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ROYAL TOUR.

17,000 schoolchildren give a spectacular welcome to Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh during the last stages of the royal visit to Melbourne. Never, on this vast and famous cricket ground, (scene of many test matches) has there been such a feast of colour, as, in red, white and blue costumes, the children march and countermarch.

In front of the royal box, the children perform a maypole dance - an echo of the mother country.

Now the children form the word "Welcome" right across the cricket ground in a huge rectangle 30 feet deep and nearly 200 feet long. Now comes the climax of the day. Boarding a Land Rover the royal couple ride up and down the lines of children.

Suddenly the children break their orderly lines and bring the Land Rover almost to a standstill. The Duke waves to them to keep out of harm's way. This is probably the most exuberant scene of the whole royal tour.

Her Majesty's visit goes on well beyond the scheduled time, so great is the loyal reception accorded by the children of Melbourne.

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