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Eisteddfod at Aberdare-

June 17th. '55.

A great pilgrimage accompanied the Bards of Wales to Aberdare Park- set in the lovely Glamorgan countryside- for the initial stage of the colourful Gorsedd ceremony- held here for the first time for 70 years. / 2

Following the trumpet fanfare, the octogenarian Archdruid- the Rev Dyfnallt Owen- formally opened the Gorsedd session- (Sound)
The Archdruid with the Grand Sword, issued the challenge "Is it Peace"?
And the response- " Peace".

Then came the offering of the Horn of Plenty, which is a token of welcome given by Aberdare to the Eisteddfod.

The Floral Dance followed, ^{symbolising} which symbolised the desire of the children of Wales to present the flower of their talent to the National Festival.

The presentation of the Sheaf of Corn- symbol of the fruits of the earth in due season- to the Archdruid.
So to the climax of this impressive ritual- the Proclamation of the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales.