

## The Forthcoming Eclipse.

## EXCURSIONS AND OTHER RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

*London and North Eastern.*

THE London and North Eastern Railway (King's Cross Station, London, N.1) is running the following excursions in connexion with the eclipse:

- (a) June 28. King's Cross, dep. 9.50 P.M.  
Peterborough, dep. 11.28 P.M.  
Grantham, dep. 12.7 A.M. (June 29).  
Newark, dep. 12.28 A.M.  
Retford, dep. 12.54 A.M.

arriving at Richmond, Yorkshire, at 3.42 A.M., returning from there at 10.55 A.M., due York, 12.25 P.M., a stop being made to give passengers an opportunity to look round York. The train will leave York at 3.45 P.M., due Retford 4.57 P.M., Newark 5.22 P.M., Grantham 5.43 P.M., Peterborough North 6.20 P.M., and King's Cross 7.55 P.M. Restaurant cars will be provided, and arrangements are being made to serve refreshments to passengers in the train after the eclipse and before the train leaves Richmond, in addition to meals *en route*.

(b) From Marylebone, leaving about 9 P.M., calling at Amersham, Finmere, Rugby, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham, and Sheffield to Richmond, returning on the morning of June 29, with a stop of a few hours at York, arriving at Marylebone in the evening. Buffet cars will be provided to serve light refreshments.

(c) From Colchester about 7.30 P.M., with bookings from Cambridge (via Ely or Bury St. Edmunds), Ipswich, Bury St. Edmunds, Thetford, Ely, March, Spalding, Sleaford, Lincoln, Gainsboro' Lea Road, and Doncaster, returning from Richmond on the morning of June 29, time being allowed for a few hours at York.

*London, Midland and Scottish.*

Special restaurant excursion trains are announced by the London, Midland and Scottish Railway (Euston Station, London) to Southport, which is on the centre line of totality.

A cheap excursion to Southport will leave Euston at 11.10 P.M. on Tuesday night, June 28, and supper will be served on this train. Passengers

will return by the 8.20 A.M. train from Southport (Chapel Street) on Wednesday, June 29, on which train breakfast will be served.

Another cheap excursion to Southport, with bookings for 2, 5, and 8 days, will leave Euston at 11.12 A.M. on Tuesday, June 28. Luncheon will be served on the outward journey on June 28 and on the return journey on June 29.

Excursion bookings from certain provincial towns are also being given to Southport, Settle, Llandudno, Colwyn Bay, Rhyl, St. Annes, and Blackpool.

In addition, period bookings will be given on Tuesday, June 28, returning on three specified dates, to stations on the North Wales coast from Manchester, Liverpool, and Lancaster and Yorkshire districts generally, also to Carnarvon and Llanberis from Manchester and Liverpool districts and Chester. Similar bookings will also be given to Southport—Blackpool from stations in Lancashire and Yorkshire.

A special train for the Institution of Civil Engineers is leaving St. Pancras for Settle on June 28, and one for a Stowe Public School party is leaving Buckingham for Rhyl on the same evening.

*Great Western.*

The Great Western Railway (Paddington, London) announces that a liberal programme of day and period excursion bookings has been arranged to Criccieth and other North Wales resorts for the eclipse from principal stations on its system.

A special train will leave Paddington Station on Tuesday evening, June 28, by which cheap bookings will be given from London, Reading, Oxford, and other principal stations on the G.W.R. route to the north. Day trips will also be run from Cardiff, Bristol, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Worcester, etc., and from the Wrexham District.

Period excursions will also be run from the west of England on Monday night, June 27, and from other principal G.W.R. stations on June 28, enabling passengers to return on June 29, July 2, or July 4.

## Obituary.

WE record with regret the death of Prof. John Bagnell Bury, Regius professor of modern history at Cambridge, which took place at Rome on June 1. Born in County Monaghan on Oct. 16, 1861, he entered Trinity College, Dublin, as a sizar, and was elected to a fellowship in 1885. After his election he began to specialise as a historian, publishing his "History of the Later Roman Empire from Arcadius to Irene" in 1889. In 1893 he was appointed professor of modern history in the University of Dublin, and in 1902 he succeeded Lord Acton as Regius professor at Cambridge. He had already published his most important and lasting work, in his "History of

the Roman Empire from its Foundation to the Death of Marcus Aurelius" (Murray's "Student's Histories," 1893), the "History of Greece to the Death of Alexander" (1900), and his edition of Gibbon (1896-1900). In these, his remarkably wide range of knowledge, his extensive acquaintance with languages, his ability to marshal a vast array of facts, and his scientific conception of history, were utilised to the full in a treatment of historical matters which combined a broad grasp of the trend of events with a scrupulous care for detail. In addition to his other published work, he was responsible for the plan of the Cambridge "Medieval History," and collaborated in the editorship of the Cambridge "Ancient History."