || Ocus ro forbadh ¹⁹andsin in n-aimsir ō Ādhamh co dilind acht sē ²⁰lāithe don aimsir.

Sē bliadna ²¹cāocat ar sē ²²cētaibh ar míle ō ²³thossach domain ²⁴conuige—

in ²⁵aimsir sin:

sin, dia ndebairt in file

Ced aimsear in beathadh bind

194. ¹Milidach ²ins. co ³Suaimni ⁴fa ⁵Suire ⁶Beoiri
⁷-cam ⁸om. na ⁹nUisqi ¹⁰chumasc ¹¹naband ¹²om. ann
¹³ro randsad andsin ¹⁴chaeca ingen ¹⁵ruc Fintan Ceasair ¹⁶secht
¹⁷dēc mailli ria ¹⁸ocus ruc ¹⁹dēc im Barraind ²⁰ocus rucustair
 Ladru ²¹dimdach don roind he. ²²inn.

195. ¹secht mna dēc ²Cesair tareis Ladhraind ³adbeartadar tra,
 . . . Craed dodenamni fodeasta ⁴ro faidistair Ceasair teachta ⁵fiarfaide
 dodendais ⁶mbai Fintan ⁷ro roindseat na mna ar do ⁸coic ⁹i
¹⁰adbath.

194. And they came with their women to Miledach. At that time its name was Bun Suainme, *i.e.*, the confluence of the Suir, the Nore, and the Barrow, which is called the Meeting of the Three Waters, from the mingling of those three rivers. And there they divided the fifty women into three shares. Fintan took Cessair for choice, and sixteen women with her: Bith took seventeen women including Barrfhind: Ladra took sixteen women including Banba, and was dissatisfied thereat. And he went with them to Ard Ladrang, etc.

195. And the sixteen women came to Cessair [after <the death of> Ladra,] and they said: What shall we do now? Cessair sent messengers to Bith to ask what the women should do. Bith came to the place where Fintan was, and they divided the fifty women into two shares: and Bith took twenty-five women of them to Sliab Betha in the north of Ireland, and he died there.

196. Thereafter the women went back, to the place where Cessair and Fintan were. Then Fintan escapes, a-fleeing from the women, across Bun Suainme, that is, across the Suir, over Sliab Cua in the headland of Febra son of Sin, left hand to the Shannon eastward, to Tul Tuinde over Loch Dergdeire. Moreover Cessair came to Cul Cessrach and her women with her, and her heart brake within her on account of the absence of her husband, the death of her father, [and the loss of her brother]. And then the Age was completed from Adam to the Flood, save six days of the Age.

One thousand six hundred fifty and six years from the beginning of the world till—

that time,

then, whereof the poet said

Poem no. XXIX.

196. ¹ culaib ² i roibe Ceasair ⁊ Fintan ³ Mar do chondaire sin
 Fintan ro elaid ⁴ teichead ⁵ *ins.* ⁊ ⁶ ⁊ co Cendabrad ⁷ Sin ⁸ *om.* suir
⁹ Dergdere ¹⁰ Ceasair ¹¹ Cheasra i Condachtaib ¹² bandtrocht
¹³ moidis ¹⁴ na cliab innti an ingnais ¹⁵ a *dittographed*: a brathar B
¹⁶ easbaid ¹⁷ hathar B ¹⁸ *ins.* .i. Ladru luam ¹⁹ annsin in aimser
²⁰ lae ²¹ caecad ²² chedaib ²³ thosach ²⁴ conice sin ²⁵ *above*
 aimsir, *in* B, no i mblidain.

7 is d'aimsir Adhaim domidh- Doig is don aimsir sin Adaim
 ter in gabhail so Cheasrach. do midithear in gobail-sea
 Conadh do sin ro can in fili in Cheasrach, conaid desin rochan
 duan— in t-eolach—

Cethracha tráth don tūr tînd.

197. ¹Is iad so imorro anmnda in ²caogad ingen sin
³ro ⁴imraidimar inneoch || robadar ⁵a fail Ceasrach.

⁶Ceasair, Lot, Luam, Míl, Marr, Feochair, Femair, Failbi,
 Forall, Cipir, Torand, Tamall, Tam, Abba, Ella, Ruicene, Sille;
 mnā Findtāin sin. Barrann, Selba, Della, Duba, Dos, Fothar,
 Traigia, Nera, Banda, Tamall, Tama, Nathra, Leos, Fodord,
 Dos, Clos, Las; mnā Beathad sin. Balbo, Bona, Allbor, Ail,
 Gothiam, German, Aithne, Inde, Rogairg, Raindi, Iacor, Ain,
 Rind, Easpa, Sinde, Samall; mnā Ladraindi sin.

⁷Ut Findtān cecinit

Cāin raind do raindsemar etronð.

Ocus nīr gabh neach do cloind Ādham rēn dīli Ērinn
 acht sain namā.

198. Andsin bliadain deireanaig re ndilind ¹tanic Cesair in Erind', uair
 airmid eolaig na cronead nach roibi Ceasair beo in Erinn acht se laithi
 roim dilind: ocus nīr bo beo ²deis dileann don gobail sin Cheasrach ach
 Fintan na aenur. O dilind eo Habram da bliadain noch at ar dib cetaib,
 7 nī hairmiter comaimsearrdacht risin acht clanna Noc uile ic indugud 7
 Fintan na aenur in Erind risi sin. O Abram eo Dauid imorro dá bladan
 sescat ar nōi cetaib eturru-sin: is andsin tindseainter comaimsearrdacht.
 Nin mac Pel imorro, cet rig na nAsarrda, .lii. Isin dara bliadain cethrachat
 do rigi Nin, do genead Abram. Isin deachmad bliadain aisi Abraim, bas
 Nin. Samiramis .i. bean Nin a rigi da eis fen, .xlu. Bas Airifacsat meic
 Sem 7 Failleach meic Airifacsat isin re sin. Zaineus .i. Ninias mac Nin
 meic Peil 7 Samiramis a mathair, ocht mbliadna trichad do, 7 nī airmidtear
 acht ceathra bliadna da flaithius in tan teasta Nae mac Laimiach. Isin
 seascadmad bliadain aisi Abraim tanic Parrthalon in Erinn, 7 isin sesed
 bliadain flaithiusa Ninias meic Nin meic Pel.

197. ¹Atiat andso ²chaecaíd ³-eamar romaind neoch ⁴i fail
 Cheasrach ⁵this list omitted B ⁶conad doib sin adfet in file.

and it is to the Age of Adam Certainly it is to that Age
 this Taking of Cessair is es- of Adam that this Taking of
 timated: so that thereof the Cessair is estimated, so that
 poet sang the poem thereof the learned sang

Poem no. XXIV.

197. Now these are the names of those fifty women [whom we have mentioned], who were in the company of Cessair:

Cessair, Lot, Luam, Mil, Marr, Feochair, Femair, Failbi, Forall, Cipir, Torand, Tamall, Tam, Abba, Ella, Ruicene, Sille; those are the women of Fintan. Barrann, Selba, Della, Duba, Dos, Fothar, Traigia, Nera, Banda, Tamall, Tama, Nathra, Leos Fódord, Dos, Clos, Las; those are the women of Bith. Balbo, Bona, Allbor, Ail, Gothiam, German, Aithne, Inde, Rogairg, Raindi, Iacor, Ain, Rind, Easpa, Sinde, Samall; those are the women of Ladra.

Ut Fintan cecinit

Poem no. XXV.

None of the children of Adam took Ireland before the Flood save those only.

198. In the last year before the Flood Cessair came into Ireland: for the learned men of the Chronicles reckon that Cessair was not alive in Ireland save only six days before the Flood: and of that Taking of Cessair there was not alive after the Flood any, but Fintan only. From the Flood to Abraham are two hundred ninety and two years, and no synchronism is reckoned therewith except all the children of Noe increasing, with Fintan alone in Ireland at the same time. From Abraham to David, however, there are nine hundred sixty and two years: then it is that synchronism begins. Ninus son of Belus, first king of the Assyrians, 52 [years]. In the forty-second year of the reign of Ninus was Abram born. In the tenth year of the age of Abram was the death of Ninus. Samiramis, wife of Ninus, in the kingship after himself, 45 years. The death of Arfaxad son of Sem and of Faleg son of Arfaxad (*sic*) in that time. Zaineus, that is, Ninias s. Ninus s. Belus, and Semiramis was his mother, 38 years had he: and only four years of his reign are reckoned when Noe s. Lamech died. In the sixtieth year of the age of Abram came Partholon into Ireland: in the sixth year of the reign of Ninias s. Ninus s. Belus.

198. This ¶ in M only
 2 the d underdotted.

¹⁻² these words om. and ins. above the line

THE VERSE TEXTS OF SECTION III.

XXI.

R¹ ¶ 165 (L 2 § 4: F 4 β 13). R² ¶ 172 (V 3 a 39 *only*).R³ ¶ 186 (B 12 β 3: M 271 γ 31).

1. ¹Hēriu, ²cīa ³fiarfaigther ⁴dim, 695
⁵atā ⁶lim ⁷co ⁸grind,
⁹each ¹⁰gabāil ¹¹rosgab
^ō ¹²thūs ¹³betha bind.
2. ¹Doluid ²anair ³Cessair,
⁴ingen ⁵Betha in ⁶ben; 700
⁷cona ⁸cōicait ⁹ingen,
⁹cona ¹⁰triar ¹¹fer.
3. ¹Tarraid ²dīliu Bith
i n-a ³Shlēib, ⁴cen ⁵rūn:
⁶Ladra ⁷i nArd ⁸Ladrand, 705
⁹Cessair ¹⁰i n-a ¹¹Cul.
4. ¹Mad misi romadnacht,
Mae Dē dān, ūas druing:
ro scib dim in ²dilin
^{ōs} Tul Tuindi thruim. 710
5. Bliadain ¹dam ²fo dīlind³
⁴i ⁵Taul ⁶Tuinne ⁷tend;
⁸nī fūaras dom tomaltus
⁹aen-¹⁰chodlad ¹¹bud ¹²ferr.

1. ¹Eri F Eiriu M ²ce FM gia V ³iarfaigther LF (-ter F)
iarfaiger V fiarfaigear B fiarfaidear M ⁴dom V ⁵ita M ⁶lium V
⁷gu B ⁸grinn F ⁹gach VB ¹⁰gabail LFV gabhail B
¹¹dogab F rogab B rusgab M ¹²tus F ¹³bethad FV beathad B
beatha M.

2. ¹Cessair luid anair V dolluid L dolud F doluid M doluidh B
²anair M ³Cessar F Ceasair B Ceasair M ⁴ingin F ingean B
⁵Beth V Beathadh *and om.* in B Beatha M ⁶bind V bean R³ ⁷caecaid
V .laid B caeicid M ⁸ingin F ⁹ins. is FV: cana F ¹⁰ins.
haen B: triur L -ar *others* ¹¹fear B fear VM.

THE VERSE TEXTS OF SECTION III.

XXI.

1. Ireland—whatever is asked of me
I know pleasantly,
Every taking that took her
from the beginning of the tuneful world.
2. Cesair came from the East,
the woman was daughter of Bith;
with her fifty maidens,
with her three men.
3. Flood overtook Bith
in his Mountain, it is no secret:
Ladra in Ard Ladhrand,
Cessair in her Nook.
4. But as for me, He buried me,
The Son of God, above [the] company:
He snatched the Flood from me
above heavy Tul Tuinde.
5. I had a year under the Flood
in strong Tul Tuinde;
I found nothing for my sustenance,
an unbroken sleep were best.

3. ¹ taraid V tarraidh B tairraidh M ² dili in F diliud B ³ sleib
FVB sleb M ⁴ can F gan B ⁵ rúin L ⁶ Ladru LV Ladhra B
⁷ i n-a ard V ⁸ Ladran F Ladhrand B ⁹ ins. is M: Cessair
in cul V Cessair M ¹⁰ om. i M: om. n-a V ¹¹ cúil LBM.

4. ¹ *This quatrain in M only* ² dilu ms.

5. ¹ damh B ² fa B ³ ins. déin LB ⁴ sic L, a others
⁵ sic L, Tul others ⁶ Tuindi FM Tuinde VB ⁷ thend L tend following
erasure of three letters V teann B theann M ⁸ ni fuaras ní im tholmaltus
L ni uarus am F ni fuarus V ni fuarus im tholmaltus B nir codlad ni
coiteltar M ⁹ om. aen L en VBM ¹⁰ cotlud L cotludh V colludh B
¹¹ bo F bad LM budh B ¹² ferr V fearr R.

6. ¹Missi ²i nĒirind ³sund, 715
⁴ba ⁵suthain mo ⁶sēt,
⁷conostoracht ⁸Partholōn,
⁹anair a tīr ¹⁰Grēe.
7. ¹Missi ²sund i nĒirind, 720
³is ī ⁴Ēriu ⁵fās,
⁶co toracht mac ⁷Agnomain—
⁸Nemed, ⁹nīamda ¹⁰a gnās.
8. Fir ¹Bolg ²is Fir ³Galian 725
⁴tāncatar, ⁵ba cīan;
⁴tāncatar Fir ⁶Domnand,
⁷gabsat ⁸irrus ⁹thīar.
9. ¹Iarsin ²tānic ³Tūath Dē 730
⁴i n-a ⁵cāebaib cīach;⁶
⁷comba ⁸tormailt damsas,⁹
¹⁰cīar bo ¹¹sāegal cīan.
10. ¹Tāncatar Meic ²Miled,
a ³Hespāin ⁴andess,
⁵comba ⁶tormailt damsas
⁷friu, ⁸cīar thrēn a ⁹tress.
11. Do ¹roacht ²sāegul sīr 735
³damsas, ⁴nocho ⁵chēl;
⁶conomtharraid ⁷creitem⁸
ō ⁹Rīg ¹⁰Nime nēl.

6. ¹ misse L misi FM ² in Herind L in Er. F ind Erind V an Erinn B
³ sunn FB ⁴ fa R³ ⁵ suastin L ⁶ set F sed R³ ⁷ conas FVB conus M
⁸ Partalon F Parrtalon V Parrtholon B Parrthalon M ⁹ anoir VR³
¹⁰ Greg R².

7. ¹ messe L misi FM: missi in Ēr (6ig isí) Ēriu, *bracketed words ins. sec. man. in rasura* V ² in Herind fós L an Erinn sunn FB in Erinn fos M
³ sisi LM ⁴ Ēriu L Ēriu B Ēri M ⁵ fass FV ac fas M ⁶ co tanic L
contoracht V ⁷ Agnon L Agnamaid F Adnomain V ⁸ Nemed F
Nemedh V Neimead R² (-dh B) ⁹ nimtha gnás L ¹⁰ om. a, gnass V
a ghnas B anas M.

8. ¹ Bolc VM ² 7 B ³ Galión L Gailoin F Gaileon B Gailian M
⁴ tangadar B (*bis*) -cadar FM (*bis, except second time* F) ⁵ fa M
⁶ -nann F ⁷ -sad FM gabhsad B ⁸ ins. in L: irruss FV hirrus M
⁹ tíar R'R².

6. I was in Ireland here,
my journey was everlasting,
till Partholon reached her,
from the East, from the land of Greeks.
7. I was here in Ireland,
and Ireland was desert,
till the son of Agnomain reached—
Nemed, brilliant his fashion.
8. The Fir Bolg and Fir Gailian
came, it was long ago:
the Fir Domnann came,
they landed on a headland in the west.
9. Thereafter the Tuath De came,
in their masses of fog,
so that there was sustenance for me
though it was a long lifetime.
10. The sons of Mil came
from Spain, from the south,
so that there was sustenance for me
at their hands, though they were strong in battle.
11. A long life fell
to my lot, I shall not conceal it;
till Faith overtook me
from the King of Heaven of clouds.

9. ¹ sic VB, -sain others ² tancatar R¹V tancadar D tangadar B
³ Tuatha L ⁴ om. i FR²: om. a V ⁵ caipaib L caebaibh B
⁶ ins. cian R¹R² ⁷ cian como L coma FM go mba B ⁸ tormalt LV
the dam of damsas dittographed and expuncted B ⁹ ins. friu R¹B riu M
¹⁰ cebo F gerbo B cerbom M ¹¹ saegul L.

10. All MSS. prefix a hypermetric iarsain (LV) or iarsin (FR²) ¹ tangadar B
² Milid R¹ Mileadh V Mileadh B ³ Espain F Heaspain R² ⁴ anes R¹
aneass V an dheas B aneas M ⁵ como L coma FR² ⁶ tormalt LV
⁷ riu R² ⁸ cerb tren F ger thren V gerbo tren (a letter erased before
tren) B cer bo tren M ⁹ tres FM tress V treas B.

