

ADDENDA ANTIQUARIA.

The meaning of the names *Belatucadrus* and *Cocidius*, the Cumbrian gods equated with Mars, is worth note. The usual assumption, that the dative form *Belatucadro* had a nominative *Belatucader*, is not valid for Celtic. The correct form would be *Belatucadrus*. This name is formed from the two stems, *belatu-* and *-cadro-*, the first meaning "death" (see Rhys, *Lectures on the origin and growth of religion*, 37-8, with Irish cognates accepted by Dottin), while the second means "fair" or "beautiful." The God of a Fair Death would be a fine epithet for Mars. The meaning of *Cocidius* is grimmer. The name is formed from *coci-*, a variant of *cocci-* (cf. *Cocca-Coca*, *Cocillus—Cocillus*), with the addition of the common *d* suffix (cf. *Magidius*, *Olloudius*, *Epidius*). It is cognate with the Welsh *coch* and means "red." In names like *Cocca* and *Cocillus*, the latter formed with the *Gallic* diminutive of endearment, the redness no doubt referred to the hair. In the case of the Red War-god it may have meant the redness of blood, unless it referred to the red-haired Caledonians who brought war from the north. At all events, both names are comprehensible epithets of the gods to whom they belonged.

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