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GLOUCESTER CARNIVAL QUEEN.

Hundreds of Gloucester schoolchildren took part in a fancy dress parade at the ceremony of crowning the City's Carnival Queen, Miss Connie Ashwell, at the football ground on Thursday evening. At the same time little Miss Myrtle Guy was crowned Butterfly Queen. The event was organized by the Gloucester Citizen and Journal as a preliminary to the carnival in connection with the ten thousand pounds appeal for the Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary.

Lady Mary Strickland performed the actual crowning ceremony and was introduced to the vast crowd of spectators by Mr T. Bell, managing editor of the Citizen and Journal.

Civic recognition was given to the gathering by the presence of the Mayor, Mr William H. Nicholls, and the City High Sheriff, Mr Herbert Collier.

It was a brilliant scene with the myriad colours of the childrens' fancy costumes scintillating in the sunshine. Lady Mary Strickland described it as a garden of flowers and in this thoroughly happy atmosphere the children had the time of their lives.

The function was brought to a close with a gymnastic display given by five thousand children of the City's senior schools.