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Own Portrait as a Prize.—The Empire Ball, at Lord Leverhulme's huge Hampstead palace on the 30th, promises to be one of the biggest and most brilliant of the season, and everyone is hoping that a warm night will allow 'tween-dance promenades in the beautiful gardens and long,

flower-festooned terraces.

The first prize in the pageant costume competition, which is to be a feature of the ball, is original and unusually valuable—a portrait of the winner by De Laszlo.

The cash equivalent, I suppose, would, range from 1,000 to 3,000 guineas.