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DCLXXXI. Petwar ugeint mlyned a whechant¹ [ac vn] oed oet Crist pan vu yuarolyaeth uaor drwy holl ynyss Prydein. ² Ac o dechreu byt hyt yna yd oed blwydyn eissieu o petwar ugeint mlyned ac 6yth cant a phum mil.'

Ac yny vlydyn honno y bu uar6 Kadwalladur uendig-eit uab Kadwalla6n uab Catuan brenhin y Brytanyeit yn Rufein y deudecuet dyd o Vei; megys y proffwyd-assei Vyrdin kyn no hynny 6rth 6rtheyrn g6rtheneu: ac o hynny allan y colles y Brytanyeit goron y teyrnas ac yd ennillad y Saeson hi.

DCLXXXIII. Ac yn ol Kadwalladur y gôledycha6d Iuor uab Alan vrenhin Llyda6, yr honn a elwir Brytaen uechan; ac nyt megys brenhin namyn megys pennaeth neu tywyssâbc. A h6nn6 agynhellis llywodraeth ar y Brytanyeit 6yth mlyned a deugein, ac yna y bu uar6. Ac yny ol ynteu y gôledycha6d Rodri Mael6yna6c.

DCLXXXV. Ac yn oes h6nn6¹ [a dwy vlyned wedy hynny] y bu uarolyaeth yn I6erdon.

DCLXXXVII. Ac yna¹ [b⁸'r vlydyn nessaf y honno] y cryna6d y dayar yn c⁴ Llyda6.

^{a/4} Ac yn yr eil vlydyn gwed6 d6uot Iuor yr ynyss honn,

^{b/4} petwyr6d vlydyn gwed6 d6uot Ivor yr ynyss honn, ^{c⁴} Manaw.

¹ C.

| ² Not in C.

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681. Six hundred and eighty¹ one was the year of Christ, when the great mortality took place through the whole island of Britain.² And from the beginning of the world until that period one year was wanting of five thousand eight hundred and eighty years.³

And in that year Cadwalader the Blessed, son of Cadwallon, son of Cadvan, king of the Britons, died at Rome, on the twelfth day of May; as Myrddin had previously prophesied to Vortigern of Repulsive Lips; and thenceforth the Britons lost the crown of the kingdom, and the Saxons gained it.

683. And after Cadwalader, Ivor, son of Alan, king of Armorica, which is called Little Britain, reigned; not as a king, but as a chief or prince. And he exercised government over the Britons for forty-eight years, and then died. And after him Rhodri Molwynog reigned.

685. And in his time^a two years subsequently,⁴ there was a mortality in Ireland.

687. And then,^b the year following,⁵ there was an earthquake in^c Armorica.

^a/⁴ And in the second year after Ivor came to this island,

^b/⁴ the fourth year after Ivor came to this island,

^c/⁴ Man.

³ In MS. ar, and the.

| D. E.

DCLXXXVIII. Ac yna ¹ [a pedeir blyned wedy hynny] y bu y glaū gwaet yn ynys Prydein ac Iwerdon.

DCXC. ² Deg mlyned a phedwar ugein a whechant oed oet Crist yna,³ ac yna yd ymchoelaōd y llaeth ar emenyn yn waet.

DCXCII. ³ [Dwy vlyned wedy hynny] ar lleuat aymchoelaōd yn waetaol liō.

DCCIV. ¹ [Pedeir blyned a] seith cant mlyned oed oet Crist pan vuuarō ⁴ Elffryt brenhin y Saeson, ¹ [ac y kladpwyd yn Damnan.]

⁵ DCCX. ^b Deg mlyned a seithgant oed oet Crist' pan vu varō Pipin vóyaf brenhin Ffreinc. Ac yna kyn oleuet oed y nos ar dyd.

DCCXVI. Ac yna ¹ [blwydyn wedy hynny] y bu uarō ⁶ Osbric brenhin y Saeson.

DCCXVII. Ac ¹ [blwydyn wedy hynny] y kyssegrōyt eglōys Lan Vihaggel.

