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SHORT MEN FOR FAME.

EMPIRE BALL REVEALS QUEER FACTS.

GENIUS IN HISTORY.

SPRING THE BEST FOR DISCOVERIES.

MOST of the great men and women of the past have been of small stature.

Miss Olga Nethersole, organiser of the People's League of Health, has discovered this during her preparations for the Empire Ball, to be held at Lord Leverhulme's house in Hampstead on April 30.

Mr Philip de Laszlo is to paint the portrait of the guest who goes to the ball in the costume most representative of the Empire or of one of the Empire's great men or women.

"Famous men of ancient times who lacked inches," said Miss Nethersole to a "Daily Express" representative yesterday, "include:—

Horace	Diogenes
Aristotle	Attila
Plato	Alexander
Epicurus	

"In later ages we find that all these people were small:—

Joan of Arc	Helne
Swinburne	Wellington
Erasmus	Queen Elizabeth
Nelson	Beethoven
Charles Lamb	Napoleon
William Blake	Spinoza
Queen Victoria	Wilberforce
Mozart	

"Most men of genius have been unlike their parents in figure or features. Many have been left-handed—Liberius, Leonardo da Vinci, and Michel Angelo, for instance. Many have stammered.

"Croker, in his edition of Boswell, remarks that many great English writers had no posterity. He names Shakespeare, Ben Jonson, Milton, Otway, Dryden, Addison, Pope, Swift, Gay, Johnson, Goldsmith, and Cowper.

"The first warm months of the year seem to favour the works of genius. It was in the spring that the discovery of America was conceived, as well as the barometer and the telescope; in the spring Michel Angelo had the idea of his great cartoon, Dante of his 'Divine Comedy,' Goethe of his 'Faust,' and it was in springtime that Milton conceived his great poem, Darwin his famous theory, and Wagner 'The Flying Dutchman.'