

VISIT TO ANCIENT BUDDHIST TEMPLE.

On the beautiful island of Ceylon, there are several ancient Buddhist temples.

And visitors to one of these imposing shrines were honoured with a stately procession of elephants.

This picturesque cavalcade was headed by traditional musicians and dancers to the Temple.

It is interesting to watch how each elephant bows to the dais before proceeding on its way.

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At the archway before the ~~temple~~ temple, the visitors were received by the Chief Insumbent who conducted them to the foot of the steps. A large number of monks assembled on the temple steps chanting religious passages, - and then one of the monks read an address of welcome.

One of the most interesting features of Ceylon is the ancient Rock Fortress. In the year 470 A.D. a local gentleman murdered his father; in order to escape punishment, he and his followers built this fortress home on a 400 ft rock.

They lived there for many years in safety -
From this noble landmark, it is possible to enjoy magnificent views of typical Ceylon country.

In a gallery on the face of the rock, there are ~~the~~ famous frescoes dating back a thousand years.

Looking down from this grand old fortress, ^{you} ~~one~~ can see rocks which served as the foundations for the homes of the King's retainers.

Ceylon is rich in treasures, and besides her famous tea and rubber plantations, ^{she} provides some of the most interesting archeological studies in the world.

