

## PLUMMER

- 1851 (24 Jan.) Birth of Charles Plummer (11 Dec. Birth of Heinrich Zimmer)
- 1869 Elected a Scholar of CCC
- 1873 1<sup>st</sup> in Lit. Hum. (Classics, Ancient History, Philosophy) 1873; elected an (Ordinary, i.e. Life) Fellow of CCC
- 1877 (20 Feb.) John Rhÿs elected to the Chair of Celtic at Oxford.
- 1881 Zimmer appointed Professor of Sanskrit and Comparative Grammar at Greifswald
- 1884 Jesus College MS 279–81, Plummer Notebooks  
279: Irish Grammar I: Notes from Heinrich Zimmer’s lectures, Greifswald, summer term 1884: Old Irish consonants; Old Irish vowels; Old Irish verb. Irish Grammar I is largely on the consonants.  
280: Irish Grammar II. Old Irish Vowels. Old Irish Conjugation  
281: Irish grammar III. A few loose leaves. Notes on the copula (called ‘The Substantive verb  $\sqrt{\text{as}}$ .’ ‘On all this cf. Zimmer K[eltische]. S[tudien]. II. 133. n.’  
Then back to the present stems of strong verbs (in IE rather than specifically in Old Irish).  
*Comthoth Lógairi co Cretim 7 a Aided*, LU 293–5; ed. C. Plummer, RC 6 (1884), 162–72.
- 1885 Sir John Fortescue, *The Governance of England*, ed. C. Plummer (1885)  
C. Plummer, *Elizabethan Oxford*, Oxford Historical Society (1887)
- 1892, 1899 *Two of the Saxon Chronicles Parallel*, i, *Text* (1892), ii, *Notes and Index* (1899), ed. Plummer (‘On the Basis of an Edition by John Earle’)
- 1896 *Venerabilis Baedae Opera Historica*
- 1902 Plummer, *The Life and Times of Alfred the Great, Being the Ford Lectures for 1901* (Oxford)  
Plummer begins working towards *Vitae Sanctorum Hiberniae* by reading the Bollandist edition of the Salmanticensis collection.
- 1910 *Vitae Sanctorum Hiberniae*, ed. C. Plummer, 2 vols. (Oxford)  
Plummer, ‘Cáin Éimíne Báin’, *Ériu* 4 (1910) 39–46.  
Zimmer died 27 July  
Began working through the *Ancient Laws of Ireland*
- 1914 ‘Vie et miracles de S. Laurent, archevêque de Dublin’, ed. Plummer, *Analecta Bollandiana*, 33 (1914), 121–82.
- 1916–28 ‘Notes on Some Passages in the Brehon Laws, I’, *Ériu* 7 (1916) 127–32; II, *Ériu* 9 (1921–23) 31–42; III, *Ériu* 9, 109–117; IV, *Ériu* 10 (1926–28) 113–29.
- By 1921, Plummer had been lent a copy of the O’Donovan and O’Curry Transcripts.

- 1922 *Bethada Náem nÉirenn: Lives of Irish Saints*, ed. and trans. Plummer, 2 vols. (Oxford).
- 1923 'On the Meaning of Ogam Stones', *Revue Celtique*, 40 (1923) 387–90.
- 1925 *Irish Litanies: Text and Translation*, ed. Plummer, Henry Bradshaw Society 52 (for 1924).  
*Miscellanea Hagiographica Hibernica*, Société des Bollandistes, Subsidia Hagiographica, 15 (Brussels).
- 1927 (8 Sept.) Death of Plummer.
- 1928 Plummer, 'On the Fragmentary State of the Text of the Brehon Laws', *Zeitschrift für celtische Philologie* 17, (1928) 157–68.
- P. S. Allen, 'Charles Plummer, 24 Jan. 1851 to 8 Sept. 1927', *Proceedings of the British Academy*, 15 (1929), 463–76 [Allen: 463–7; F. M. Stenton, 467–9; R. I. Best, 469–74, with bibliog. 474–6.]

(Eduard) RUDOLF THURNEYSSEN. 14.iii.1857 – 9.viii.1940

- 1857 Born at Basel the youngest of four (mother's father Professor of Natural Sciences)
- 1875–76 Studied mainly Romance languages at Basel (teachers included Burckhardt and Nietzsche).
- 1876–8 Worked on Romance philology but increasingly on Indo-European at Leipzig.
- 1878 First studied Celtic at Leipzig in a class by Ernst Windisch on Old-Irish grammar.
- 1887–1913 Full Professor of Comparative Linguistics at Freiburg-im-Breisgau
- 1909 *Handbuch des Altirischen*
- 1912, 1913 *Zu irischen Handschriften und Literaturdenkmälern*, i (1912), and ii (1913).
- 1913 Professor of Indo-European linguistics at Bonn
- 1921 *Die irische Helden- und Königsage bis zum siebzehnten Jahrhundert*
- 1920 Josef Partsch moved to Bonn as Professor of Law (mainly Greek and Roman). Thurneysen and Partsch began a series of weekly meetings to study early Irish Law.
- 1923–36 Series of publications on early Irish law:
- 1923 Edition of *Cáin Aicillne* (on 'base clientship')
- 1924 *Cáin Shóerrath* (on 'free clientship'). By this date, the National Library of Ireland had lent Thurneysen the O'Donovan and O'Curry Transcripts: *ZCP* xv. 276)  
*Gúbretha Caratniad* ('The False Judgements of Caratnia')
- 1925 Death of Josef Partsch
- 1926 'On previous editions of Irish Law', *ZCP* xvi (1926), 167–230.  
*Cóic Conara Fugill* ('The Five Paths to Judgement')