11. ¹ sic L, others riacht ² sic LB others saegal ³ -mh- B ⁴ noca F
⁵ cel V a faint mark like a small i above the e, of no apparent significance F
⁶ sic L imtarraid F im taraid me V conamtarraigh B coraintarraid (the first
three letters yo) M ⁷ sic L, creidim F credim V -dem B -deam M
⁸ ins. óg L ⁹ righ B ¹⁰ nime F nime na nell B nimi nell M; nell also V.

12. ¹Missi ²Fintān ³find
 mac ⁴Bochna, nī chēl; 740
⁵d'ēis na ⁶dilend ⁷sund
⁸am ⁹sruith ¹⁰ūasal ¹¹ēr.

12. ¹misse L is me M ²Fintan VB ³finn F ⁴Bochra LM
⁵deiss V ⁶dilind F dileann B dilinn M ⁷sunn F ⁸im F fam M

XXII.

R¹ ¶ 168 (F 4 γ 30). R² ¶ 173 (V 3 β 11: E 2 γ 13:
 R'76 B a 30 [*first line only*]: D 5 a 21). R³ ¶ 188 (B 12 β 50:
 M 271 δ 42).

1. ¹Capa ²is ³Laigni ⁴is ⁵Luasad ⁶grind,
⁷badar ⁸bliadain ⁹ria ¹⁰ndilind
 for inis ¹¹Banba na ¹²mban; 745
¹³badar ¹⁴eo calma ¹⁵comglan.

2. Do ¹riachtatar ²Ērinn ³huill
 cīan ō ⁴Cholomnaib ⁵Ereuil;
 rogabsat ⁶righe ar ⁷each ⁸dinn,
⁹robōi ¹⁰ind ¹¹Hērinn for a ¹²ciond. 750

3. Sāer γ liaig luaite sin,
 ocus iascairi angbaid:
 cēt triar thānic sund re sel,
 an inis mōir Mac Milead.

4. Is ¹ed ²dosfuce ³asa ⁴tig 755
 in triar—⁵ingnad ⁶anaichnid—
 do ⁷chur līn ⁸i n-uisgi ⁹n-ūar;
¹⁰eo riachtatar in ¹¹cāem-chūan.

1. ¹Cappa R²M ²om. R² ³Laighne VB Laigne M ⁴om. R²
⁵Luasat R² ⁶grinn DE ngrind B ⁷batar R² bhadar B ⁸bliadin F
⁹re n- B roim M ¹⁰om. n- DM ¹¹Banbha EB ¹²mbagh VE mbag D
¹³gabsat R² (bh E) ¹⁴gu B ¹⁵comlan R² (mh E).
 2. *this quatrain om. R²R³* ¹-adar DE ²Herind V Her- D
³uill VE ⁴Columnaib V -uib D -mh- E ⁵Hircuill VD Iarchuill E
⁶rigi V rige D ⁷gach V ⁸dind VD ⁹robui VD ¹⁰in VD
¹¹Erind V Herind D ¹²chind V cind D.

12. I am Fintan the white
son of Bochna, I shall not conceal it;
after the Flood here
I am a noble great sage.

⁹ tssruth F sruth M ¹⁰ written nasal :: er :· F ¹¹ hér L eir VBM.

XXII.

1. Capa and Laigni and pleasant Luasad,
they were a year before the Flood
over the Island of Banba of the women;
they were valorous and equally pure.
2. They reached great Ireland
far from the Pillars of Hercules;
they took kingship over every hill-fort
that was in Ireland before them.
3. As a wright and a leech are those celebrated,
and a ruthless fisherman:
they were the first three men who came here for a
space,
into the great island of the sons of Mil.
4. This is what took them out of their dwelling—
the three—a wonder unheard-of!
For setting nets into cold water;
and so they reached the fair haven.

3. *This quatrain in M only.*

4. ¹ ead B sead M ² dosfuc FVDM dosfug B ³ as o F assa V
⁴ tigh VB tich DE ⁵ -adh B ⁶ anaichnig VM anaichid D anaithnigh B
⁷ cur FBM ⁸ an uisgi F an us. V in us. D in usqi E in uisge B an uisqi M
⁹ om. n- VDM (uair D) fuar B: uar with prefixed f yc E ¹⁰ gu riachtadar
B no co rancadar M: riachtadar also E ¹¹ cain F coem- VM caom- D
chaem- E: -cuan B.

5. ¹Ó ²do ³riachtatar in ⁴eūan
do ⁵chur a lín—⁶do bo ⁷trūag—760
⁸rodosēidis in ⁹gāeth grinn
¹⁰ādō ¹¹Esbāin ¹²co ¹³Hērinn.
6. ¹Ó do riachtatar ²Ērinn,
in triar ³trēnfer ⁴can creidim,
⁵do ⁶sired leo ⁷Ēriu āin765
⁸ādā Lī-indber co ⁹Espāin.
7. ¹Órbdar eolaig in ²each ³tír
⁴sechnōin iath ⁵Banba ⁶co mbrīg,
⁷do ⁸thriallatar, nir ⁹bo gar,
¹⁰techt ar ¹¹eūl ar ¹²cenn ¹³a mban.770
8. Tan ro ¹thriallsat in ngnīm nglē—
²tuidecht ar ³eūl ⁴dorisse—
⁵dosfarraid in ⁶dīliu-dīl
co ⁷rusbāig ic ⁸Tuaig ⁹Indbir.
9. Is ¹iad ²sin ³tesmolta in trír775
⁴cēt gabsat ⁵Ērinn ⁶co mbrīg:
⁷facsat ⁸Ērinn ⁹can ¹⁰maca,
¹¹Luasad, ¹²Laigni, ¹³is ¹⁴Capa.

5. ¹do *dittographed and expuncted* F: ro R² da M ²siachtatar R²
(-dar E) riachtadar R² ³qan D ⁴cur FB chor VD ⁵ba leor
truag R² (lor D): ro R² ⁶truagh E thruag M ⁷rodiseidis F
rodussetis M: rosseit (roseit D roseit E) gāeth fri gluaire ngrinn (ngrend
V) co (ind *glossed* no co D) hinber (inber D) n-uaine (*om.* n- E) nĒrend
(an Er. E) R² ⁸ngaeth ngrind B gaeth grind M ⁹sic F ota R²
¹⁰Easpain B Espan M ¹¹gu B ¹²Herind R².

6. ¹o do lodar (lotar VD) co H. R² o da riachtadar R² ²Erind M
³trēnfer V treinf. D -fear B ⁴adfeidim R²M gan creidhim B ⁵ro
sinsit (-set DE: s for s DV) fo (co V) Herind (Heir. D) n-ain R² ⁶sirid
F sireadh R² ⁷Ērn B ⁸ado F otha ind (inn n- D) inber R² seolaidh
aisi B triallsad esti M ⁹Hesp- DEV Heasp- R².

7. ¹or bat eolaich R² orbdar eolaigh B o rob eolach M ²gach B
³thir VDMB ⁴sechnon V sethno DE seachnoin B seachnon M ⁵mBanba
R²B (-bae E) ⁶con brig F gu mbrigh B ⁷ro R² ⁸t for th in

5. When they reached the harbour
for setting their nets—what a pity!
the pleasant wind blew them
from Spain to Ireland.^(a)
6. When they reached Ireland,
the three champions without religion,
noble Ireland was explored by them
from the Li-estuary to Spain.
7. After they had knowledge of every region
throughout the land of Banba with virtue,
they endeavoured—it was no short [journey]—
to return for their wives.
8. When they attempted the glorious deed—
coming back again—
the Flood-fate overtook them
and drowned them at Tuad Inbir.
9. Those are the details of the three,
the first who invaded Ireland with valour.
They left Ireland without progeny,
Luasad, Laigni, and Capa.

almost all MSS. -satar R²R³ (thrials. D -dar ER³) ⁹bho B ¹⁰tocht B
teacht M ¹¹culu VE cula D ¹²cend V ¹³aman F.

8. *This quatrain in R² only* ¹thrialsat D triallsat E ²tudhecht E
³q¹ D ⁴dorise D ⁵-uidh DE ⁶dile D ⁷rusbaigh V rusbaid E
rosbaid D ⁸-gh VE ⁹inbir D, *others* -ber.

9. ¹iat R² ²sain D ³tessmolta F testmolta V tessmalta E
teasmolta B ⁴cet gabhsad F cetna gab R² cet gabhsad B ced gobsad M
⁵Erind VM Her. D Banba B ⁶co mbrigh E gu mbrigh B ⁷fagsat VB
facsat D facsad M ⁸Her. V Eir. D Erind B ⁹cen VE ein D gan B
¹⁰maco V macca D macu E macu M ¹¹Luasat VD Luassatt E Sluasad R²
¹²Laighne VEB Laigne DM ¹³sic, E, *others* 7 ¹⁴Cappa R²M.

(a) At the end of this quatrain there is a note in D, partly cut away: *Mis Muirges 7 is mor in scel adcluinim i. [about 14 letters lost] ide . . . na Herenn,*

XXIII.

1. Cessair, whence came she,
her three men and fifty with complexion?
A Tuesday she set forth, rough the story,
from the islands of Meroe.
2. Ten years had she in lofty Egypt
alongside the coast of rough might:
twenty days had she in an ark, without reproach,
over the surface of the great Caspian Sea.
3. Twelve days had she from the crooked Caspian Sea,
till she reached the heavy Cimmerian [Sea]:
A day in Asia Minor, a space westward,
between Asia and the Torrian Sea.
4. Twenty days had she from Asia Minor,
a-sailing to the glorious Alps:
for a space of nine days she went hither,
to the lofty corner of Spain.

⁵ Mui⁶ri E ⁶ Chaisp VDM Casp B ⁷ crom B chruim V crum E
chrumm D ⁸ muirib ED ⁹ in Cimirdaid F Cimerdha V Cimere E
Cimeri D in Cimirdha B in Chimearda M ¹⁰ comtrum V, *apparently also*
DE, *but unintelligibly contracted* (cm) ¹¹ ins. aen M ¹² om. M
¹³ dAissia VE dAissia D an Aissia B in Aisia M ¹⁴ bicc D bhig B
om. M ¹⁵ seal B ¹⁶ etir VE itir DM ¹⁷ Siria R² Assia B Aisia M
¹⁸ mur F ¹⁹ Toirrian VDM Thorrr- B.

4. ¹ fiche D ² om. R² ³ ond R² in FM an B ⁴ Assia VDB Asia E
Aisia M ⁵ bicc E bhig BM ⁶ ins. ic R² (hic VD): seoladh B ⁷ d' R²
⁸ Elpa R² Healpa B Helpa M ⁹ n-ordraic F airrdirec V airdire ED
nurrdraic B noirrdric M ¹⁰ fri (om. V) ocht trath (om. E) dec (decc E)
tanic (ossin V tainic E) ille (hille D) R² ¹¹ rae nae F ¹² luidh B
¹³ ale F ille M ¹⁴ gu B ¹⁵ hullid F huillinn V ¹⁶ om. n- FM n-airdd E
¹⁷ Esbaine (om. n-) F nEspañe V nEasp. B om. n- M.

5. ¹Assiden ²dī ³i nĒrinn āin 795
⁴seōlad ⁵nāi ⁶trāth ⁷a ⁸Hespāin :
⁹dia ¹⁰Sepōit, ¹¹sin ¹²cōicet ¹³ehlē,
¹⁴tānic ¹⁵coscar ¹⁶ār ¹⁷erīche.

5. ¹aisiden FM assaide R² asiden B ²om. R² ³an Er. F co hEr. R²
 (hEirind E) in Eirñ B: *the i of following āin sec. man. in rasura* ⁴fri
 re R² seoladh B ⁵noi R² .x. M ⁶trat B ⁷o E co D (*the e effaced*)
⁸Esp. F Heasp. B ⁹om. dia DE ¹⁰Sathairnd V Satharn DE

XXIV.

R¹ ¶ 171 (F 5 a 25). R² ¶ 185 (V 3 δ 48: E 3 a 20:
 D 6 γ 7: R 77 a 17 [*first quatrain only*]). R³ ¶ 196 (B 12 δ 41:
 M 272 γ 32).

1. ¹Cethracha trāth ²don ³tūr ⁴tind 800
⁵ro ⁶frith ⁷Ēriu ⁸rē ndilind :
⁹Cessair ¹⁰do fuair ¹¹n-a cucht ¹²cain,
 lucht ¹³a ¹⁴curaig ¹⁵codal-glain.
2. ¹Ass ²tānic, ³oirdere ⁴in scēl,
⁵ōtā ⁶hindsib ⁷Morahēn,
⁸do Muir ⁹Torrian ¹⁰can ¹¹time, 805
¹²ar ¹³teched na ¹⁴dilinde.
3. Triar ¹fer, ²cōica ³ingen ard,
⁴fa ⁵hē ⁶a lín ⁷co ⁸racht ro-garg;
⁹rostimaírg ¹⁰gäeth, ¹¹grinn in ¹²mod,
 eo ¹³Hérinn ¹⁴ar imarchor. 810

1. ¹cetracha FD ceathracha R² ²din VDR ³tuir VERR³
⁴dind F thind VE thinn D tinn R thend M ⁵fo frith R² (fofuair E)
⁶frit F ⁷H- V Eire R² (Er. D) Eiriu B Eri RM ⁸ria R² iar M
⁹Cesair ER Ceassair B Ceasair M ¹⁰fosfuair VER fofuair DM
 fobhuair B ¹¹na cuct F fo chucht R² (cucht ER) ¹²chain VDM
¹³om. B ¹⁴craig, a u sprs. yc F curaigh ERB curaich M ¹⁵cuchtad-
 glan F chodalglain R² (codal- E) codhail-glain B co caemgail M.

2. ¹sic FV as others ²tainic FE tanig DB ³irdraic F (*written*
 irdic, *with á sprs. to the d. This letter is in a similar hand to the sprs.*
 u in c(u)raig *in the line above, but is not, like that letter, in a different*
ink) airdirec V airdeire E aird[er]c D oirdraic B airrdric M ⁴iscel B

5. Thence had she into noble Ireland
a sailing of nine days from Spain :
on Sabbath, on the unlueky fifth,
there came the conquering of our country.

Seaboid B Saboid M ¹¹ for VER²: dec *after this word sprs. yc V*
¹² .u. chle F coicedh VD coicid E cuigedh B ¹³ *ins. dec ED: ele ED*
¹⁴ tainie E tainig B ¹⁵ do ascnam R² (ascam V) guscar B co hur M
¹⁶ om. R² ¹⁷ erich F chriche D crich ce B Misi Torna do Murcertach
added here E.

XXIV.

1. Forty days of the rapid search
was Ireland found before the Flood :
Cessair found it in its fair shape,
the crew of her canoe of clean hide.
2. She came forth, glorious the story,
from the islands of Meroe,
to the Torrian Sea without fear,
a-fleeing from the Flood.
3. Three men, fifty tall maidens,
that was her tally with very rough fury :
a wind drave them, pleasant the fashion,
to Ireland a-wandering.

¹ ado F otha R² do B ² insi VD innsi E indsi B indsi B ³ Mora
hen F Meroen R² (Maeroen E) Marahen R² ⁴ dar R² tar M ⁵ Toirrian R²
Torren B Thoirian M ⁶ cen VDM gant time E gan B ⁷ timmi D
timi M ⁸ for VE ⁹ teicid F teichedh V teithedh B teichead M
¹⁰ -ndi FM -nni D.

3. ¹ fear B ² .l. F caoga E caeca M ³ ingin F ⁴ ba VEDB
⁵ om. he a F: he i B ⁶ allin D ⁷ fria V fri ED gu B ⁸ recht R²
⁹ rostimart R² (air *with t yc E*) ¹⁰ gaoth E ¹¹ granda V grainne ED
grind B mor M ¹² mogh V an mod E modh B ¹³ om. H- F: Heir- E
¹⁴ iar n-iomarcor E ar immarchor D ar imochor B.

4. ¹Rainnset ²in triar ³fer ⁴co lí
in ⁵cóicait ⁶n-ingen ⁷ar trī;
⁸secht mnā ⁹dēc ¹⁰d'Fhintān ¹¹can tas,
a secht dēc ¹²rue Bith ¹³barr-chas.
5. ¹A sē dēc ²rue ³Ladra lōr, 815
⁴ba ⁵bec ⁶leis sin, ⁷nīr ⁸bo ⁹mōr;
do dul ¹⁰chuca, ¹¹ba ¹²gnīm ¹³gand,
¹⁴de is marb ¹⁵Ladra ¹⁶i nArd ¹⁷Ladrand.
6. ¹Rainnset ²in ³dīas ⁴aile ⁵i ndō 820
⁶a ⁷sē ⁸mnā dēc-⁹son ¹⁰iar lō:
¹¹is ¹²iat ¹³cēt-^{fir}, ¹⁴fri ¹⁵sāiri ¹⁶seng,
¹⁷taesat ¹⁸fri mnāib ¹⁹i ²⁰nĒrinn.
7. ¹Cóie mnā ²fichet ³rue ⁴Bith ⁵benn
co ⁶hairther ⁷tūaiseert ⁸Ērenn;
⁹co Slīab ¹⁰Betha, ¹¹ōs an muir ¹²mas— 825
¹³ann ¹⁴tānic a ¹⁵thiugradus.
8. De-sin ¹atā ²Slīab ³Betha,
⁴d'ēc ⁵in ⁶lāich ⁷co lín ⁸ngretha:
do na ⁹mnāib fa mōr in ¹⁰mod,
¹¹isin ¹²tslēib ¹³a ¹⁴adnacol. 830

4. ¹rainset F randsat V randsad EB rannsat D roindsead M ²an E
³fer *yc* V fear B ⁴go B ⁵.l. ingin FB coecait V coicaid D caeca M
⁶ingen R³ ⁷a trii V a tri EB hi tri D ⁸ocht E ⁹deg B
¹⁰dintan F do Finntan V d'Findtan EB dFinntan D ¹¹can tais F gan
tas *yc in marg.* V, *yc* E cen tas D adclas B roclos M ¹²rug EB
¹³barrechass VB barrcas E.

