

NOTES FROM FUNCHAL.

[FROM THE HERALD'S CORRESPONDENT.]

FUNCHAL, March 25.—The fancy-dress ball at the theatre last night was the most brilliant entertainment given in Funchal for some years. At about eleven o'clock some twelve couples took part in a dancing competition, the dance chosen being a drawing-room edition of the "Gaby glide."

The prize was awarded to Visconde de Valpareiso's son and daughter, Dr. Joao and Senhorita Albertina de Bianchi. Hardly second to them in excellence were Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Krohn, who made up as Highland lads. Mr. C. Santos and Mrs. Lane Mathews as "apaches" also were deserving of special mention.

After the dance the stage curtain was raised, disclosing, amid masses of flowers, Miss Bulteel as a pink columbine on a little flower-bedecked rickshaw drawn by Dr. Joao Lomelino's baby daughters, as tiny columbines. The jury, consisting of the Hon. Mrs. Parsons, Senhora de Camara and the retiring Governor, awarded the prize for the best lady's dress to Miss Faber, who made an attractive harlequin, and the prize for the best man's costume to Mr. John Leacock.

Dr. Santhiago Presado, who until the day before yesterday was Civil Governor, and his successor, Colonel Sa Cardoso, occupied the special box. Among other box-holders were Viscondessa de Meyrelles and her daughters, Mrs. Hamilton Gordon and Miss Merdelles. Baron Spare, captain of the Swedish cruiser in port, was a guest in Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hinton's box.

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