DCCXX. Vgein mlyned a seithcant oed oet Crist pan vu yr haf tessaōc.

DCCXXI. Ac yna ¹ [blwydyn wedy hynny] y bu uarō Beli uab Elfin. Ac y bu vrōydyr ⁷ Heilin ⁸ [a Rhodri Malwŷnawc] Ygkernyō, a gōeit ⁹ Gōarchmaelaōc, achat Pen ¹⁰ Coet yn Eheubarth. Ac yn y teir brōydyr hynny y gorutu y Brytanyeit.

DCCXXVIII. ^c Deg mlyned ar hugeint a seith cant oed oet Crist, pan vu vrōydyr ym mynyd Carn.

DCCXXXV. ^d Deugeint mlyned' a seith cant oed oet Crist pan uu varō Beda offeirat.

^a ¹¹ blwŷdŷn gwedŷ hŷnnŷ

^b ¹² Blwydyn wedy hynny

^c ¹² Dwy vlyned wedy hynny

^d ¹² Pymthec mlyned arhugeint

¹ C.

² Not in C.D.E.

³ C.D.E.

⁴ Elfric, C. Elfricus, D.E.

⁵ DCCVIII. D.

⁶ Osbrit, D.E.

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688. And then, ^a¹¹ four years after that,' it rained blood in the island of Britain, and in Ireland.

690. ^b¹² Six hundred and ninety was then the year of Christ,' and then the milk and butter turned to blood.

692. ^c¹³ Two years after that,' and the moon turned of a bloody colour.

704. ^d¹⁴ Four years and' seven hundred was the year of Christ, when ^e'Elfryt, king of the Saxons, died, ^fand was buried at Damnau.'

710. Seven hundred and ten was the year of Christ,' when Pepin the Elder, king of France, died. And then the night was as light as day.

716. And then, ^g¹⁵ a year after that,' ^hOsbric, king of the Saxons, died.

717. And, ⁱ¹⁶ a year after that,' the church of St. Michael was consecrated.

720. Seven hundred and twenty was the year of Christ, when the hot summer happened.

721. And then, ^j¹⁷ a year after that,' Beli, son of Elfin, died. And the battle of ^k'Heilin, ^lwith Rhodri Molwynog,' took place in Cornwall; and the action of Garthmaelog, and the fight of Pencoed in South Wales. And in those three battles the Britons were victorious.

728. ^m¹⁸ Seven hundred and thirty was the year of Christ,' when there was a battle on Carn mountain.

735. Seven hundred and ⁿ¹⁹forty' was the year of Christ, when Bede the priest died.

^a¹¹ A year after that

^b¹² A year after that

^c¹³ Two years after that

^d¹⁴ Thirty-five years

⁷ Heil, D. Huail; E. Not in C.

¹⁰ Kwn, C.
¹¹ D. E.

⁸ Garthmaelawc, C. D. E.

¹⁰ Kwn, C.

¹¹ D. E.

¹² C.

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DCCXXXVI. Ac yna ¹[blwydyn wedy hynny] y bu uarō Owein brenhin y Picteit.

DCCL. Deg mlyned a deugeint a seith cant oed oet Crist pan vu y vr̄ydyr r̄wg y Brytanyeit ar Picteit yg ḡeith ²Maesydawc, ac y lladaōd y Brytanyeit Tal-argan brenhin y Picteit. Ac yna y bu uarō Teudor uab Beli.

DCCLIV. Ac ¹[pedeir blyned wedy hynny] y bu uarō Rodri ³[Maelwŷnawc] brenhin y Brytanyeit;

DCCLVII. Ac ¹[teir blyned wedy hynny] Etbalt brenhin y Saeson.

DCCLX. Trugein mlyned a seith cant oed oet Crist pan vu br̄ydyr y r̄wg y Brytanyeit ar Saeson yg ḡeith Henfford. Ac y bu uarō Difynwäl uab Tewdor.

DCCLXVIII. ^aDeg mlyned a thrugein a seith cant oed oet Crist' pan symudōyt Pasc y Brytanyeit dr̄y orchymyn Elbot ḡor y Duō.

