



## *Devizes*

### An Invitation Dinner

An Invitation Dinner of the member and friends of the Devizes District of Odd Fellows was held at the Black Swan on Friday Last, when about 100 persons sat down to an excellent dinner provided by Host Howes. Among the company, which was presided over by the G.M. of the District (Mr. Cane), were Mr. Combes, Mr. Milson (treasurer), Mr. W. H. Hill (secretary), Mr. J. Willis. Mr. Jas. Harris, Mr. Phipp. Mr. Pocock, Mr. Norman, Mr. Barnett (Marlborough), Mr. Thompson, Mr. Geo. Bailey (Calne), Mr. Cockey (Frome), Mr. Greenhill, and most of the principal Odd Fellows in the neighbourhood. The vice-chair was filled by D.G.M. Wm. Bleaden of Marlborough. Sir Thomas Bateson, who was to have presided, was in Scotland, but he generously sent a fat buck for the dinner. Brother Howes, the Host, also presented 2 dozen of wine for the table. After the usual loyal and lodge toasts had been drank, a most agreeable evening was spent, and every one appeared highly gratified by the entertainment. The district now numbers 1100 members, with a capital of over £9000.

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