5. ¹a sse dec V a se deg EB se mna dec M ²rug EB ³Ladru V
Laghr E Ladhra B ⁴fa M ⁵beg EB ⁶les sin VD leisium B
⁷ins. is R³: nir bo *changed by a re-inker to uirbo* V ⁸bu D om. R³
⁹lor F ¹⁰chucuo V euctha E chuq D chucu R³ ¹¹fa M ¹²gniomh E
¹³gann FDB ¹⁴atbath VDB adbath EM ¹⁵Ladran (*but looks like*
-nan) F Ladhra EB ¹⁶an E in nArd B ¹⁷Ladrann ED.

6. ¹rainsid F randsat V rannsat an E rannsat D roindsead B roindsed M
²an E ³diass V ⁴ailli F oile E eli D ele B ⁵ar lo R² ar do R²
(dho B) ⁶fa B ⁷.xiii. FB še M ⁸mnaibh B ⁹om. F som VD
sin B ¹⁰ar do V in do E an do D ar lo B ¹¹om. is VED: siat FB

4. The three complexioned men divided
the fifty maidens into three shares:
seventeen women to Fintan without a dwelling,
Curl-haired Bith took seventeen.
5. Ladra the sufficient took sixteen,
he thought it small, not great:
from going to them—it was a mean action—
thence is Ladra dead in Ard Ladrann.
6. The other twain divided into two shares
his sixteen women, on the following day.
They are the first men, with slender nobility,
who foregathered with women in Ireland.
7. Twenty five women did Bith of peaks take
to the north-east of Ireland;
to Sliab Betha, over the beautiful sea—
there came his last liability.
8. Thence is Sliab Betha [named],
from the death of the warrior with abundance of
outery:
to the women the work was great,
to bury him in the mountain.

¹² iad EM ¹³ .c. fir F ched M ¹⁴ re B om. M ¹⁵ saire ED saeri B
¹⁶ sing F seing EB ¹⁷ taetsad F faiset R² (faisid E) faisid M taetsat B
¹⁸ re R²R³ ¹⁹ an FVEB ind D ²⁰ Erenn V.

7. ¹ cuic FM coig E ² ficate B fichit M ³ rug EB ⁴ Bit E
⁵ bann F bend V beann B ⁶ hart- F hiarthar VED horrthar B hoirthear M
⁷ tuaiscirt F indsi R²M thuaiscert B ⁸ Herenn VD Heir- E Herend M
⁹ cosin VD cusan E ¹⁰ Beatha F om. R² Sliabh Beathadh B Beathad M
ossin V ¹¹ os in EDB os (om. an) M ¹² mas, last two letters re-inked F
mass V mhass B ¹³ hi R² (a E) and B de M ¹⁴ tainic FB tainig E
tanuig D thanic M ¹⁵ tignadus (sic) F thiugradas R² (-dhass V tiugradhus
E) thiug-flaitheas R².

8. ¹ ita M ² sliabh B ³ Beathadh B Beathad M ⁴ deg FB decc E
deis M ⁵ a F an E ⁶ laoich E laech D laith B ⁷ co lion E collin D
⁸ gretha E aigretha D ngreathad B ngreathad M ⁹ mnaibh ba mor an
mod E: ba also VD ¹⁰ modh VB ¹¹ issin V ¹² sleib V tleibh B
tleb M ¹³ da V dia B ¹⁴ adnocad F adhnae- E adhnoeol B adnoeol M.

9. ¹Doluid ²Fintān ³rīa na ⁴mnāib,
⁵dar ⁶Miledach, ⁷fa sūan ⁸sāim :
⁹dar Bun ¹⁰Sūainme ¹¹re snīm slat,
¹²dar ¹³Slīab ¹⁴Cūa, ¹⁵tar ¹⁶Cenn Fhebrat.
10. Īar na ¹n-airther—nūall ²can ³gāi— 835
⁴doluid ⁵Fintān mac ⁶Bochrāi :
 co ⁷rāinie, ĩar ⁸ndith a ⁹nirt
 co Tul ¹⁰Tuinde ¹¹ōs Loch ¹²Dergdere.
11. ¹Īar sin ²doluid ³Cessair ⁴chain,
⁵co Cūil ⁶Chessra ⁷i ⁸Connachtaib : 840
⁹conad ¹⁰ann ¹¹dochūala, ¹²īar ¹³ffes,
¹⁴ēc a ¹⁵hathar na hēcmaīs.
12. ¹Iachtaid in ²ben co ³hachar
⁴d'ēis a fir, ⁵d'ēc a ⁶hathar : 845
⁷do mebaid ⁸dī, ⁹fa ¹⁰maich mōr,
 a ¹¹crīdi ¹²n-a cert-¹³medōn.
13. Is ¹iat ²sin, ³ūair is bechta,
 a ⁴n-aided, a ⁵n-imthechta :
 nī ⁶raibi acht ⁷sechtmain ⁸namā,
⁹ūadib ¹⁰cosin ¹¹cethracha. 850

9. ¹-luidh VEB ²Findtan VEB ³re FR² ⁴mnaibh FEB
⁵tar M ⁶Milidach F Miledhac V Miledhach E Miledach D Mileadhach B
 Mileadhach M ⁷ba R²B ⁸sam F saimh B ⁹tar M ¹⁰suanba F
 suanmi V suainmi E ¹¹ro VD tar M ¹²tar FB ¹³Sliabh B
¹⁴Fuaid M ¹⁵dar R² ¹⁶Cenn Abrad F Cenn Febrat R² (Feab. E -tt D)
 Cenn Fhabhrat B cend nAbrad M.

10. ¹nairter FV naircer E nairrthear B noirthear M ²cen V gen D
 gan B ³gói R² ⁴-dh E ⁵Finntan V Findtan EDB ⁶Bocraí F
 Bochroi E Bochnai B ⁷ranic VM ranuig D ⁸nith F ⁹nert V
 neirt EB ¹⁰Tuindi FVM Tuinne D ¹¹co B ¹²Dergert F
 Dergdeire DB.

11. ¹iarsain V ²doluidh VB ³Cesair FED Cheasair M ⁴cain R²B
 choin M ⁵go B i M ⁶Cesra FR² Ceasair B Cheasra M ⁷hi V a E
⁸Conachtaib FEM (-bh E, also B) ⁹conid R² (-dh V) ¹⁰and V is and R²

9. Fintan came before the women,
over Miledach, it was a pleasant repose:
over Bun Suainme with weaving of rods,
over Sliab Cua, over Cenn Febrat.
10. Behind their breasts—a cry without falsehood—
came Fintan son of Bochna:
till he reached, having lost his strength,
Tul Tuinde over Loch Dergdeire.
11. After that came fair Cessair,
to Cul Cessrach in Connachta:
so that there she heard, after slumber,
of the death of her father in her absence.
12. The woman utters a sharp scream
after her husband, for the death of her father:
thère brake for her—it was a great sadness—
her heart in her very middle.
13. Those are, for they are accurate,
their death, their adventures:
There was not more than a week
from them till the Forty.

¹¹ do cuala F rochuala R² (rocuall [*sic*] E) ro chualaidh B rochualaich M
¹² a F ar R² ¹³ fes VDM bfeis E feis B ¹⁴ eg FEDB ¹⁵ athar F
hegmais FB hegmuis D.

12. ¹ iachtais R² iachtaidh B ² bean B ³ athar F achar R² (-air V)
gu halalamh B hathlam M ⁴ des FM ⁵ deg FEDB ⁶ athar F hatar B
⁷ co ro chnomuigh V co ro enomuidh E go ro chnomuid D cor mebaid M
⁸ om. R² ⁹ ba ED ¹⁰ muich VDB muidh E ¹¹ cradi F cridhi V
cridhe E craidi B ¹² ina B ¹³ medhon E meadon B.

13. ¹ iad ER² ² sain V ³ iar nuair fechta R² (fechta V fechta D
fechda E) beachta B ⁴ n-aidid F naidhedh R² (-dedh V -ded D) naigeadh B
noiged M ⁵ nimtechta VE nimdechta D nimtheachta B ⁶ raibe
(-bhe E) R² roibi B roibe M ⁷ sechd- D seachtmain (mh B) R² ⁸ ama F
namba B ⁹ uaidib VD uaidhib E uaitib B uathu M ¹⁰ comad VD
comadh E cosna B cusin M ¹¹ cetracha VE ceathracha (-tra- B) R².

XXV.

R¹ ¶ 171 (L 2 δ 41: F 5 β 30). R² ¶ 178 (V 3 γ 25: E 2 δ 13: D 5 δ 9: R 76 B γ 9 [*first line only*]). R³ ¶ 197 (B 13 a 15: M 272 δ 24).

1. ¹Cáin ²raind ³do ⁴raindsemar ⁵etrond,
⁶Missi is Bith is ⁷Ladrá ⁸lond;
⁹ar ¹⁰síth is ¹¹ar ¹²céill ¹³dorigned,
¹⁴imon ¹⁵cóicait ¹⁶n-ingen ¹⁷n-oll.

2. ¹Secht mnā ²dēc ³rucus im ⁴Chessair— 855
⁵Lot, is ⁶Luam, ⁷is ⁸Māil, is ⁹Marr,
¹⁰Froecar, ¹¹Femar, ¹²Faible, ¹³Foroll,
¹⁴Ciper, ¹⁵Torrian, Tamall, ¹⁶Tam,
¹⁷Abba, ¹⁸Alla, ¹⁹Raichne, ²⁰Sille:
²¹is ē ²²lin ²³bāi ²⁴sinne ²⁵and. 860

3. ¹A ²secht ³dēc ⁴rue Bith ⁵re ⁶Bairrfind—
⁷Sella, ⁸Della, ⁹Duib, Addeōs,
¹⁰Fotra, Traige,¹⁰ ¹¹Nera, ¹²Buana,
 Tamall, ¹³Tanna, ¹⁴Nathra, ¹⁵Leos,
¹⁶Fodarg, ¹⁷Rodarg, ¹⁸Dos, Clos: ¹⁹cluinter— 865
²⁰rop iad ²¹sin ār ²²muinter ²³beos.

1. ¹caoin E ²roinn *yc* E an roinn R roind R² ³ro LR
⁴randsamar L rindsamar F roinnsemar ER rainnsemar D rindsimar B
 roindseamar M ⁵edraind FE etroind V etraind D etrainn R adraind B
 eadroind M ⁶messe L misi FEM misse V mise D ⁷Ladru LR²
 Ladhra B ⁸lonn FD ⁹iar B ¹⁰síd LFD sídh V sísd B
¹¹om. F tria R² (tre E) iar B ¹²cheill R² cell M ¹³doringne L
 dorignid F dorigned D dorigneadh B ¹⁴immun V iman E ¹⁵cóicait V
 coiceaid D lad B caeca M ¹⁶ingen LE ningin F ningiun D ningean B
¹⁷oll L.

2. ¹seacht R² ²deg FEB ³rucas F rucussa V -cusa D rugus EB
⁴Cessair FV Chesair E Ceassair B Cheasair M ⁵Loth B Lotis Luama M
⁶Luamna F Luamh E Luamhna B ⁷om. is FVR² ⁸Mil FR² Maen
 (*with 7 for is following*) V Maol E Mael D Milis mBarr M ⁹Barr L
 Mar F ¹⁰Froeochar F Fraech is V Fr. (*only*) E Freachach D Froeochar
 B Feochar M ¹¹Femair FVR² Femmair ED ¹²Faibli FEB
 Failbe VD Failbi M ¹³Forall E ¹⁴Cipir R²M ¹⁵Torand F Toirriam

XXV.

1. A just division we shared between us,
myself and Bith and bold Ladra;
for peace and for reason was it done,
in the matter of the fifty magnificent maidens.
2. Seventeen women I took, including Cessair—
Lot, Luam, Mail, Mar,
Froechar, Femar, Faible, Foroll,
Cipir, Torrian, Tamall, Tam,
Abba, Alla, Raichne, Sille:
that is the tale which we were there.
3. Seventeen Bith took, with Bairrfhind—
Sella, Della, Duib, Addeos, -
Fotra, Traige, Nera, Buana,
Tamall, Tanna, Nathra, Leos,
Fodarg, Rodarg, Dos, Clos: be it heard—
those were our people further.

V Tarriam ED Torond B Torann M ¹⁶ Tamm VD ¹⁷ Aba F Abla VD
Abhla E ¹⁸ Ulla L Ealla V Ella M ¹⁹ Ruene F Ruichne VD Raichni E
Ruigne B Ruine M ²⁰ Silli F ²¹ hise VD ²² lion E ²³ bi F
baoi E boi D ²⁴ sine F sinde VR³ ²⁵ ann FD.

3. ¹ om. a R² ² sé L seacht M ³ ins. mna R²: deg B ⁴ rug EB
(*dittographed* E) ⁵ ri L fri R² le R³ ⁶ Bairind LED Baraind F
Bairind V Barrind B Barraind M ⁷ Sealla EB Selba DM ⁸ Dealla EB
⁹ Dubados FM Dib adeos R² (dibi V dibh E) Duba Doss B ¹⁰⁻¹⁰ *torn*
away L Foth Traicia F Fota Traice R² (Foda Traighe E Traige D) Fothar
Traigia BM ¹¹ Nena R² Neara B ¹² Banna F Buanna ED Banda R³
¹³ Tama FM Tuamma R² Tamma B ¹⁴ Natra FV ¹⁵ Leoss V
¹⁶ Fodare R² (dh E) Fogarg B Fodard M ¹⁷ om. M: *in other* MSS.
uniform with preceding name ¹⁸ Doscloss V Doss closs B ¹⁹ ins. ro L:
cluindter VE cluindtear B ²⁰ rob iat FB ba hiat R² (hiad E iat D)
robiad M ²¹ om. L sein V ²² muinnter V muindtear B ²³ bos
preceded by i scratched out F foss V.

4. ¹A sē dēc ²iarsin ³re ⁴Ladraind :
⁵Aba, ⁶Bona, ⁷Albor, ⁸Ail,
⁹Gothiam, ¹⁰German, ¹¹Aithne, ¹²Inde,
¹³Rodarg, ¹⁴Rinne, ¹⁵Iachor, Ain, 870
¹⁶Irrand, ¹⁷Espa, ¹⁸Sine, ¹⁹Samoll :
²⁰rop ē sin ²¹ār ²²comand cain.

4. ¹asse V ²iarsain L ³la V ⁴Ladrain F Ladhraind VB
 Ladrann E Ladrainn D ⁵Alba L Albo FM Balba V Labhra E Labra D
 Balbo B ⁶Bonna R² Bana B ⁷om. L sic F Abloir VD Abhloir E
 Allbor M ⁸om. L ⁹Goithiam R² ¹⁰Germoe VD Grimoe E
 Germar M ¹¹Aiche R² om. B ¹²Inne L Inge R² Inde B ¹³Roore R²

XXVI.

R² ¶ 174 (V 3 β 31 : E 2 γ 28 : R 76 B α 36 : D 5 B 15).

R³ ¶ 189 (B 12 γ 10 : M 272 α 14).

1. ¹Cessair ²ingen ³Betha būain,
 dalta ⁴Sabail ⁵meic ⁶Manūail,
 in ⁷ehēt ⁸ben ⁹chalma ro chind, 875
¹⁰rogob ¹¹Banba ¹²rīa ndilind.

1. ¹Cesair R Ceasair R²: *glossed* .i. Eri y M ²ingean B ³Beathadh

XXVII.

R³ ¶ 192 (B 12 γ 46).

Hi cuigeadh uathadh, gan eill,
 do ruacht Ceasair in Eirinn :
 i n-a secht dec, gan bron,
 ro ghabh i port Parrtholan. 880

XXVIII.

R³ ¶ 192 (B 12 γ 47 : M 272 β 15).

Is and ¹ro gabsadar port
²oe ³Dūn na mBare in bandtrocht :
⁴i Cūil ⁵Cesra ⁶i crīchaib Cairn,
 hi cūicead ⁷dēc, ⁸dīa Sathairn.

