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## THE EMPIRE BALL.

There was a large company at Claridge's Hotel yesterday afternoon for the reception held by the patrons and committee of the Empire Ball, to be held at The Hill, Hampstead, by kind permission of Viscount Leverhulme, on April 30. The King is the patron of the People's League of Health, and the Prince of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of York have given their support to the ball, organised by Miss Olga Nethersole, R.R.C. The Duchess of Marlborough, wearing a Russian sable coat over a copper-colour dress, and a hat to match, received the guests yesterday, assisted by Miss Olga Nethersole, and after tea in the restaurant there were interesting speeches on the Empire Ball and the work of the People's League of Health, which the ball is to benefit. Dancing, too, figured in the afternoon's programme. The special feature of the ball will be the pageant costume competition, organised by Mr. Sidney Bland, of His Mujesty's Theatre, and the winner of the first prize will have the distinction of being painted by Mr. Philip de Laszlo. Maps showing the route to The Hill are printed on the backs of the tickets and a special service of the tickets. of the tickets, and a special service of private buses will be run from the headquarters of the league at 12, Stratford-place, W. 1, where tickets for the ball can be bought, as well as from members of the ball committee and theatre ticket

Among those present yesterday were Lady Baldwin, Lady Warrender, Lady Kent, Lady Barker, Lady Wyndham, Lady Jaffé, Countess Landí, Mrs. Neville Chamberlain, Mme. Para-vicini, Mrs. Fraser-Simson, Mrs. James Mitchell, Vicini, Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Edgar Mocatta Captain and Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Edgar Mocatta Mrs. Braham, Mrs. Archibald Maclaren, Mr. W Goldstone and Miss Goldstone Mrs. de Mrs. Braham, Mrs. Archibald Maclaren, Mr. F W. Goldstone and Miss Goldstone, Mrs. de I.aszlo, Mr. Stephen de Laszlo, Lady Hulton, Mme. Zélie de Lussan, Lady Stewart Bam, Mrs. Albert Sytner, Mrs. Edward Hore, in deep blue velvet, skunk-trimmed, the Duc and Duchesse de Château Thierry, Florence Lady Garvagh, in tones of cinnamon brown, with Miss Marion Burrell, Lady Newson, Mr. William Gillett, and Lady Violet Groville.