- 1928 *Die Bürgschaft im irischen Recht* ('Suretyship in Irish Law')
- 1931 *Dire* Tract (honour-price); Tract on the *Fuidir* (Semi-free class)  
*Senchas Mār: Facsimile of the Oldest Fragments from MS. H. 2. 15 in the Library of Trinity College*, ed. R. I. Best and R. Thurneysen, Irish Manuscripts Commission: Facsimiles in Collotype of Irish Manuscripts, 1 (Dublin, 1931).
- 1936 *Cáin Lánamna* ('Regulation of Full Twinning', mainly on sexual unions, in *Studies in Early Irish Law*, the outcome of a seminar in the RIA in 1929)
- 1940 (9.viii) Died at Bonn.

#### BINCHY

- 1899 (3 June) Born at Charleville, Co. Cork, one of four surviving children.
- 1910–1916 Clongowes
- 1917–1920 UCD (Law and Politics)
- 1919–1920 Auditor of the Literary and Historical Society
- 1920–1921 MA in Modern Irish History
- 1921–1924 Doctoral studies in Munich as Travelling Student
- 1924 Appointed Professor of Roman Law, Jurisprudence, and Legal History, UCD
- 1924–1925 École des Chartes, Paris, where he met Paul Vinogradoff
- 1925–1929 Studied Irish with Bergin
- 1929–1932 Irish Minister Plenipotentiary in Berlin (able to consult Thurneysen) on leave from UCD
- 1934 *Bretha Crólige* (Judgements on 'Blood-lying') with 'Sick-Maintenance in Irish Law'
- 1941 *Críth Gablach* (on the hierarchy of status of the free Irish laity)  
*Church and State in Fascist Italy* (OUP for Chatham House)
- 1943 'The Linguistic and Historical Value of the Irish Law Tracts', *Proceedings of the British Academy*, 29 (1943), 195–227.
- 1946 19 January 1946. Meeting of Governing Body, Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

VII. It was agreed that, in view of his distinguished work in legal and historical studies, and in order to enable him to prosecute those studies in the manner proposed by him below, Mr D. A. Binchy, Professor of Jurisprudence and Legal History at University College Dublin, be appointed to a Senior Research Fellowship of £1000 per annum, subject to the provisions laid down in the Statutes, for a period of seven years from 1<sup>st</sup> October 1946, on the understanding that he shall vacate the Fellowship in the event of his ceasing to undertake the work proposed below or accepting a post inconsistent with such work; and on the further understanding that the Trustees of the Emily Thomas Trust consent to bear the expense.

Mr Binchy proposes:—

1) a continuation of his researches on Celtic law, with a view to producing eventually:– a) a standard edition of the Irish legal material, based on all the extant manuscripts, in effect a “Corpus Iuris Hibernici”; b) a general study of Celtic law (Welsh and Irish) within the framework of Indo-European Institutions.

2) a general study of the development of the Modernist movement within the Roman Catholic Church, seen in perspective against the political, ecclesiastical and spiritual background of our time.

It was agreed to postpone the announcement of his election for such time as will enable Mr Binchy to complete his arrangements in Ireland.

- 1954 ‘Secular Institutions’, in *Early Irish Society*, ed. M. Dillon, 52–64.
- 1955 ‘Irish Law Tracts Re-edited. 1. *Coibnes Uisci Thairidne*  
‘Bretha Nemed’
- 1956 ‘Some Celtic Legal Terms’
- 1960 ‘Linguistic and Legal Archaisms in the Celtic Law-Books’
- 1962 ‘Patrick and his Biographers: Ancient and Modern’, *Studia Hibernica*, 2 (1962), 7–173.
- 1966 *Bretha Déin Chécht*, ‘The Judgements of Dían Cécht’, on compensation for physical injuries.
- 1970 *Celtic and Anglo-Saxon Kingship* (Oxford, 1970).  
‘Celtic Suretyship, A Fossilized Indo-European Institution?’
- 1973 ‘Distrain in Irish Law’, *Celtica*, 10 (1973), 22–71.
- 1978 *Corpus Iuris Hibernici*, 6 vols.
- 1989 (4 May) Died.