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CORNISH GORSEDD - - Ancient and picturesque
ceremony of investing the bards held in historic setting
beneath the shadow of Roche Park.

-Near St.Austell-

Picture.:-

On the misty Cornish moorlands, the glories of ancient Cornwall are revived. The ancient arts of story telling and minstrelsy are given fresh life at this Gorsedd ceremony.

Under the shadow of the towering Roche rock, the Young Cornish Association holds its mystic rites.

The trumpet symbolically sounds to the four corners of the earth.

The Grand Bard Mr. Henry Jenner, an impressive patriarchal figure, takes his place--

--on a raised dais, and the prayer of peace is spoken.

Dame Alida Brittain, on behalf of the--

--women of Cornwall offers a sheaf of corn,--

--representing the fertility of the earth and the mothers of the earth. Curiously robed bards, the rhythmic rise, the strange--

--and often fervent responses, overshadowed by--

--the gigantic finger of Rock, gives an almost eerie effect. The new bards are invested with their regalia. The ceremony is--

--over. The awakening to modern times--

--comes with the return to motor-cars which will hurl us towards sophisticated London.