

neer, militia infantry, army service, ambulance, the Melbourne Scottish Regiment, and the cadets were all included, and it is a noteworthy fact that for a purely metropolitan parade, in which none of the country corps were included, it was the largest ever held in Melbourne.

No fewer than 2,407 officers and men of all ranks took part in the parade, and so admirably had all the arrangements been made that not a single hitch occurred in the military organization. The welcome which was given to the troops was something to remember, for the people in the streets seemed to recognize that the men who were marching before their eyes were the brothers-in-arms of the Victorians who showed such devoted heroism on many a South African battlefield, and the comrades of those who fell at Rendsburg were surely well worth cheering.

MARCHING REGIMENTS AND BANDS.

When the troops arrived in the city the crowd fairly surged across the line of march, and as the procession swung round the corner of Swanston street and Collins street, the soldiers had great difficulty in continuing their progress. The formation of fours in which they started was broken up, and singly or in pairs they slowly worked their way along, with many halts, to the objective, which was Parliament House. Many of the regiments were accompanied by their bands, and when the entire populace took up the strains and chanted "Soldiers of the Queen" in a chorus that echoed from the Town Hall to the Government offices in Spring street, the effect was soul-stirring.

At Parliament House, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, who was accompanied by Lady Madden, by taking advantage of a friendly side gate, was able to place himself in the position assigned to him, and, surrounded by his Ministers and by the officers of Parliament, he addressed the assembled troops with all his customary eloquence. "It was his first duty," he observed, "to convey Her Majesty's gratitude to her brave soldiers, and to her well-beloved people." He went on to say that it was to show the gladness of their hearts that they were honoring Major-