¹rogobsadar M ²ig B ³Dunnairce B ⁴hi B ⁵Cesra M

XXIX.

R³ ¶ 196 (M 272 γ 28).

Ced aimsear in beathad bind, 885
 oda Adam eo dilind :
 se bliadna caecad, rad ngle,
 ar se chedaib ar mile

4. Sixteen thereafter with Ladra :
Alba, Bona, Albor, Ail,
Gothiam, German, Aithne, Inde,
Rodarg, Rinne, Iachor, Ain,
Irrand, Espa, Sine, Samoll :
that was our fair company.

Rogarg B Rogairg M ¹⁴ Ridi F Rinde B Rindi M ¹⁵ Tuchair R²
Iacor B ¹⁶ Irrind FB Urrand R² (-ann D) Is Rind M ¹⁷ Easpa R³
¹⁸ Sindi F Sinni R² (-nne E) Sinda R² ¹⁹ Samall FR² Somall R²
²⁰ rob FR² ba hiat (hiad E iat D) sin R² ²¹ in R² ²² comond L
comann FDM qmand E coman B.

XXVI.

1. Cessair daughter of enduring Bith,
fosterling of Saball son of Manual,
the first valorous woman who set forth,
who invaded Ireland before the Flood.

R² (-thad M) ⁴ Sabuill VDM ⁵ mic D ⁶ Manuail RR² ⁷ cet VERB
ched M ⁸ bean B ⁹ calma VERB: ro cinn R ¹⁰ rogab VEDR
roghabh B ¹¹ Banbha B ¹² ri B iar M: ndilinn R.

XXVII.

On the fifth unit, without advantage,
Cessair arrived in Ireland :
on seventeen, without sorrow,
Partholon came to harbour.

XXVIII.

It is there that they came to harbour,
the woman-crowd, at Dun na mBare.
In the Nook of Cessair, in the lands of Carn,
on the fifteenth, on Saturday.

⁴ a crichaibh B i cricaib M ⁷ deg B ⁸ dia Satharnn B de Saithairn M.

XXIX.

The first age of the tuneful world,
from Adam to the Flood :
fifty-six years, a clear saying,
added to six hundreds and a thousand.

NOTES ON SECTION III.

PROSE TEXTS.

First Redaction.

¶ 166 (= R² ¶ 172, R³ ¶ 186). This ¶, which appears in all three redactions, [with its sequel, which appears in R² (¶ 184)] is probably the only part of the original LG which is contained in LO in its present form. The compiler of LG had no concern with the aborigines, and for his purpose the bare list of pre-Milesian invasions here set forth was quite sufficient to identify the people whom the Milesians found on their arrival in Ireland. It is probable that originally Cessair was not included in the enumeration: the particle *ēm*, found in R¹R³, is suggestive of a marginal gloss objecting to her exclusion. Against this is the fact that the number of the invasions is specified (seven in R¹R³, five in R²), and Cessair is needed in each case to fill up this number. But a subsequent adjustment of the numbers is not impossible, and is indeed indicated by the discrepancy in this respect between the redactions. The ¶ follows a tradition differing from that adopted by LO, for it treats the Fir Bolg invasion as consisting of three separate events, enumerated differently—thereby making a total of seven pre-Milesian “takings.” The same tradition of seven takings underlies poem XXXIII (*Sechtmad gabāil rodusgab*), but it has a different enumeration: see the poem and the notes thereon (vol. iii). In ∞ R² editorial interference has toned down the discrepancy, cutting out the Fir Domnann and the Gailioin, and changing the numeral *secht* to *cōic*. The only other differences in the three presentations of the text are glossarial interpolations, easily detected by comparison of the three versions, and sufficiently marked in the printed page. The editorial instincts of ∞ R² have led to interference with the dating of Partholon. Naturally the *Milesian* invasion was not originally included in this list of pre-Milesian captures, and it is absent from F’s version of R¹:¹

¹ But as it appears in L this omission may be accidental, and the interpolation may have been in *Q.

but it was inevitable that the usual myopic glossator should make haste to fill in what he imagined to be an omission. The difference between the glosses in R² (*Gáidil*) and R³ (*Meic Mílid*) show that they must come from different hands. Once more R³ testifies to the affinity of F*Q by following the variants of F' as against L.

¶ 167 (= R³ ¶ 187). Here F*Q have a variant of the Cessair invasion, independent of the main tradition of PA, and professing to be extracted from the lost historical miscellany called *The Quire of Druim Snechta*, where it probably was an independent saga. It differs from the PA tradition in calling the heroine Banba, and in tripling the number of the train of women, but in mentioning Ladra only of the male companions. It also dates her arrival 200 years before the Flood, assigns to the colony a stay of 40 years in Ireland, and brings them to an end by means of an epidemic.² This story is thus entirely independent of the Flood-saga, and therefore originally independent of the orthodox Cessair story, though each narrative has contaminated the other to such an extent that they have become almost identical. The division of the women seems to have been unknown to this story: and the Cynocephali introduced into the subsequent Partholon story have no place in the orthodox narrative, unless we are to equate them to the Fomoraig. Keating knows of the Banba-story, and of its origin in the Quire of Druim Snechta; but he ignores Cynocephali.

The opening question of the ¶, which appears corruptly in both R¹ and R³, must be the original beginning of PA: for it is found in R² ¶ 174, which knows nothing of the Druim Snechta story of Banba, apart from an interpolation in ¶ 175 peculiar to V.

Ard Ladrann is usually identified with Ardamine, on the

²The *Book of Fenagh* contains a long poem which *inter alia* recapitulates the legendary history of Ireland (ed. Kelly and Hennessy, pp. 46-111). In a transcript of this compilation by Mícheál Ó Cléirigh, now in the Bibliothèque Royale at Brussels, there is a variant reading of the third quatrain which combines the plague with the forty-day story—reading *In lucht sin bat mairbh do lámh* for the first line of the quatrain. The printed text has *In lucht sin huili ba marb*.

Wexford coast, but the terrestrial identification of dreamland sites is unprofitable.

¶ 168 (= R³ ¶ 188 : another version R² ¶ 173). The story of the Three Fishers may have been in PA, but rejected by the compiler who incorporated PA with LO : and returned to the document by later glossators. R³ as usual follows R¹. R¹ and R² clearly take the story from different sources, and R¹ makes it plain that its source is *not* the *Druim Sneachta* book from which the preceding paragraph has been borrowed by F*Q. The story is so drastically condensed that nearly all the interest is squeezed out of it. The three names Capa, Luasat, Laigne, are in the alliterative formula which betrays dioscuric affinities (the prosthetic S in Sluasad, R³, is a mere corruption) : the *p* in the first name arouses suspicion of a non-Celtic origin. *Tuad Inber*, the estuary of the Bann, is a strange place for the landing of travellers from Spain : if we had the whole story before us, we should probably find a record of long inland voyaging before the final catastrophe. Keating mentions the story (I. v. 2) but adds nothing of importance : he apparently took it from a copy of the shorter version in R².

¶ 169 (= R³ ¶ 189, 192 : variant, R² ¶ 176). Just as ¶ 167 preserves the opening words of PA, so ¶ 169, (in L) preserves the opening words of LO : that they belong to the composite book (LO + PA) and not to the originally separate PA, is shown by the plural word *gabálaib*. It is remarkable how the plural of this word is avoided in the original text of LG ; even in ¶ 166, where it would be appropriate, we have *na secht tūatha rogabsat*. It seems as though the compiler of LG did not recognize a legitimate "taking" other than that of the Milesians. The word *iarum* in these opening words of L's version shows that predecessors of Cessair were originally enumerated, and have been editorially excised. Such were the Banba and Capa settlements mentioned in previous paragraphs, the three daughters of Cain (Keating I. v. 1) and perhaps Adna son of Bith, who according to Keating (I. vi. 1) was an early post-diluvian ; but whose parentage obviously connects him with Cessair, although Keating's authorities link him with Ninus son of Belus.

Presumably in the original PA the Cessair story followed these earlier and vaguer traditions. The heading of LO has been modified by F*Q in order to link on with their preceding interpolations. *Q, as set forth in R³, has few variants; it substitutes *iar tuistin talman for ar tūs*; by omission it exposes F's *mad iarsin . . . doluidsem sunn* as a gloss; while itself takes in Cessair's fosterfather Saball s. Manall (*sic*), borrowing him from R² ¶ 174. The short passage common to L, F, but lost from *Q by reason of the substitution of the long voyage-interpolation presently to be commented upon—(*is ē fochond . . . bes noco ria in dālu*) is probably the original statement in PA as to the cause of the voyage.

The voyage-story has been interpolated into F*Q; it is unknown to L. Apparently it is based upon the poem XXIII (*Cessair can as tāinic sī*). It is obviously a mere promenade through a dreamland, the landmarks of which may bear terrestrial names, but have no traceable relation to terrestrial geography.

The following table shows the slight variations in the versions:—

	R ¹ (¶ 169).	R ² ¶ 176.	R ³ ¶ 192.	Poem XXIII.
Leave Meroe	Tuesday, 15th	Tuesday	Tuesday, 15th	Tuesday
In (or along) } Egypt }	10 years	7 years	10 or 7 years	10 years
On Caspian	20 days	18 days	20 days	20 days
Caspian to } Cimmerian }	12 days	20 days	12 days	12 days
Asia Minor	1 day	1 day	1 day	1 day
To Alps	20 days	20 days	20 days	20 days
To Spain	9 days	18 days	9 days	9 days
To Ireland	9 days	9 days	9 days	9 days
Arrive Ireland	Saturday, ³ 5th	Saturday, 15th	Saturday, 5th	Saturday, 5th

³ *Cōic uathad*, which we have translated as literally as may be "a unitary five," is merely a verbal expression of the numeral "05," i.e. 5 not preceded by any number in the decimal place. It voices, in an interesting way, the notorious and fatal deficiency in early European systems of numerical notation—the absence of a special symbol for zero: and the exasperating clumsiness of the numerical system with which the Celtic family of languages is burdened.

Thus R¹ R³ follow the poem the most closely: but in one important point R² agrees with it as against the others. R¹ R³ give the travellers a journey of 12 days *on* the Caspian to the Cimmerian Sea, in addition to the previous 20 days on the Caspian. R² and the poem make 20 (or 12) days *from* the Caspian to the Cimmerian. Evidently the scholars of the R¹ tradition, followed blindly by R³, held by the ancient idea, perpetuated by Strabo, that the Caspian was an inlet of the northern ocean; those of R² (following the poem) were aware of its true nature as an inland lake, a fact known to Ptolemy⁴: recognising that a long *overland* trek would be necessary to pass from the one sea to the other. How and why they got back to Asia Minor in a single day it would be futile to enquire; and obviously the calendar data of the beginning and end of the voyage are entirely without meaning (but see below, p. 238).

As before, I leave the expression "Torrian Sea" untranslated: it may be the Mediterranean; or it may be the Tyrrhene Sea. Again, as before, it matters little which we choose!

¶ 170 (= R³ ¶ 193: same story in different words R² ¶ 177). The only details that call for notice in this ¶ are topographical.

Dūn na mBarc in Corco Duibne. No place of this name is otherwise recorded in Corco Duibne as usually defined (Corkaguiney, the northern promontory of Kerry): but the Corco Duibne originally extended beyond that barony, and the expression *Irrus Deiscirt Corco Duibne* "Southern Headland of C.D." suggests that the name of the territory formerly extended over Iveragh as well. This is confirmed by the association with the Skelligs, as was seen long ago by O'Curry;⁵ who therefore sought to establish Dūn na mBarc in Ballinskelligs Bay. The place-name does not appear to survive there: it is found near Bantry, which is too far to the South. Mr. H. Morris has argued very persuasively⁶ for fixing the site on the Sligo coast, north of the Rosses

⁴ See Tozer, *History of Ancient Geography* (index s.v. "Caspian"), for history of knowledge regarding this sea.

⁵ Battle of Magh Leana, p. 34-5, footnote.

⁶ *Journal Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland*, lxiii, 69 ff.

promontory; and he has shown that there is actually a complex of identifiable Cessair topography in that neighbourhood. But when shadowy figments like Cessair are involved, topographical traditions move about with the stories, and localize themselves in the neighbourhood of individual narrators: it would be very misleading to take the Fínd mac Cumhaill topography in Scotland as indicative of the locality of origin of the Fínd legend. None of the other references to Dūn na mBare in Hogan's *Onomasticon* have any light to throw upon the topographical problem: they are all either one version or another of the Cessair story, or else (as in *The Courtship of Momera*, ed. O'Curry, p. 159) are obviously derived from it. As all the versions of the story agree in placing the site in Corco Duibne, it is a question whether we are justified in looking for it elsewhere than in Kerry: but it may also be questioned whether we are justified in looking for it anywhere in the material world. But see the further suggestions given above, in the introduction to this section.

Sliab Betha is identified with "Slieve Beagh" at the junction of Counties Fermanagh, Tyrone, and Monaghan. A presumably bronze-age cairn, on the top of the mountain, is referred to by the Four Masters (A.M. 2242) as the grave of Bith. The cairn was still in existence in O'Donovan's time, though it has since been injured by quarrying. It may have had an influence in shaping the tradition.

Árd Ladraán we have already seen (§ 167).

Fert Fintāin over Tul Tuinde. The latter name survives in Tountinna (Tipperary O.S. map 19) on the shore of Loch Derg. Fintāin's grave, however, does not appear to be now extant in the locality. Other traditions as to the topography of this personage are recorded in O'Donovan's notes to the *Four Masters* i, p. 5.

Cūl Chesra, identified by earlier writers with one or other of the cairns on Knockma, Co. Galway, has been identified more reasonably by Mr. Morris with a large mound overlooking the town of Boyle, called *Knockadoobrusna*. Here again, however, the topography of fairyland is hardly to be pinned down to telluric sites: the most that we can say is that the mythologies were localized by the story-tellers who narrated them, and that in some cases this artificial process

had a determining influence on local topographical nomenclature. A quatrain quoted by Mr. Morris in support of his thesis is an interpolation: see below, p. 246.

¶ 171. On the names of the women, see the notes on poem XXV, below, p. 246.

Second Redaction.

¶ 172. On this paragraph see the notes to ¶ 166. It comes from the original LG, but has been editorially harmonized with the tradition of LO, probably after that compilation had become part of the composite text.

¶ 173. See the notes to ¶ 168. It differs verbally from ¶ 168 to such an extent that it cannot come from the same source, though it narrates practically the same story. Note that the fishermen are named in a different order, evidently dictated by the appended poem. This authority, however, gives much fuller details about these personages, which the prose text in all its versions ignores.

¶ 174. This gives us (a) the title of the Cessair pericope, modified from the opening words of LO (as in R¹ ¶ 169, version of L); (b) the opening words of PA (R¹ ¶ 167, 169, first sentences of each, version of F); and (c) an interpolation from another source, naming Cessair's foster-parent. On this see the introduction to the present section. V's reading, *iar ndilinn* "after the Flood" is probably a mere mistake, but it might perhaps embody a different tradition as to the chronology of Cessair.

¶ 175-8. The PA story of Cessair's departure and voyage, but treated with great verbal freedom, although the influence of poem XXIII prevents serious modifications in the actual sequence of incidents. But the differences in detail are considerable: see the note on ¶ 169.

¶ 179. Here begins the document which in the introduction we have called C^b. It is parallel to C^a, the story which R² had from the first; and it has been inserted as a block of matter at an early stage of the history of this version, presumably because it added details not given by C^a.

Comparison between C^a and C^b indicates the following

differences:—(1) The foster Saball s. Manual is unknown: the reference to him must therefore be a late interpolation in C^A. (This does not negative the suggestion made above that Saball was from the beginning an intrinsic element in the tradition: in fact the most reasonable explanation for the interpolation is that the glossator considered him essential to the narrative, and thought that he ought to be mentioned. He knew who Saball was supposed to be: we do not.)

(2) The emphasis on the relationship of Cessair and her friends to Noah. It is interesting to see how this certainly artificial "fact" oscillates between emphasis and oblivion. In R¹ Noah suggests the voyage; in R² (C^A), beyond the bare mention of Noah in genealogical statements—which may here be interpolated—the patriarch does not appear at all. In C^B, however, the Noah connexion is brought into great prominence. The Flood is prophesied, and there is a laboured description of the rejection of the Cessair party's application for admission to the Ark. But Noah does not counsel their setting forth in an ark of their own: clearly he expects and desires them to drown.

(3) The subsequent council, and the adoption of an oracular "hand-god" (or baetyl), from whom the advice to take the journey comes. This is peculiar to C^B.

(4) The special mention of two women companions of Cessair, giving three chief women balancing the three men. This also is peculiar to C^B. One of these women is called Balba (= Banba), showing a reminiscence of the story in the *Quire of Druim Snechta*. The journey presumably followed the same lines in C^B as in C^A, as the redactor who took in C^B omitted it as superfluous.

