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5. In guise of friendship the nobles are asked on board.
6. The nobles under hatches, the ship weighs anchor.
7. Aodh Ruadh and his comrades in fetters in Dublin Castle.
8. They escape and take to the hills southward.
9. After much hardship they are taken back to Dublin.
10. They escape once more a year later, in sleet and snow.
11. They make their way towards Glenmalure.
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13. Aodh Ruadh makes his way North by Drogheda.
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19. Cured of his sickness, he is made chieftain.

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22. He marches again into Cianachta Glinne Geimhin.
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43. O Domhnaill prepares to attack Boyle.
44. He lies in ambush to the south of Corrshliav.
45. Failing to entice the English out he marches eastward.
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67. The council of State propose terms of peace.
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138. He retires with his booty to Cnoc an Ghearráin.
139. He dismisses his allies to their homes.
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141. He captures the horses of the garrison of Derry.
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160. The treacherous O Conor Sligo is captured.
161. Certain of the Burkes take refuge with O Domhnaill.
162. The Earl of Clanrickard takes the field.
163. He plunders Magh Luirg and Magh Aoi.
164. Niall Garv forces Bearnas Mór and enters Donegal.
165. He encamps in the Monastery and in Machaire Beag.
166. O Domhnaill lays siege to Donegal.

167. An explosion wrecks the Monastery.
168. O Domhnaill launches a vigorous attack.
169. Finding the defence too strong, he withdraws.
170. Tadhg MacDiarmada and Conn O Domhnaill slain.
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172. The President of Munster hems in the Spaniards.
173. The Earl of Thomond joins the Lord Deputy.
174. The Spaniards make a vigorous sortie.
175. O Domhnaill musters his forces to join the Spaniards.
176. His allies flock to O Domhnaill at Ballymote.
177. He marches southward to Holy Cross Abbey.
178. Sir George Carew fails to intercept him.
179. O Domhnaill's men capture Carrigfoyle Castle.
180. O Domhnaill marches by Sliav Luachra to Bandon.
181. O Néill, after long tarrying, joins him at Bandon.
182. The Irish army encamps outside the English.
183. Don Juan de Aguila prays them to attack.
184. O Néill is reluctant, O Domhnaill impatient.
185. The attack begins, with distrust and ill-will.
186. Their plans betrayed to the English, the Irish are defeated.
187. Ill luck on Cenél Conaill and Cenél Eóghain.
188. All Ireland owned was lost that day.
189. O Domhnaill refuses to carry on the fight.

THE ELEVENTH YEAR—1602

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190. He decides to leave Ireland and seek more aid from Spain.
191. He is welcomed and promised help by the King of Spain.
192. His death comes upon him at Simancas.
193. Alas ! it brought sorrow to multitudes.
194. Pitiful indeed was the state of the Gaels of Ireland.

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