DCCLXXIII. ¹[Teir blyned ardec athrugein a seith gant oed oed Krist,] ac yna y bu uarō ⁴Ffernual uab Idwal ⁵[iwrch].

DCCLXXIV. ⁶[Blwydyn wedi hynny y bu varw Kymoid vrenhin y Picteid,]

DCCLXXV. A Chubert abat ⁶[y vlwydyn nessaf wedy hynny].

DCCLXXVI. Ac yna ¹[y vlwydyn nessaf y honno] ^bby bu distryō y Deheubarthwyr gan Offa vrenhin.'

^{a'} ⁷ Wyth mlyned wedy hynny,

^{b'} ⁸ gw̄r Debeubarth Kŷmre a diffeithassant yr ynys hŷd ar Offa brenhin Mers.

¹ C.

² Mictouc, C. Metgetawc, D.
Magedawe, E.

³ D. E.

⁴ Ffermael, D. E.

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736. And then,¹ a year after that,' Owain, king of the Picts, died.

750. Seven hundred and fifty was the year of Christ, when the battle between the Britons and Picts took place, to wit, the action of ² Maesydog, and the Britons killed Talargan, king of the Picts. And then Tewdwr, son of Beli, died.

754. And, ¹ four years after that,' Rhodri ³ Molwynog, king of the Britons, died;

757. And, ¹ three years after that,' Edbalt, king of the Saxons.

760. Seven hundred and sixty was the year of Christ, when a battle between the Britons and Saxons took place, to wit, the action of Hereford. And Dyvnwal, son of Tewdwr, died.

768. ^aSeven hundred and seventy was the year of Christ,' when the Easter of the Britons was altered by the command of Elbod, a man of God.

773. ¹Seven hundred and seventy-three was the year of Christ,' and then ⁴ Fernvail, son of Idwal ⁵the Roe,' died.

774. ⁶A year after that Cemoyd, king of the Picts, died;

775. And abbot Cubert, ⁶the next year after that.'

776. And then, ¹the next year to that,' ^bthe destruction of the South Wales men by king Offa took place.'

^a/⁷ Eight years after that,

^b/⁸ the men of the South part of Wales devastated the island as far as Offa, king of Mercia.

⁵ E.

⁶ C. D. E.

⁷ C.

⁸ D.

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DCCLXXXIV. ^a Pedwar ugein mlyned a seith cant oed oet Crist pan diffeithaōd Offa vrenhin y Brytanyeit yn amser haf'

DCCXCV. ^b Deg' mlyned a phedōar ugein a seith cant oed oet Crist pan deuth y Paganyeit gyntaf y Iwerdon, ¹ [ac y distrywyd Rechrenn.]

DCCXCVI. Ac ² [blwydyn wedy hynny] y bu uarō Offa vrenhin; a Maredudd brenhin Dyfet ^c ac y bu' vr̄ydyr yn Rudlan.

DCCXCVIII. ^d Wyth cant mlyned oed oet Crist' pan ladaōd y Saeson Garadaōc brenhin Ḡwyned.

DCCCVII. ² [Seith mlyned ac wythgant oed oed Krist,] ac yna y bu uarō Arthen vrenhin Keredigyaōn. Ac y bu diffyc ar yr heul.

DCCCVIII. Ac ² [blwydyn wedy hynny] y bu uarō Rei vrenhin ¹ [Dyued] a Chadell brenhin Powys.

DCCCIX. Ac ² [blwydyn wedy hynny y bu varw] Elbot archescob Ḡwyned.

DCCCX. Deg mlyned ac 6yth cant oed oet Crist pan duād y lleuat duō Nadolyc. Ac y lloscet Mynyō.

^{a/3} Teir blyned wedy hynny yr haf y distrywyd y Brytannyeid gyd ac Offa.

⁴ Yr haf y diffeithws y Kymre k̄yuoeth Offa, ac yna y peris Offa gwneuthur clawd yn deruŷn rŷng-thaw a Chymre ual y bei haws ydaw gwrtnebu y ruthyr y elynion, a hwnnw a elwit glawd Offa y'r hynný hŷd hedýw.⁵ Ac ef y sydd yn estynnv or mor yr llall nid amgen or dehev yn emyl Brvsto tv ar gogledd gorvwch y Fflint y rwng mynachloc ddinas Basing a mynydd y Glo.'