(5) The party is driven to Ireland by a storm. This is apparently borrowed from the tale of the Spanish fishers. An important difference between C^A and C^B is that in the latter Cessair has only one ship (called an "ark"), whereas in the former she has three, two of which are lost with all hands at the landing.

(6) The emphasis laid on the division of the women is a special feature of C^B, and the subsequent events—the re-division after Ladra's death and the grotesque flight of Fintān—are peculiar to it. The latter looks like a popular "droll," which the scholastic compilers have condescended

to include, possibly for reasons already suggested (*ante*, p. 174).

The play of words in Noah's reply to Ladra (*nī long ladrand in long-sa*) will not escape notice.

A *lām-dīa* was a portable object, possibly an elongated water-worn stone, more or less flattened, a rounded oval in shape, such as were found in a bronze-age burial-urn on Carrowkeel mountain, and also in New Grange when it was opened in 1699.⁷ Such objects, like the fetish known as *Cermand Cestach* at Clogher, appear to have been used (as here) for oracular purposes, but the method of their use is not known. The limitation of knowledge ascribed to the idol is interesting: it appears that the writer felt constrained to accord *some* supernatural presence to the object, but without any special enthusiasm.

Though the Cⁿ account of the voyage is lost, there is a hint that it was identical with C^h, differing from the R¹ R² version in making the sojourn in Egypt *seven* instead of ten years. For they set forth 7½ years (*secht mbliadna 7 rāithi*) before the Flood. The seven years are spent in Egypt (or sailing along the coast thereof): the *rāithi*, or quarter year, is distributed over the rest of the voyage. This (see the table, p. 233, above) contains 18 + 20 + 1 + 20 + 18 + 9 = 86 days, which is exactly three lunar months of 28–29 days each, a strong argument for the originality of *this* distribution of the time; a conclusion further corroborated by the symmetry of the numbers. (The calculator has, however, forgotten the 40 days, said to have been spent in Ireland before the Flood.)

Miledach, *Bun Suainme*, and *Comar na ttrī nuisce*, all denote the place of confluence of the Barrow, Nore, and Suir, and the territory around it. What mythological connexion there may be between the three rivers and the three heroes (or heroines) it is useless to try to guess: but such a place, liable at times to excess of waters, might very well be connected with a localized flood-legend. If *Dūn na mBare* was

⁷ See *Proceedings*, Royal Irish Academy, xxix, § C, p. 334; and the illustration accompanying Molyneux's description of New Grange in his *Discourse concerning the Danish mounts, forts, and towers in Ireland* (Dublin, 1725), p. 203.

on the western coast, this meeting of the waters would have been an inconvenient place for the colonists to assemble; and there must be some reason, now forgotten, for their association with this special place. (See *ante*, p. 172.)

¶ 180. The writer is at the stage of cultural development which regards a name as an intrinsic and essential part of the thing named. "Bun Sūainme" was at the time the name of a certain place, although by hypothesis there were no people in the country to bestow the name upon it. Compare the story of the stars in vol. i, ¶ 27, which have their names even before the angels discover them.

¶ 181. Ladra's dissatisfaction, at getting only 16 women whereas his associates got 17 each, appears here for the first time. Note that in *secht mnā dēcc maille fris*, we must assign to *maille* an inclusive meaning, not merely associative ("17 women, of whom she was one").

¶ 183. Fintan's flight is conceived of as starting from the meeting of the three waters—the confluence of the Barrow and the Suir, for the Nore runs into the Barrow about 8 miles above that point—westward through the low-lying seaboard of Co. Waterford as far as Dungarvan Harbour, then, turning northward, crossing the Knockmealdown Mountains (*Sliab Cūa*) into Tipperary; then west by north, into Limerick as far as Kilfinnane (near which is *Cenn Febrat*); then turning northward, striking the Shannon somewhere between Limerick and Killaloe, and following it upstream, left-hand to the river, to the goal at *Tul Tuinde* (on which see notes to ¶ 170 above).

¶ 184 is most probably the sequel to ¶ 172 in the original LG. It gives us the bare chronological details about the aborigines which are needful; and leads us back to the invasion of the Milesians, which was the special interest of that document. It adds one more item to the parallel that has already been drawn between the Milesian and the Hebrew history: for it makes the building of Solomon's Temple, which practically inaugurates the history of the Hebrew kings, contemporary with the inauguration of the Milesian kings.

Third Redaction.

¶ 186. The awkward *adfealdsam* is to be excised as an intrusive gloss upon *aisneidheam*. The other differences from the parallel texts have already been commented upon.

¶ 187. The Banba story, as we have already seen, was independent of Noah and the Flood. The discrepancy has puzzled the scribes of the R³ tradition; Banba and her friends were in the country 40 years, two centuries before the Flood, and, therefore, could have had nothing to do with it. They have accordingly made nonsense of the whole episode by interpolating some Biblical extracts about the Flood. The duration of the Flood, according to R³—40 years and 1 day, instead of 40 days and 1 year—is a mere scribal slip; but it does not improve matters.

The latter part of this ¶ (from *I cind* 300 *bliadan*) is the first fragment of the synchronistic tract isolated by Professor MacNeill.⁸

¶ 188. The Capa story, from *Q—with mere verbal and orthographical differences from the text of F. The gloss *acht chena nī hairmīd* must have lost the word *Lebor* before *Gabala* already in √F*Q.

¶ 190. Here begins R³'s copy of C^b. It is taken over from R², but with numerous interpolations and variations. The most important of these are—

(1) A sentence making the Flood the penalty for Cain's murder of Abel.

(2), in M, a reference to the endogamy attributed to Noah's domestic *ménage*, otherwise known only from glosses in R² (¶ 11).

(3), in M, a gloss emphasising Fintan's fraternal relationship to Noah. In B he is Noah's nephew, as in R².

(4) The answer of Noah to Ladra has become corrupted. *Nī leam do comus* should be *Nī liom* [or, as in R², *nīmtha*] *a chomas*. The *a* has become *do*; and we must now translate *comas* "control" [see Meyer, *Contribb.* s.v. *commus*]"—"I have no control of thee, am not thy keeper." In M, *Nī fillem do cumachtaib*, here provisionally translated, "We would not stoop to the Powers" [to petition for thy deliver-

⁸ *Proceedings R.I.A.*, xxviii, C, p. 123 ff.

ance] has apparently grown out of *Nī lium a cumas*, the *s* of the last word having been read as though *s̄* (= *acht*).

(5) Addition in M of a petition of Cessair on her own behalf, and an extension of Noah's punning remark about the "ship of thieves" to include the whole company, and not Ladra only.

¶ 192. The evolution of the sea Mara Hën and of the island Meroen is a good illustration of what was said above, p. 175, about the instability of proper names.

¶ 193. The lacuna in both MSS. of R³, in the passage describing the death of Ladra, is hardly to be attributed to a sense of prudishness such as induced the translator of the parallel text in the *Book of Fenagh* to render *atbath do fhurail banaich* by "he died of female persecution"! M here inserts a note about a son of Bith named Bath, which professes to explain a current saying. It shows that there were other elements in the Cessair saga of which our compilers made no use. The *well* of Dūn na mBare does not appear elsewhere.

The rest of the extract from C^u follows on to ¶ 196 with no point worthy of special notice.

¶ 197. On the names of the women, see the notes to poem XXV. The note at the end of the paragraph apparently expresses an annotator's scepticism regarding the other antediluvian colonists.

¶ 198. This is the first paragraph of one of several tracts in which Irish "history" is placed in a setting of world-chronology, based on the compilation of Eusebius, as it is preserved for us at second-hand in a Latin translation by Hieronymus, and also in an Armenian version⁹: the original Greek text survives in fragments only. The Irish version correctly reproduces the dates here, except that the reign of Semiramis is wrongly written .xlu.; it should be .xlii. For Zaineus, the alternative name of Ninias, we should read *Zames*, as we find it in the relevant fragment of the Greek, preserved by Syncellus, and also in the Armenian translation.

⁹ I use Scaliger's edition (Leyden, 1606) for the Hieronymian version, and Aucher's edition (Venice, 1818) of the Armenian translation.

Hieronymus has *Zameis*. The complete text of this Irish tract will be found in the *Book of Lecan* (facs. fo. 186 d 46 ff.): it is a different document from Professor MacNeill's chronicle, for which see note to ¶ 187 above.

VERSE TEXTS.

XXI.

Anonymous poem, put into the mouth of the antediluvian Fintan. Metre: very faulty, but reckoned as *crō cummaisc etir rindaird ocus lethrannaigecht*. The formula is $6^2 + 5^1$, the short lines rhyming: but the long lines sometimes end in monosyllables, as in quatrains 3, 12, or in trisyllables, as in 4, 6. In the first stanza, the scansion of line 695 is obscure: *cīa-ġiar* must be treated as one syllable. Line 697 is short of a syllable, and is probably corrupt.

(2) 699. The false reading in R^2 is probably due to someone whose ear had been led astray by the imperfect line 697 preceding it, and who tried to bring this line into conformity with it.

(3) 703. Another imperfect line, lacking a syllable; and once again R^2 has modified line 705 to conform to it metrically, as well as to carry through the formula of the statement in the lines preceding and following [his mountain, (his height), her nook].

(4) 708. Though the name Druing appears several times in Irish toponymy, it is not otherwise recorded anywhere that could be described as being underneath Tul Tuinde. We must, therefore, treat the word as dative of *drong*.

(6) 715. This is the order of words in all the MSS., but for metrical reasons it should be emended to *Missi sund i nĒirind*, as in the following quatrain.

(8) 726. *Irrus thīar*, that is Irrus Domnann (Erris, Co. Mayo).

(10) 731. The prefixed *īarsin* in all the MSS. is impossible metrically: it has clearly crept in from the two preceding quatrains. Fintan's lack of sustenance until the arrival of the Tūatha Dē Danann has no parallel in the prose texts: otherwise the poem adds nothing to our knowledge of the episode.

the first line glossed *mar aderit na heolaigh*, the third *nirb aithiseach no imdeargthach*; and *os muincind* glossed *os uachtar*. The last couplet is as in R².

(3) 788. K has a corrupt reading *ccuimm* for *trom*, glossed by guesswork *i ccuim no i fosgad Mara Cimerdha*. *Riacht* is a dissyllable, but some scribes have made it a monosyllable and inserted *in* to mend the metre. 790. K follows R² in reading *Siria*.

(4) 791. K's reading of this quatrain follows R².

(5) 797-8. K's reading is a modification of R²: *Satharn for coicced decc ghe* (i. glan no follus): *tanice d'ascnam* (i. tanuig si do ceimniughadh) *criche*.

XXIV.

Metre: *debide scälte*.

(1) 799. *don tūr tind*, glossed *don iarraidh tinnesnaigh* K. K's readings in this poem follow those of R² as a rule. 801. *na cucht cain*: *fo cucht cain* K, glossed *fo ghne caoin no taithnemhaigh*. It is not quite clear whether the "cucht" is referable to Cessair or to Ériu. 802. *codal-glain*, glossed *croicenn-gloin* K.

(2) 803. *Ass* in the sense of "out of," "forth," which it frequently has after verbs. 804. Here again Meroe is treated as an archipelago.

(3) 808. K, reading *fri recht*, glosses *fri dlighedh no fri riochtain co rogarcc*. 809. *grinn* is the reading of R¹ R³, but the *granda* of R² gives better sense. K has *graindi*, and glosses *ro tiomsaigh nō ro tiomāin an gaoth iad i modh cruinn*, presumably meaning "in a roundabout way." 810. K fatuously glosses *ar imorchor* by *ar iomchar muiridhi no ar sechrān*: apparently analysing the word into *im-muir-choir*.

(5) 815. *Ladra* is described meaninglessly as "sufficient" merely to provide a rhyme for *mōr*. The exigencies of verse have in any case driven the poet to take refuge here in *ōglachas*! And in line 817, wanting an adjective of disapproval to rhyme with *Ladrand*, he is compelled to fall back on the overworked and here scarcely appropriate *gand*. K expresses his bewilderment thereat by glossing this word

ba gníom goirt, no tinn, no tiachair. 817. K substitutes *do forail banaigh* for *do dul chuca*, a reading not found in any of the pre-K versions.

(6) 821. *fri sáiri seng* appears to mean "with slender nobility": K, thinking of *fōaim* in connexion with *taesat*, and joining *sáiri seng* to *mnāib* (both being governed by the same preposition), gives the wild gloss *as iat ceidfir do luigh no do righne feis, re mnāib saora seanga i nErinn o thūs. Taesat fri mnāib* "they came with women" hence, foregathered, consorted with women.

(7) 823. *benn* is glossed by K *rug Bioth ar a roinn do na mnaibh*, which suggests a misunderstanding of the epithet. 825. It is straining language to describe "Slieve Beagh" as being in the N.E. of Ireland, nor does it stand above any "stately sea" (Loch Erne is rather too far away). Assuming the correctness of the identification, the geographical indications here must be dictated by metrical exigencies. 826. *thiugradus* with a variety of spellings, is glossed *i. tanaic a dedhen-cheim* ("last step" with *gradus* in mind): "tiugh" *deidhenach*, 7 "rathus" *cion*, *i. a cion deidhenach basaighteach*. The latter part of the gloss seems to hit the nail: *rathus* is a legal term (= liability), see Atkinson, *Glossary to Ancient Laws*. The last liability is, of course, death.

(8) 828. *co lín ngrétha*, glossed *co n-iomat ngaire i. occa caoineadh*. This seems to be a correct rendering. *Lín* is masculine, but here causes nasalization of the following initial.

(9) 831. K has *atlai*, glossed *ro elaid*, for *dobuid*—a reading not found in the older MSS. 832. *fa sūan saim*, a cheville meaningless in this connexion, but presumably a sort of quasi-etymological anticipation of *Bun Súainme* in the following line. 833. *re snīm slat*. *Snīm* means (1) trouble, (2) spinning, wrenching, creaking; *slat* means a rod, branch, reed, or the like. The expression may be either descriptive of the site, as a place "of creaking of branches" or else a suggestion of the way in which Fintan crossed the waters of Bun Suainme "with [a raft of] weaving of rods." Such an operation would be familiar in Ireland: rods were woven to form the wattle structure of the walls of huts, and also to

provide the footings of crannog-structures. K, who glosses the passage *re sníomh do dul ina fearrdha*, seems to have understood it in a grotesque sense best forgotten.

(10) 835. Here *iar* is used in the less usual spatial sense "behind." *Airthir* means "front part"; as applied to mountains, the brow, breast, or bluff. *Nūall*, usually "outcry, noise," is here glossed *radh* in K.

(11) 841. *iar ffes* is understood by K to mean "dwelling, or adultery, or feasting." 842. *na hēcmais* may mean "in her absence" or "absent from her." There is no reason to prefer either rendering to the other.

(12) 843. *Achar* is glossed by K *do rinní sí ēccaoiní no ēigem gēr no tinn no luinn no tren*.

(12A). The following quatrain, not found in any ancient MS., is here interpolated by K—

Athnaicset na mna ar dile:	sethnuch soer na hinghine;
Isin earn os Búill messaigh:	cor lil a hainm o Aird-Ceassair.

glossing *athnaicset* by *adhnaicset*, *sethnuch*, etc., by *corp onorach na hinghine*, *no corp uasal*, and *messaigh* by *iascchach no bradanach*.

847. K, following the reading of R², glosses *fechta* by *turusa*.

(13) 848. The plural *aideda* (*oidedha*) appears in K, but not in any other of the older MSS. But perhaps the *a* was lost early before the possessive pronoun following.

XXV.

Metre, a loose form of *Sētrad mōr*, in which the internal rhyme is neglected. As in XXI, the "poet" speaks in the name of Fintan.

The composition is a list of names, compiled for mnemonic purposes. The frequent alliterations and assonances (*Sella-Della*, *Fodarg-Rodarg*) show that the list in its present form is artificial; and the numerous variants prove that it is very corrupt. Moreover, some of the words seem to have been adapted from sentences which were embedded in some previous form of the list (e.g., *Duib Addeos* in the "Bith" group, which K quite naturally glosses *inneosat*, but which

must be treated as two names, because otherwise it would be impossible to fill up the number of seventeen). Compare *Asdia Cuimniu Gudsain* in some versions of the list of languages, *ante*, p. 150. *Rodarg Rinne Iachor Ain Irrand Espa* looks like another such sentence: with a little adjustment it could be made to mean "Rodarg who made a noble boundary in a part of Spa[in]." Further, the numbers of 17 + 17 + 16 have been made up by repetitions. *Tamall, Tam* in the "Fintan" group corresponds to *Tamall, Tanna* (which is so printed here, after L, but in other versions appears as *Tamall, Tama*) in the "Bith" group; *Rodarg* appears both in the "Bith" and in the "Ladra" group; and *Aba* at the head of the Ladra group (which certainly ought to be *Balba* or *Banba*) corresponds to *Aba* or *Abla* in the Fintan group.

