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The Empire Ball.

The Duchess of Marlborough, wearing a sable cloak over a frock of bronze charmeuse, received the guests at the tea-dance at Claridge's on Tuesday, given in connection with the Empire Ball, which is to take place on the 30th April at The Hill, Hampstead, lent by Lord Leverhulme, and is in aid of the People's League of Health. A costume pageant will be a chief feature of the Ball, with prizes for the costumes best descriptive of the Empire, and Mr. Philip de Laszlo has promised to paint the portrait of the first prize winner.

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Colonel Fremantle said that as the League did a common work of philanthropy, it had a claim on all, and that its great object was to teach prevention of

illness to all classes. Dr. Saleeby, in the course of an interesting speech, said that the League undertook to teach people the laws of health. During his travels he had discovered that nowhere in Europe was there any health education, but that in America it is carried on with success. He made a great point of the vital need of sunlight, air, and open spaces. Light was the great essential of life, he said, and to attain as much as possible of it was the aim of the League. Mrs. Hilton Philipson, M.P., who wore a plain black frock with white organdi cuffs and collar, said she hoped that people would not only take tickets for the ball, but that they would also attend the lectures shortly to be given on behalf of the League. She paid a warm tribute to Miss Olga Nethersole, who was, she said, the pioneer of educative health work in this country.

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Among those present were Lady Warrender, Lady Latta, Lady Kent, Lady Barker, Lady Wyndham, Mrs. Neville Chamberlain, Mrs. Edgar de Mocatta, Mrs. Frank Braham, Mrs. A. Maclaren, Mme. Zélie de Lussan, Mme. Gavrilovitch, and Miss Olga Nethersole, who was wearing a black velvet cape-coat trimmed with

chinchilla.