^{b/6} Pump ^{c/6} yny

^{d/6} Dwy vlyned wedy hynny,

¹ C.D.E.

² C.

³ C.

⁴ D.E.

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784. ^a Seven hundred and eighty was the year of Christ, when king Offa spoiled the Britons in summer time.'

795. Seven hundred and ninety was the year of Christ, when the Pagans first came to Ireland, 'and Racline was destroyed.'

796. And, ² a year after that, king Offa died; and Maredudd, king of Dyved; ^c and a' battle took place at Ruddlan.

798. ^d Eight hundred was the year of Christ,' when
the Saxons killed Caradog, king of Gwynedd.

807. ²Eight hundred and seven was the year of Christ,' and then Arthen, king of Ceredigion, died. And there was an eclipse of the sun.

808. And, ² a year after that, Rein, king of ¹Dyved, died; and Cadell, king of Powys.

809. And, ² a year after that, died Elbod, archbishop of Gwynedd.

810. Eight hundred and ten was the year of Christ, when the moon turned black on Christmas day; and

^{a/3} Three years after that, in the summer, the Britons were destroyed with Offa.

⁴ In the summer the Welsh devastated the territory of Offa, and then Offa caused a dike to be made, as a boundary between him and Wales, to enable him the more easily to withstand the attack of his enemies, and that is called Offa's dike from that time to this day.⁵ And it extends from one sea to the other, from the south, near Bristol, to the north, above Flint, between the monastery of Basingwerk and Coleshill.

d' 6 Two years after that,

3' E.

6 C.

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Ac y bu uarōlyaeth ¹ [ar] yr anifeileit ^a ar hyt ynys Prydein.²

DCCCXLI. Ac ¹ [blwydyn wedy hynny] y bu uarō Owein uab Maredud. Ac y lloscet Deganwy o tan myllt.

DCCCXII. Ac ¹ [blwydyn wedi hynny] y bu vrōydr y rōg Howel a Chynan, a Howel aoruu.

DCCCXV. Ac yna ¹ [teir blyned wedi hynny] y bu daran uaōr ac y gōnaeth llawer o loscuae. Ac y bu uarō ² Tryffin uab ³ Rein. Ac y llas Griffri uab Kyn-gen ⁴ [ap Kadell] o dōyll Elisso y uraōt. Ac y goruu Howel o ynys Uon. Ac y gyrraōd Gynan y uraōt o Von ymeith y gan lad llawer oe lu.

DCCCXVII. Ac ¹ [dwyl vlyned wedy hynny] ^b eilweith y gyrrōyt Howel o Von.⁵ Ac y bu uarō ⁵ Kynon urenhin ⁶ [Gwyned]. Ac y diffeithaōd y Saeson myn-yded Eryri, ac y dugant urenhinyaeth Rywynaōc.

DCCCXVIII. Ac ¹ [blwydyn wedy hynny] y bu ⁷ [ŷmlad yn Mon, yr hwn a elwit] weith Llan uaes.

DCCCXIX. Ac ¹ [blwydyn wedy hynny] y diffeithaōd Genōlf brenhinyaetheu Dyfet.

DCCCXXIII. ¹ [Teir blyned ar] ugein mlyned ac 6yth cant oed oet Crist pan distrywyd castell Deganwy gan y Saeson. Ac yna y duc y Saeson urenhinyaeth Powys yn eu medyant.

DCCCXXV. Ac ¹ [dwyl vlyned wedy hynny] y bu uarō Hotel, ⁷ [brenhin Manaw.]

^{a/8} drwŷ holl Kŷmry.

^{b/8} ŷ deholet o Vanaw. ⁹ y deholet Howel i Vanaw.

¹ C.

² Grufud, C.D.E.

³ Run, C.

⁴ E.

⁵ Cynan; C.D.E.