This being so, and no earlier form of the list being available, it would be futile to endeavour to conjecture—for we could do little more—the shape in which it was first drawn up. But in its original form it was probably as old as the rest of the story, and was an essential part of it. For, as has already been hinted in the Introduction, we must assume that originally Cessair and her companions survived the Flood and re-peopled the earth. The extension of the Flood to Ireland, and its drowning of the company, is artificial, to bring the story into accordance with the postulated teaching of Holy Writ. The fifty women were undoubtedly meant to be the mothers of the post-diluvian human communities: one line in the "Ladra" list shows this quite clearly—

"Gothiam, German, Aithne, Inde,"

where it is easy to see names eponymous of Gothia, Germania, Athenae, and India. Elsewhere we have Cipir (= Cyprus), Torrian (= Tyrrhenia), Traige (= Thracia), and possibly some others which corruption has rendered less obvious. And it may be further suggested that the partition among the three men is late and artificial.⁹ The original story knew

⁹ But it shows a parallelism, which may mean anything or nothing, with the distribution of the post-diluvian nations among the three sons of Noah.

of only one man (Adna "the ancient," afterwards Ladra) with one wife, daughter of Bith ("cosmos"), and a number (not necessarily fifty) of subordinate women. Adna being son of Bith, he is consequently brother of Cessair (a relationship attributed to Ladra by an interpolator in ¶ 196). We seem here to be on the track of a myth of a divine brother-sister union, comparable with the connexion of Zeus and Hera, or with those of the cosmogonic ennead in Egyptian mythology. The married pair in time became a triad, for certainly Cessair = Bairrind = Banba [= Fotla = Ériu]. After the Flood the man united with all the women—there is possibly a hint of this in Ladra's "excess of women," although in the end he actually had the smallest number—and became the progenitor of the peoples of the world. Further than this we cannot go, but there is a considerable potential interest in the list, as an early compendium of geographical knowledge; though its manifold corruptions have deprived it of most of its kinetic value.

XXVI.

Metre: *Debide scáilte*. This quatrain also appears in Keating (I. v. 1) with slight verbal differences, the most important of which is the substitution of *Nionuail* for *Manuail*.

XXVII.

This quatrain in the form here given is metrically corrupt, but is meant to be *debide scáilte*. A better version is given in M in the Partholōn section (poem no. XXXVI).

XXVIII.

Metre: *debide scáilte*. Carn Cessra is sometimes used, as more or less synonymous, for Cūl Cessrach, see Hogan, *Onomasticon*, s.v. Carn Cesra. Carn is such a common place-name in Ireland that it gives no real help in the discussion of the topography of the story. The quatrain also in Keating, I. v. 3.

XXIX.

Metre: *debide scáilte*.

LIBER PRAECURSORUM.

The section now before the reader is the second of the two originally independent narratives which (as we have seen in the Introduction) break into the middle of the history of the Milesian Invasion. In the *Historia Brittonum* of Nennius this document is thus summarized: I translate from the Harleian text, as printed by Faral:¹

“Now first came *Partholomus* with 1000 persons, both men and women, and they increased till they were 4000: and an epidemic came upon them, and in one week they all died, and not even one remained of them.

“Secondly *Nimeth*, a certain son of Agnomen, came to Ireland, who is said to have sailed for a year and a half upon the sea: afterwards he took harbour in Ireland, having suffered shipwreck, and he remained there for many years: and once more he put to sea with his followers and returned to Spain.

“Afterwards there came three sons of a Spanish soldier (*militis Hispaniae*) having thirty ships and thirty wedded couples in each ship, and they remained there for a space of one year. Afterwards they behold a tower of glass in mid-sea, and they were beholding men on the tower, and were seeking to speak with them, but these would never answer: so in one year they set out to assault the tower with all their ships and with all their women, except for one ship which suffered wreck, and in which were thirty men and as many women. The other ships sailed to capture the tower: and when they had all alighted upon the shore which surrounded the tower, the sea came upon them and they were drowned; not one of them escaped. Of the crew of the ship which was abandoned by reason of the wreck, all Ireland was filled unto this day. Afterwards people came, little by little, from regions of Spain, and occupied many territories.

¹ *La légende arthurienne*, iii, p. 11.

“Last of all came Damhoctor (into Britain) [and dwelt there until this day with his whole progeny]. Istoreth son of Istornus with his followers held Dalrieta; Buile and his followers held *Eubonia Insula* [Isle of Man] and other islands around; while the sons of Liethan found possession in the region of the Demeti and in other regions, that is Guir Cetgueli, till they were driven by Cunedda and by his sons from out of all the regions of Britain.”

Nennius then proceeds to narrate a much perverted version of the adventures of Nel and his successors in Egypt, nearly, though not quite, as corrupt as that prefixed by Fordun to the *Scottichronicon*. With this we need not trouble ourselves. The foregoing extract shows that *Liber Praecursorum*, by the time of Nennius, was taking shape much as we have it; though Nennius evidently quotes some of it from memory, and has confused certain of the details. Partholon and Nemed are clear, and the departure of the Nemedians from Ireland is also clear. The next invasion of Nennius obviously shows confusion with that of the Milesians (*militis Hispaniae* = Mil of Spain); it must, however, correspond to the FirBolg. The incident of the Tower of Glass is a mixture of the two doublet stories, of the Tower of Gold and the Tower of Conaing, which appear in the Nemed section.

The text relating to “Damhoctor” reads as follows:—*Nouissime uenit Damhoctor et ibi habitauit cum omni genere suo usque hodie in Britanniam*. The first three words form the only genuine part of this sentence. Some one added *in Britanniam* (it should have been *in Hiberniam*): and then another scribe interlined *et ibi . . . hodie*, which has now broken most awkwardly into the text. The tale of dispersion with which this paragraph closes can be no more than a bad memory of the story of the scattering of the FirBolg into various islands.

“Damhoctor,” *damh ochtair*, which Nennius has taken for a personal name, means “a troop of eight persons.” We cannot determine which of the series of Invasions is intended; for it is suggestive that this numerical grouping persists throughout them all. The expression is applied to the people of Partholon in the *Dindsenchus* poem on Inber in Buada

(Gwynn, M.D., iii, 418). In ¶ 248 we find *Nemed-ochtar*; and other examples will meet us from time to time. Remembering that these tales are theological rather than historical, we seem here to be on the track of a primary group of eight deities, comparable with the central ennead of Egypt or the *di consentes* of Rome.

The story of the Precursors was in a more fluid condition than the alleged history of the Milesians. This is a natural result—and incidentally a demonstration—of the varied origin of the two documents. We have seen, in the Introduction to vol. I, that the story of the Milesians is from the first an artificial product, primarily the work of an individual writer, and anchored to the Israelite history upon which it is founded. The story of the Precursors is more of the nature of genuine folklore, no doubt artificially worked over, but still preserving some germs of a real, though unhistorical, tradition. Fortunately it never received a final literary form: the two recensions, R¹ and R², are almost as different as they well can be, within the necessary limitations imposed by telling the same story. They are here far more diverse than in the "Milesian" portion of LG, or even in the section which deals with the Antediluvians. This divergence, it is unnecessary to point out, makes them all the more valuable.

As will be more clearly shown in the analyses prefixed to the successive sections, *Liber Praecursorum* is capable of further analysis, with at least two component and parallel constituents. The Partholon-Nemed tales form a single group, corresponding to the FirBolg-Tuatha De Danann tales; the pairs are doublets of one another, although redactional interference has obscured their mutual relations.

The Partholon and Nemed sections seem to have been absent from *Q. It is possible that it never contained them: but on the whole it is most likely that the neglect of *Q by ∞ R³ in these sections is due to a further mutilation of that fundamental manuscript, which compelled him to rely exclusively on R² in this part of his work. The loss of the first folio of *Q would leave its conjunctive loose, and under a grave risk of being lost also: it is more than probable that this further calamity actually occurred before ∞ R³ began his operations. Calculation, based on the data collected in

Vol. I, pp. 10-13, suggests that in a gathering of three diplomas (six leaves) at the beginning of *Q the matter would be so distributed that a large part of the end of Partholon and the beginning of Nemed would have been contained on the sixth folio, which would be the conjunctive of the lost opening leaf. This gives a further hint towards the reconstruction of *Q.

The "lowest common measure" of the two parallel stories will to some extent put us in possession of the genuine folklore underlying the artificial form in which the documents have, unfortunately, been delivered to us. It must be understood quite clearly that there is not a single element of genuine historical detail, in the strict sense of the word, anywhere in the whole compilation. After many efforts, I find myself forced to the conclusion that it is altogether chimerical to attempt to draw any correlation between the successive waves of historical immigration, to which Archaeology and Ethnology introduce us, and the wild tales contained in this book. These latter are partly mythological, partly ritual in their origin; and it should be obvious that this gives them an enormous value, which they would not possess if they were merely dull narratives of pointless slaughter and silliness such as, on the surface, they appear to be.

SECTION IV.

PARTHOLON.

Introduction.

The origin of this, the first section of *Liber Praecursorum*, has been a matter of frequent discussion on account of the remarkable name borne by the leader of the expedition. The initial P shows that the name is not Goidelic; some critics have sought an aboriginal, pre-Goidelic origin for the name and for the associated legends, while others favour a late (Christian) origin. The name is actually used in Irish Christian literature to represent the ecclesiastical *Bartholomeus*: and whether this is an original equivalent or a mere adaptation of an existing vocable is the question which is the essential kernel of the dispute.

The articles of Van Hamel (*Revue Celtique*, 1, 217) and Thurneysen (*Z.C.P.*, xx, 375) summarize all the available literature possessing any value; and although in details of interpretation they take opposite views, these articles collectively produce the impression that what we have is a drastically artificial elaboration, by scholastic pedants, of primary folk-traditions.

At the end of all the discussion, however, the name of Partholon still remains unexplained; unsuccessful efforts by Hieronymus and Isidore to find the etymology of the name of the apostle Bartholomew have in one way or another influenced the treatment of the saga in the hands of the native historians. By this route, perhaps, if we adopt a suggestion of Thurneysen, the hero has become "son of Sera" (= "the Syrian")² and is thus linked to the Milesian pedigree.

² But see *ante*, p. 129.

Thurneysen considers the *Dindsenchus* element to be so prominent in this narrative as to be primary: the various personages after whom lakes and mountains are named having been invented to explain those names, and not *vice versa*. Undoubtedly this aspect of the subject is of great importance, and must not be lost sight of; in any case, actual narrative, in this story, is evidently reduced to its lowest terms. But as we shall presently see, there are other elements in the complex which have an equal claim to consideration. Besides the *Dindsenchus* material, Eusebius has supplied the synchronistic chronology, and Orosius the "Inber Scene" with which he has pestered Irish historical tradition. These are enough to show that we must make allowances for pseudo-learned artificial manipulation.

We shall be in a better position to consider the significance of this narrative after we have analysed its details.

First Redaction.

Partholon's parentage, date of arrival, synchronism with Abraham (§ 199). He comes with three sons, Laiglinne, Slanga, Rudraige, who are eponymous of certain geographical features (§ 200), as is also an unexplained Fea, one of his company, the first to die in the country (§ 201). The settlers are attacked by mysterious beings called Fomoraig, who are defeated (§ 202). Seven lakes burst forth (§ 203) and four plains are cleared (§ 204); and then Partholon and his following, who have by now amounted to 9,000 persons, all die of a plague. His nephew Tuan is the only survivor; it has been found necessary to invent him in order to explain the preservation of a story about an annihilated community (§ 205). Here, probably, ∞ R¹ ended: but a paragraph has been added giving a totally different account of Partholon's family (§ 206), and another, in which Partholon appears as a "culture-hero," the originator, in Ireland, of certain details of civilization (§ 207).

Second and Third Redactions.

In this and the following section these two redactions can be taken together. R³ is here an interpolated R² text, doubtless because, as we have seen, *Q failed ∞ R³, being mutilated at this place. In this section:—

¶ 208 corresponds to ¶ 199 in R¹, but is greatly expanded, and in detail has nothing in common with it except some verbal coincidences, possibly accidental.

¶ 209: a similarly expanded account of Partholon's genealogy, his origin in Sicily (changed to "Micil" by a confusion of Σ and M in some Greek geographical glossary),² and the details of the voyage to Ireland.

¶ 210 corresponds to ¶ 200 in R¹, but is again verbally independent of it; the names of the wives are added; some additional names are interpolated in R³.

¶ 211 explains Partholon's exile as due to an act of parricide, and the final plague as a penalty for that crime. This paragraph reads like the end of an independent narrative: its material is quite foreign to R¹.

¶ 212 (R² only) corresponds to ¶ 207 (R¹), but is quite independent of it both in matter and in manner. The same may be said of ¶ 213 (here also in R² only) which in a like unteconformable manner corresponds to R¹, ¶ 202.

¶ 214 enumerates the four plains of ¶ 204 (R¹) but in a different order, and with extensive orthographical variations in the names.

¶ 215 tells of Fea (R¹ ¶ 201) again with extensive

² A synchronistic tract in the *Book of Lecan*, which is quoted at ¶ 230 (on which see the notes), tells us that Partholon—as well as all the subsequent invaders of Ireland—came from "Sociainia" in "Sceithia Clochaid" (Scythia Petraea).

additions, and with no more than accidental verbal coincidences.

¶ 216 has a little more in common with R¹ than its doublet ¶ 213, but is still independent of it. ¶ 217-8 form a sequel to it found only in R³ (¶ 217 in M only). ¶ 218 is the same as ¶ 213 in R².

¶ 219 enumerates the lake-bursts of R¹ ¶ 203, again in a different order and with greatly expanded details.

¶ 220 gives the death of Partholon (¶ 205 R¹) but again with a complete difference of matter and of manner. The story is repeated in ¶ 221—the third repetition of the narrative in this composite recension!

¶ 222 tells the full story of Tuan (of whom we had only a bare mention in R¹ [¶ 205], which may possibly be an interpolation).

¶ 223 is identical with ¶ 206: both versions have borrowed this irrelevance from some common source.

¶ 224-5, an interpolation in R³, with an additional short paragraph (226) in B, greatly expanding the previous lists of Partholon's companions. M then adds the story of Partholon and Delgnat, told in K but not elsewhere in any ancient version of the text; and gives one more version of the Tuan story. The text ends with the first long instalment of the ancient synchronistic chronicle, to which Professor MacNeill first called attention.⁴

From the above analysis it is clear that R¹ and R²R³ follow entirely different versions of the tale: even in the order of the paragraphs the two texts have little in common. It is also clear that the tale was extant in other forms as well, some of which were laid under contribution, especially by the school of R³: with the effect of giving that version a formlessness reminiscent of *primaeva* Chaos! The foregoing facts may be summarized thus in tabular form:—

⁴ *Proceedings, Royal Irish Academy*, xxviii, C, p. 123.

<i>Incidents</i>	<i>R¹</i>	<i>R²R³</i>
P.'s parentage, date of arrival, synchronism with Abraham, companions	199	208-9, 224-6
P.'s three sons	200	210
P.'s parricide	—	211
F'ea	201	215
Fomoraig	202	213 (R ²) 216-8
Lakes	203	219
Plains	204	214
Plague	205	211, 220-1
Tuan	205	222, 236 (M)
P. = Mil	206	223
P. = Culture Hero	207	212 (R ²)
Delgnat	—	232-5 (M)
Synchronisms	—	227-31

Throughout R² R³ give much fuller details than R¹.

Reviewing these, the first point we notice is that the Cessair and Partholon stories must have developed independently of one another, and that the Cessair tale cannot have been originally a part of *Liber Praecursorum*. If it had been, Cessair's Fintan would have been available to carry on the record, and the invention of a second immortal, Tuan, would have been superfluous.⁵ In connexion with such stories as this of Tuan, it may be worth while recalling the legends of the exploits of certain Indian fakirs. In Stoll, *Suggestion und Hypnotismus*, p. 76 ff., we read of such a person who simulated death and was buried for forty days, after which he revived: and at pp. 82-3 there is a tale of another, found buried and resurrected in the same way, "who told many tales out of the ancient life."

In the second place, the Partholon story is *not* independent of the tale of the Fír Bolg. Two of Partholon's sons, Rudraige

⁵ In ¶ 236 there is a suggestion of an identification of these two personages, but this must be due to a harmonistic redactor. The identification is also adumbrated in ¶ 205, where a (probably interpolated) sentence makes Tuan narrate, at the end of his career, the invasions, *including that of Cessair*. Nennius apparently had no knowledge of Tuan, or disbelieved in him.

and Slanga, reappear as leaders of the FirBolg. On the other hand, the duality Gann and Sengann, who appear in the Nemed story as Fomorian enemies, along with a third member of the group, Genann, are associated with Rudraige and Slanga as FirBolg leaders. As we shall see later, the line between the FirBolg and the Fomorians is not clearly drawn. The former are the children of Dela son of Lot: More mac Deled (the difference of declension must be acknowledged, but it does not necessarily present an insuperable difficulty in the way of an ultimate identification) fights with the Fomorians against the Nemedians, and the name of Lot is prominent among the Fomorian opponents of Partholon.

