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ROYAL CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY VISIT.

This was the day of an important visit from Buckingham Palace to nearby Clarence House; though many of the waiting crowd failed to spot the visitors. At Clarence House, there were frequent arrivals of cars and vans with flowers and parcels; and when it became clear that the little estate car was really going there --- the crowd ran forward to catch a closer glimpse of Prince Charles and Princess Anne. It was an exciting day for the royal children; because there's one day that's almost as good as your own birthday; --- and that's somebody else's birthday.

Through the window --- the watchers could just see birthday greetings from the two children to their devoted grandmother, the Queen Mother. And then --- the window opened and there were smiles and waves on all sides.

~~Hundreds of telegrams had come from all over the world wishing Mary Happy Returns to a most gracious day.~~

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother holds an unique place in the affections of our Commonwealth of Nations. Her Majesty's popularity has grown with every succeeding year, and since she came to London as the young and smiling bride of the Duke of York. ~~And on this day --- a crowd of many hundreds looked up --- and sang~~

On the next day, an electric train from Waterloo, drew into Portsmouth Station; they royal children were going out from Portsmouth to join the Royal Yacht Britannia - at the start of a trip to Wales, the Isle of Man & Scotland. They were accompanied by their other grandmother, Princess Andrew of Greece.