The character of the Fomorian invasion is the crucial problem in estimating the nature of the Partholonian episode. Who were these beings, and what is the meaning of their hostility to the successive occupations of Ireland (with the significant exception of the FirBolg)?

First as to their origin: of this there are two versions current.

(a) They were indigenous; apparently local beings, demoniacal or quasi-human, who resented the arrival of foreigners (§ 202 = § 216).

(b) They were of foreign origin; they came from a land so far (§ 213) that their voyage to Ireland lasted 200 years, during which they had nothing to eat but sea-produce (birds and fish).

Their place of origin is called *Sliab Emor* (*Amor* in Dindsenchus, *Ughmōir* corruptly in Keating). This cannot be anywhere within Ireland: there is nothing to commend the suggestion (in Hogan's *Onomasticon*) that it was somewhere near Loch Da Caech, based on a Dindsenchus poem (MD, iii, 184) which the editor of the *Onomasticon* has misunderstood. The whole point of the story there told (which is unknown to the LG canon) is that the invaders came, to the lake named, from somewhere else. (In another respect the poem is at variance with the LG tradition, in that it makes the invaders attack the Milesians, not the Partholonians). If it be necessary to seek any terrestrial identification for *Sliab Emor* (as it is envisaged by the Christian historians who have systematized these tales) we

might perhaps suggest Mount Hermon; the association of that mountain, in apocryphal literature, with the Biblical Antediluvians and with the fallen angels, might indicate it as a suitable place from which to derive the uncanny Fomorians.

According as these people are or are not indigenous, their arrival is not or is spoken of as an "invasion." This is specially the case in ¶ 213, 218, where it is called *Sechtgabail* "seven-taking." We are not to understand "Seventh Taking," in spite of the interpolation ¶ 218 in R³:⁶ in fact the Fomorian invasion cannot by any method of calculation be numbered as the seventh, unless we are to suppose that it was originally an invasion *after the Milesians*, and that it was transferred subsequently to the place where we now have it. In numerical order it would be the third taking, or, if the shadowy Antediluvian tales are all counted in, the sixth.⁷ It may possibly be that the Scandinavian raids have coloured the traditions, and that this has led to an uncertainty as to the exact chronological sequence of the story. But beyond doubt we are not occupied *primarily* with a contest between human combatants, although the historians have laboured to tie the event down in time and in place. The date of the battle is (a) in the third year of Partholon's occupation (¶ 202, 216) or (b) unspecified (¶ 213). Keating has misunderstood the story, and has supposed that the Fomorians arrived 200 years before Partholon, the diet of fish and fowl being consumed in Ireland.

The invaders are described as having single arms and single legs (¶ 206, 216) to which R² in ¶ 216 adds single eyes. These deformities do not appear in ¶ 213, 217, but that may be because they had already been specified, and did not need to be repeated.

This is enough to show that we have to do with non-human personages. Supernatural beings are often imagined as being

⁶ Or of the enumeration of seven conquests made in ¶ 166, by counting the three sub-divisions of the FirBolg separately.

⁷ Nor can the expression mean "an invasion by seven persons" as that conception would not be expressed in any such way, and even if it were, such an interpretation would not greatly help us. We must be content with admitting that we do not know what *secht-gabail* means.

in some way defective:⁸ the demonic Ghormuhas, who enter into the folklore of the aboriginal Santals of Chhota Nagpur, have a close analogy to the Fomoraig.⁹ Persons casting spells are sometimes represented as putting themselves, so far as possible, into the same state—standing on one foot, gesticulating with one hand, closing one eye, and speaking a formula in one breath¹⁰ (for examples see R.C., xii, 98, xxi, 156, xxii, 581; also the note, *ib.* xxi, p. 395: see also O'Davoren's *Glossary*, ed. Stokes in *Archiv für Celt. Lex.*, ii, s.v., *corruguinecht*, and references there.)

Their leader is said to be one Cieu (the name is variously spelt), on whose parentage our authorities disagree profoundly, and to whose name an adjective is appended which denotes some peculiarity in his leg or his gait. He has a mother called Lot the Active.

These names reappear suggestively elsewhere. As we have seen above, Lot, turned masculine, is the father of Dela, who is father of the FirBolg leaders. Cieu, turned feminine, appears in the story of Da Derga's Hostel as the wife of a certain Fer Caille. Van Hamel and Thurneysen have both called attention to this fact.

⁸ See for example J. G. Campbell, *Superstitions of the Scottish Highlands*, p. 15. Compare also the magical pig without ears or tail in the story of Diarmait and Gráinne (Preservation Society's edition, part ii, p. 42)—a story which, though extant only in a modern form, possesses many archaic features.

⁹ C. H. Burgess, *Folklore of the Santal Parganas* (London, 1909), p. 132. In the journal called *Discovery*, vol. xvii (1936), p. 185, there is an interesting paper by Capt. Wm. Hichens, entitled "Demon dances in E. Africa." The inhabitants of the neighbourhood of Mombasa and Zanzibar live in a life-long terror of many kinds of demons, and a hysterical "possession" by these beings is a frequent phenomenon. Among these demons there is a group of one-armed, one-legged and one-eyed spirits called *milhoi*, who are "of stealthy habits and great malevolence." The whole article, which includes details of the dances by which these evil influences are counteracted, is of extreme interest and suggestiveness: I must express by acknowledgments to Dr. F. H. Maberley for bringing it to my notice.

¹⁰ The games of children sometimes reproduce the serious pursuits of their elders of former generations, so it may be just worth while to remark in passing that I have seen, in Donegal, children amusing themselves by challenging one of their companions to repeat a rhyme or a jingle a certain number of times without drawing breath.

Fer Caille is there described in these terms:¹¹ a man with black cropped hair such that if a sack of crab-apples were poured on his head, they would all become transfixed thereon, so that not one would fall to the ground: with a single arm, a single eye, a single leg. If his snout were hooked across the branch of a tree it would stay there. Each of his shins [the author has for the moment forgotten that he had only one!] was as long and as thick as a yoke, his buttocks as big as a cheese. He had an iron forked pole in his hand, and a black-bristled singed pig on his back, perpetually squealing. His wife Cichuil (as the name is there spelt) was not any more prepossessing: she had a big mouth, and was great, black, doleful, and ugly; her snout also would hang on a branch, and she had an under-lip which hung down to her knee. These people meet king Conaire when on his way to the Hostel of Da Derga, and, fatally in opposition to a *tabu* laid on the king, they subsequently occupy an *imda* or cubicle in the Hostel, where they are seen and are once more described by the spy of the raiders as they come to attack the building.

With the description of Cichuil we may compare the details reported in Poem no. XXXIII, quatrain 3, of Lot, who, as we learn there, had "blubber lips in her breasts, and four eyes in her back." The actual wording of this unpleasant description is borrowed from another source, as is shown in the notes on the passage: but the borrowing would hardly have taken place if it had not appeared to be appropriate. It is suggestive that "Lot, Luam" occurs in the enumeration of Cessair's women; see ¶ 197 ante. Just as the single foot, hand, and eye help to identify Fer Caille with the Fomorian leaders, these details in the bisexual Lot help us to identify this being with the bisexual Cichuil.

I have no scientific knowledge of Teratology, so can only hope that I am right in supposing that these horrible monstrosities transcend the limits of physical possibility, and that as descriptions of human beings they are preposterous, not to say abominable. But a very slight experience of ethnological museums is enough to show that they would be nothing out of the way among the idols which Oceania, Egypt, India, and other centres contribute to such collections; and I take it that these descriptions are, in fact, actual records

¹¹ R.C., xxii, p. 41.

of certain grotesque carved idols. With this clue in hand we obtain immediately a new light on the Hostelry of Da Derga. It was essentially no hostelry; indeed no one in his senses would at any time of the world's history have established a hostelry with a river flowing *through* it, especially a river so liable to spates as the Dodder. But such a place is not at all improbable for the establishment of a worship-centre; we may compare *Tech Mairisen* at Tara, situated above the spring called Nemnaeh, and undoubtedly a sacred building of some kind. Such a building, on an elaborate scale, I take the House of Da Derga to have been. It was a sort of pantheon: its numerous "cubicles" were shrines, each with its idol; and the quaint creatures seen and described by the spy in the service of the raiders were the images which the shrines contained.

We may compare the *patriae portenta ipsa diabolica, pene numero vincentia Aegyptiaca, lineamentis deformibus uel toruis uultibus* which were still mouldering in British or Romano-British pagan sanctuaries when Gildas wrote his *Liber Querulus*. Indeed, if the interminable description of Da Derga's Hostel and of its contents, which this narrative contains, is not to be interpreted in some such way, it becomes a mere dreary piece of silliness such as might be written by a rather foolish schoolboy with a still raw and uncultured sense of humour. So interpreted, on the other hand, it immediately assumes an importance for the history of European culture second only to that possessed by the painted "chambers of imagery" in the Palæolithic caves.

No doubt the description has been written in an unsympathetic spirit. The inmates of the shrines, who are represented as spending their time in a variety of unmeaning tricks of jugglery and the like, are made absurd with evident intention. The author of the Da Derga story, in the form in which we have it, had no sympathy with the gods of his Pagan ancestors, and deliberately set himself to ridicule them. This to some extent detracts from the anthropological value of his record, while investing it with a certain historical value; but at least we can say for him what cannot be said for his colleague who, from the same standpoint, re-wrote the story of *The Second Battle of Moytura*; that he does not seriously transgress the limits of good taste. The latter

person mocked *In Dagda*, "the good god" of former times, with a ribaldry which an editor, not usually troubled with unscientific squeamishness, decided to be unprintable.¹²

It is quite reasonable to maintain that the person, or rather the object, which bore the name *Fer Caille*, "man of the wood," was a famous fetish, originally discovered in some wood or sacred grove; a chance freak of tree-growth, which, in the eyes of its discoverer, resembled a misshapen man, and which was on that account appropriated and deposited in the shrine, as possessing "big medicine."¹³

What then is the meaning of the contention of Partholon with these supernatural beings?

There seems to be very little room for doubt that the story is essentially a "ritual-pattern" narrative, analogous to those which recent research has identified in the ancient legends of Egyptian, Babylonian, Minoan, and other oriental centres, and which there is good reason to believe were universal. The primary needs of mankind are food and the continuation of the race: and endless experiments are tried, to make certain by magical means that Nature will not fail in her efforts to secure fertility in the fields, the stalls, and the human species. These vary in detail, but they conform to one general formula, which has been stated by Professor Hooke¹⁴ in the following terms:—

- (a) The dramatic representation of the death and resurrection of the god.
- (b) The recitation or symbolic representation of the myth of creation.
- (c) The ritual combat, in which the triumph of the god over his enemies was depicted.
- (d) The sacred marriage.
- (e) The triumphal procession, in which the king played the part of the god, followed by a train of lesser gods or visiting deities.

¹² *Revue Celtique*, xii, p. 86.

¹³ For suggestions as to the possibility of natural features in trees provoking cults of the kind, see L. Siret, "La dame de l'érable" (*L'Anthropologie*, xxx, p. 235). It is not irrelevant to recall the tree-stumps worked into grotesque god-figures which, as Lucan tells us, were to be seen in the sacred grove of Massilia (*Pharsalia*, iii, 412).

¹⁴ S. H. Hooke, *Myth and Ritual* (Oxford, 1933). See also Lord Raglan, *The Hero* (London, 1936).

This ritual is performed afresh each year, and so becomes familiar. It gradually crystallizes into a story, and the story becomes stereotyped by the perpetual repetition of the ritual and is fixed immovably in the popular memory. The essential fact which the ritual is meant to show forth is this: the god of the life-giving vegetation, incarnate in the king, dies with the winter, and is reborn in the springtime. It is impossible to trace out here all the evidence that extant Celtic literature supplies for the existence of such a ritual-pattern among the people to which that literature belongs: the rites at the inauguration of the King of Tara follow the oriental pattern with striking closeness. We must here confine ourselves to the Partholon story; and we shall have little difficulty in seeing that its apparent pointlessness vanishes, when we realize that in it, also, is the narrative of a fertility-ritual drama. It has suffered extreme deformation by arbitrary editorial manipulation; but most, if not all, of the component elements are still clearly recognizable.¹⁵

At this point it will be appropriate to cite a brief text, contained in a fragment bound into the MS. H. 4 22 (p. 37, col. 2) in the Library of Trinity College, Dublin (there is another, slightly variant, copy in the same library, in H. 3. 18, part I, p. 46):—

Mad ail a fis cid ara tainic Parrtalón as a tír féin, nī. Parrtalón do marb [a] athair 7 a mathair .i. Sru mac Praitimint meic Athachta meic Mághoice meic Iafet, ae iarraid rigi da derbrathair .i. Beosomus a ainm-side; 7 fa sine é na Parrtalon. Ro indarb Srú Parrtalon 7 gur loit he, eur ben a suil cle as 7 co roibe .iii. mbliadna for indarbad. Co tainic isin Bigin Gree, lucht luinge, eur loise tech for a athair 7 for a mathair, gur loisg iat a ndis, 7 do rat rigi da brathair. Ocus tainic fein co Heirinn ar teichim na fínghaile sin. Ocus is inand Sera isin berla Greeda “fínghalach” isin berla teibide. Is aire

¹⁵ The second element in the pattern—the creation-narrative—is not emphasized in the story as we have it. But it is there. A gloss in ¶ 247 traces the descent of the Nemedians from “Agla son of Partholon.” This person can hardly be other than the “Adna son of Bith” of whom we have already heard (§ III). Partholon, therefore = Bith, Cosmos, and takes his rightful place as a creator.

aderar Parrtalon mac Sera fris. Ocus for indarbad rucadh dis do clann Parrtaloin .i. Rudraige ⁊ Slainghe, conid aire sin tainie taimlecht forra ina fingail. Ba he tinne [*leg. truime*] in taimlichta: in cruth ina mbid gach fer dib ina suide no na sesam no na luige a ce, ⁊rl.

“Wouldst thou know wherefore Partholon came out of his own land, 'tis easy. Partholon slew his father and his mother, namely Sru s. Prament s. Athacht s. Magog s. Iafeth, seeking kingship for his brother, whose name was Beesomus, and he was his senior. Sru drave out Partholon and wounded him, and cut his left eye out from him: and he was seven years in exile. Then he came into Bigin (?) of the Greeks¹⁶ [with] a ship's crew, and burnt a house over his father and his mother, and burnt them together, and gave the kingship to his brother. He himself came to Ireland, fleeing that kin-murder. Now *Sera* means in the Greek language what “fingalach” (= parricide) means in the Chosen language [Goidelic]. That is why he is called Partholon son of Sera. In exile were two of the children of Partholon born, Rudraige and Slanga. Wherefore there came a plague upon him in kin-bloodguiltiness; such was the heaviness of that plague that in whatsoever attitude any man was, sitting, or standing, or lying down, he died,” etc.

The Egyptian version of the “pattern” story has certain points in common with the above narrative. Not to enter here into more than necessary details, Set, the enemy, slew Osiris, his brother, the king-god; Osiris was reborn as Horus, who avenged his father's murder upon Set, in which fight he, Horus, lost an eye; the eye was given to the dead Osiris to eat, and the latter was thereby equipped with a soul.¹⁷ It is not too much to say that from Ireland and from Egypt we appear to be listening to far-away echoes of one and the

¹⁶ The other MS., reads *asin mBethail Gregda*. It means the Micil or Sicil of the LG text.

¹⁷ See Budge, *Osiris and the Egyptian Resurrection*, vol. i, pp. 62 ff., for the full story. There are various versions of the fate of the eye: that here adopted will be found, *ibid.*, p. 82.

same primitive story, of sunrise and sunset, and of the death and re-birth of a god of vegetation. The tearing out of the eye appears to be connected with the creation or re-creation of the sun or of the moon¹⁸—with their death at setting and re-birth at rising.

The other details of the Irish narrative then drop into their place. Partholon, according to a glossator, is the same as Ith,¹⁹ who is the same as Topa; in other words, the dead king is re-born as these new personalities, just as Osiris is reborn as Horus. The ritual combat is very prominent, the hideous Fomorraig being the enemies with whom the vegetation-god has to contend. In one illuminating passage (§ 216) we are told that no one was killed in the combat, for it was a druidical battle: this is simply a more or less contemptuous way of saying that it was a religious ceremony which took the form of a sham fight.²⁰ The sacred marriage is conspicuous also, though it has degenerated into the unpleasant story of Topa (= Partholon) and Delgnat. That the advances are made in the first instance by Delgnat is entirely in keeping with the ordinary pattern. And the train of attendants of Partholon each of them the tutelary deity of this or that activity or accomplishment of a simple pastoral life, corresponds to the fifth element in the ritual, in which the king led a triumphal procession of his subordinates. Even the killing of the dog Saimer has its place in the pattern; it inevitably recalls the *κυνόφορτις*, which was part of the periodical ceremonies in honour of the Argive vegetation-daemon Linos.

The final plague we can safely brush aside as a mere editorial trimming. The synthesists had to get rid of the Partholonians somehow, in order to leave the stage clear for the Nemedians; and a plague was a convenient way of wiping out that population. But they have not been successful in concealing that a different story was told: or to be more accurate, the glossators, useful for once, have let the cat out of the bag. The god of vegetation must die under

¹⁸ See also Lord Raglan, *Jocasta's Crime*, pp. 142, 164.

¹⁹ For which we may now venture to write "(B)ith."

²⁰ On such ceremonies and their meaning, see H. J. Rose, "A suggested explanation of ritual combats," *Folklore*, xxxvi, p. 322.

the strokes of the winter-daemon, that he may be re-born in the springtime; and Partholon must therefore die of the venom of the wounds of Cíeul (§ 217, 220).

Van Hamel reminds us that there was a god Cicollos (so Thurneysen corrects the name) of whom several altars have been found in the department of Côte d'Or. He is there equated to Mars, which may mean anything or nothing. Whether this Continental god has or has not anything to do with Cíeul, we may presume that the actor who represented the latter personage in the drama danced or walked with some kind of limping gait, of which there is a reminiscence in the obscure adjective affixed to the invader's name in the LG story: and that he wore a grotesque mask, such as have been used all over the world from the Palæolithic period onward, in rites of this kind.

In the later texts, K gives yet another estimate of the length of time between the Flood and Partholon—278 years; Keating accepts the 300, and specifically rejects the 1002 of previous authorities. Kg brings him from Mygdonia, K from Grecian Sicily; both authorities relate the parricide story, but Kg makes it a little easier—though not on that account more authentic—by a slight change: that Partholon slew his parents, seeking the kingdom *from* (not *for*) his brother. K reduces the journey from "Aladacia" to Gothia from nine days to three, and dates the arrival at Inber Scene to Tuesday the 17th of an unspecified moon: Kg says 14th May. Kg gives Partholon a following of 1000; K specifies only the three sons, the ten daughters, and their respective wives and husbands. The retinue of culture-patrons is given much as in R²R³; we have Samaliliath in Kg, Malaliach in K. Both have Biobal and Babal, with slight differences of spelling. K "spreads himself" on the Topa-Delgnat incident; Kg abbreviates it, omitting the *retorics*, naming the erring attendant Todhga, and omitting Partholon's vengeance upon him. None of the LG texts know the Dindsenchas story (the importance of which is indicated in the notes below), that he was eaten by dogs and birds (MD, iv, 290). The Fomorian invasion is told very briefly; Kg, as already noted, makes the mistake of anticipating their landing by 200 years. The four "unorthodox" sons of Partholon are enumerated by Kg, not by K, along with their division of Ireland.

SECTION IV.

PARTHOLŌN.

First Redaction.

L 3 a 5: F 5 γ 16.

199. Ba fās trā ¹Hēriu † iarsain || fri rē trī ²chēt mblíadan † ³no dā dēce ar trī cētaib, *quod uerius est* ³|| conostoracht ⁴Partholōn mac Sera meic Srū. Is ē ⁵cēta rogab ⁶Hērinn iar ⁷ndilinn, Dia Mairt, for ⁸ceithre dēce ēsea, in Inbiur Scēne: ⁹† ūair fo thrī rogabad Hēriu a Hinbiur Scēine ||. ⁹ Do ¹⁰chlaind Magoth meic Iafēth ¹¹ē, † *ut dixi supra* ^(a)||: isin tsescatmad bliadain ¹¹ āisi Abrāim ¹²roghab Partholōn ¹³Hērinn.

200. ¹Cethur airech tānic Partholōn: .i. sē ²fēin, γ ³Laiglinne ⁴a mac, diatā Loch ³Laiglinne la ⁵Hū mac Cūais Breg: Slānga γ ⁶Rudraige, dā mac ⁷aile Parthalōin, diatā Sliab Slānga γ Loch ⁶Rudraige.⁸ In tan ro ⁹class a ĩert ⁶Rudraige ¹⁰is ¹¹and ro memaid in loch fo thīr.¹²

201. Secht ¹mblíadna do Partholōn ²in Hērind in tan ³atbath in cēt ĩer⁴ dia ⁵muntir, .i. Fea, diatā Mag Fea; ūair is ⁶and ro hadnacht, ⁷i m-Maig Fea.

199. ¹Er. iarsin ²cet ²⁻³om.: conastoracht ⁴L. usually abbreviates this name, stopping short before the second vowel: F prefers the spelling -thal- throughout. This may be said here once for all. ⁵cetna ⁶Erinn ⁷nilind ⁸.xuii changed sec. man. to .xiiii. ⁹⁻⁹om. F ¹⁰claind F ¹¹⁻¹¹do Parthalon autem γ .lx.agissimo aetatis Abram tenuit Parthalon Hiberniam, .i. insin .uii. bliadain ¹²rogab ¹³Erinn.

200. ¹ceatrar aireach tainic ²fen ³Laiglinde (bis) ⁴ins. .i.

199. Now Ireland was waste [thereafter], for a space of three hundred years, [or three hundred and twelve, *quod uerius est*] till Partholon s. Sera s. Sru came to it. He is the first who took Ireland after the Flood, on a Tuesday, on the fourteenth of the moon, in Inber Scene: [for three times was Ireland taken in Inber Scene]. Of the progeny of Magog son of Iafeth was he, [*ut dixi supra*]: in the sixtieth year of the age of Abraham, Partholon took Ireland.

200. Four chieftains strong came Partholon: himself, and Laiglinne his son, from whom is Loch Laiglinne in Ui mac Uais of Breg; Slanga and Rudraige, the two other sons of Partholon, from whom are Sliab Slanga and Loch Rudraige. When the grave of Rudraige was a-digging, the lake there burst forth over the land.

201. Seven years had Partholon in Ireland when the first man of his people died, to wit Fea, from whom is Mag Fea; for there was he buried, in Mag Fea.

⁵ Hua mac Uais ⁶ Rudraigi (*ter*) ⁷ *om.* aile ⁸ *ins.* i. is ann ro
hadnacht (*spelt meaninglessly* hadn·acht) ⁹ *clos a fert* ¹⁰ *ins.* 7 a adnacht
¹¹ ann dombeaid ¹² *ins.* in tan sin.

201. ¹ bliadna ² an Erinn ³ itbath ⁴ *ins.* atbath (*expuncted sec.*
man.) and *om.* dia ⁵ muintir ⁶ ann ⁷ imuig.

202. ¹Isin tres bliadain ²iarsain, cēt ³chath Hērenn, ro ⁴briss Partholon i Slemnaib ⁵Maige Ītha for ⁶Cichol nGricenchos d'Fhomōrchaib: ⁶ γ^(a) fir con ⁷ōen-lāmāib γ con ōen-chossaib ro fersat friss ⁸in cath.

203. Secht ¹loch-thomadmand in ²Hērind in amsir ³Parthalōin; ⁴i. Loch ⁵Laglinne la ⁶U mac Cūais Breg, Loch Cūān γ Loch ⁷Rudraige la Hultu, Loch ⁸nDechet ⁹γ Loch Mese γ ¹⁰Loch Con la ¹¹Connachta, ¹²γ Loch ¹³nEchtra la ¹⁴Airgialla; ār nī fuair ¹⁵Partholōn ar a cind ¹⁶in Hērind acht trī locha γ nōi n-aibne, i. Loch ¹⁷Fordremain i ¹⁸Slēib Mis ¹⁹γ Loch ²⁰Lumnig fo ²¹Thīr Find, Loch Cera in ²²Irrus; ²³Aband Lifi ²⁴γ ²⁵Luī ²⁴γ ²⁶Muad γ ²⁷Slieceh γ ²⁸Samāir forsatā ²⁹Es Rūaid, Find γ ³⁰Modorn, ³¹Buas γ Banna ³²etir Lē γ Elle. ³³Cethri bliadna ³⁴ria n-ēc Partholōin, tomaidm ³⁵Brēnai fo thīr.

204. Ro slechta ¹cethri maige la Partholōn in ²Hērind: Mag nītha la ³Laigniu, Mag Tuired la ⁴Connachta, Mag Lī la Hū ⁵mac Cūais, Mag ⁶Ladrاند la Dāl ⁷Araide. Ar nī ⁸fuair Partholon ar ⁹a ¹⁰chind ¹¹in Hērind acht ¹²ōen-magh, i. sēn-mag ¹³nEtair. Is aire atberar sēnmag dē, ar nīr ās frem nā flesc feda¹³ trīt rīam.

202. ¹isan ²iarsin ³caath (*dittography due to change of line*) Erenn ⁴bris ⁵Muigi Hitha ⁶⁻⁶Cichar nGlicareosach domorchaib ⁷aencosaib γ con aenlamaib ro fersad fris ⁸om. in cath: *ins.* i. demna irachtaib daine do fersad fris.

203. ¹lochmadmanna ²Erinn ³Partal- ⁴om. i. ⁵Laiglindi ⁶Hu mac Uais ⁷Rudraigi ⁸Tecid ⁹γ Loch nEchtra L (*om.* γ Loch Mesc) ¹⁰γ Loch Con *om. and ins.* oL ¹¹Conachta F ¹²om. γ ¹³nEctra ¹⁴Hairgiallu ¹⁵Partalon ¹⁶an Erinn ¹⁷Fordremain (*the first r ye*) ¹⁸Sliab Mis la Mumain ¹⁹om. γ ²⁰Luimnig ²¹Tir F: *written* fo thir. Findloch Cera, L ²²Irrass ²³abann ²⁴om. γ (*bis*) ²⁵Lai ²⁶Muaid ²⁷Slicach ²⁸Samer ²⁹Ess ³⁰Modarnn ³¹ins. γ ³²itir ³³ceitri ³⁴re nech (*sic*) Partal. ³⁵Brena.

202. In the third year thereafter, the first battle of Ireland, which Partholon won in Slemna of Mag Itha against Cichol Clapperleg of the Fomoraig. Men with single arms and single legs they were, who joined the battle with him.

203. There were seven lake-bursts in Ireland in the time of Partholon: Loch Laiglinne in Ui mac Uais of Breg, Loch Cuan and Loch Rudraige in Ulaid, Loch Dechet and Loch Mese and Loch Con in Connachta, and Loch Echtra in Airgialla; for Partholon did not find more than three lakes and nine rivers in Ireland before him—Loch Fordremain in Sliab Mis <of Mumu>,^(b) Loch Lunnig on Tir Find, Loch Cera in Irrus; Aba Life, Lui, Muad, Slicech, Samer (upon which is Ess Ruaid) Find, Modorn, Buas, and Banna between Le and Elle. Four years before the death of Partholon, the burst of Brena over the land.

204. Four plains were cleared by Partholon in Ireland: Mag Itha in Laigen, Mag Tuired in Connachta, Mag Li in Ui mac Uais, Mag Ladrind in Dal nAraide. For Partholon found not more than one plain in Ireland before him, the Old Plain [of Elta] of Edar. This is why it is called the "Old Plain" for never did branch or twig of a wood grow through it.

204. ¹ cetri muigi ² Erinn ³ Laigni, Mag Tuirid ⁴ Conachta

⁵ macc Uais Breg ⁶ Laitrain (written $\mathcal{L}a\dot{i}r\dot{a}\dot{i}n$, the superposed α *yc* F)
⁷ nAraid ⁸ uair ⁹ *om. a* ¹⁰ cind ¹¹ an Erinn ¹² *om. oen-magh .i.*
¹³⁻¹⁴ Elta Etaire do muigib, is ann sen do had-(c)-nact Parthalon. Is airi
 itberar sen-mag do-sen, ar ni do ass premb na flesc edha.

(a) γ is presumably miswritten for *i*.

(b) "Of Mumu" ins. in F.

(c) End of page here: in the lower margin there is a graffito in Ogham letters, partly defaced and unintelligible (apparently cryptical). This does not appear to have anything to do with the text.

205. ¹Ocus is ²and-side atbath Partholōn, ³i. cōie ⁴mīle fer ⁊ ceitre ⁴mīle ban, do ⁵thām sechtmaine ⁶i callann Māi. Dia ⁷Lūain rosgab ⁸tām, ⁊ ⁹rosmarb in ¹⁰tām ¹¹ule, acht ¹²ōen-fer ¹³tantum — i. Tūān mac ¹⁴Stairnn meic Sera meic brāthar Partholōin: ocus ¹⁵rondelb Dīa ¹⁶i r-richtaib¹⁷ imdaib, ⁊ ro mair in ¹⁸t-ōenfer sain ¹⁹ō ¹⁹amsir Partholōin co ²⁰hamsir Finnēn ⁊ Coluim Cille: ²¹condecaid dōib Gabāla ²²Hērenn ²³ō ²³amsir Chesra, ²⁴cēta ragab, cosin ²⁵n-amsir sin. Ocus is ē sin Tūān mac Cairill meic ²⁶Muridaig Mundeirg.²⁷ Is dō ²⁸sin ro ²⁹chan in sūi senchasa in lāid-se sīs—

A chōemu clāir Cuind cōem-īind . . .

206. Ceitri meic Parthaloin ro cet-rainsid Erind ar tus, i. Aer, Orba, Fergna, Feron. Robadar cetrar a com-anmand sin ag macaib Miled, ⁊ ni hiad fein. Ota [Ath] Cliath Laigin co Hailach Neid, is i rauid Aer sin. Ota Ath Cliath co Hailan Arda Nemid, rauid Orba sin. Ota in Ailach co Ath Cliath Mēdraigi, rauid Feroin insin. Ota in Ath Cliath (*sic*) sin co Hailach Net, rauid Fergna insin. Conad anlaid sin ro cet-rainaid Erinn.

207. Bai ie Parthalon in cethar dam, is e sin buar Erenn. Ba dia daim Brega mac Senbotha ea n-ernnad tech ⁊ feoi ⁊ comræ aenfir ar tus an Erinn. Ba dia daim Samailiath, ea ndernnad ol corma ⁊ rathaigecht ar tus an Erinn. Ba dia daim Beoir, ea nernad tech n-aigidh ar tus Erinn. Amail isbert in file,

Ro bo maith in muintir mōr . . .

Do t-inrab Parthaloin inso ebus (*sic*)—

Partholōn can as tāinic . . .

Is iad sin tra sceala na cet gabala Erenn iar ndilind.

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205. ¹om. ⁊ ²ansin adbath ³om. i. coie L ⁴mīli (*bis*)
⁵tam ⁶hi ⁷Luann ⁸ins. in ⁹dosmairb F: rosmarb uile in tam
ale acht L ¹⁰tamh ¹¹om. ule ¹²aen- ¹³om. ¹⁴sic F Starn L
¹⁵om. -n- ¹⁶arichtaib ¹⁷ins. in amsiraib ¹⁸taenfer sin ¹⁹amsir
²⁰amsir Finnain Muigi Bili co Colam Cille ²¹coneccaid ²²Erenn

205. And it is there that Partholon died, five thousand men and four thousand women, of a week's plague on the kalends of May. On a Monday plague took them, and the plague killed them all except one man *tantum*—Tuan son of Starn son of Sera nephew of Partholon: and God fashioned him in many forms, and that man survived alone from the time of Partholon to the time of Findian and of Colum Cille. So he narrated to them the Takings of Ireland from the time of Cessair, the first who took, to that time. And that is Tuan son of Cairell son Muiredach Muinderg. Of him the history-sage sang the following song—

Poem no. XXX.

206. It was the four sons of Partholon who made the first division of Ireland in the beginning, Er, Orba, Fergna, Feron. There were four men, namesakes to them, among the sons of Mil, but they were not the same. From Ath Cliath of Laigen to Ailech Neit, is the division of Er. From Ath Cliath to the island of Ard Nenuid, is the division of Orba. From Ailech to Ath Cliath of Medraige, is the division of Feron. From that Ath Cliath to Ailech Neit, is the division of Fergna. So that in that manner they first divided Ireland.

207. Partholon had the four oxen, that is the first cattle of Ireland. Of his company was Brea son of Senboth, by whom were a house, a flesh [cauldron], and duelling first made in Ireland. Of his company was Samailiath, by whom were ale-drinking and suretyship first made in Ireland. Of his company was Beoir, by whom a guesthouse was first made in Ireland. As the poet saith

Poem no. XXXI.

Further of the voyaging of Partholon—

Poem no. XXXII.

So those are the tidings of the first Taking of Ireland after the Flood.

²³ aimsir Cessrach ²⁴ cetna rogab Er. ²⁵ om. prefixed n- ²⁶ Muiridaig
²⁷ ins. do Hulltaibh ²⁸ om. sin ²⁹ can in senchaid in duan so.

206. This † in F only.

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