**Beecroft Fancy Dress Ball**

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Plain and Fancy-Dress Bail at Beecroft.

The plain and fancy dress ball given in the Thornleigh School of Arts, on Thursday night, by the Spinsters of Beecroft, in connection with the Kennedy A Lawn Tennis Club, whose annual ball it will be remembered, took place recently, proved without exception the most successful and most brilliant function held in the district this season.

It was arranged and carried out with great *eclat* by a committee consisting of Miss Seale, Miss Newton, Miss Skellett. Miss Read and Miss Lewis, who wore ably assisted by members of the club.

The decorations were superb, a feature being the grand display of bright coloured flags and the ingenious arrangement of tennis nets, tennis balls and tennis racquets. The catering arrangements too, could not have been improved upon, and excellent; music was supplied. The duties of M.C. were shared between Messrs. J. Seale and H. J. Hall. Fancy costumes predominated and many of them were very costly - one of the ladies' costumes cost 30 guineas. The handsomest Iadies’ costume in the room was that worn by Miss Webb, who appeared as Lady Teazel (“School for Scandal.”) It was a very rich satin brocade trimmed with Spanish lace and admirably became the wearer whose graceful dancing was generally admired. The handsome Gainsborough hat trimmed with ostrich feathers was quite a triumph of the milliner's art. The next fancy costume which attracted particular attention was that chosen by Miss Bolden in the character of “Pierrot” and Miss Newtown as a Japanese Lady (Pitty Sing) was much admired.

Mrs. Walter Perdriau looked charming as a gipsy, and among the other fancy costumes were: Mrs. Messeter, “Esmeralda”; Miss Henry, “Lady Underwood”); Miss Skellet, a lady of Charles the 2nd period; Miss Seale, ”Imogene”; Miss Head, Swiss Maid; Miss Lewis, “Marie Antionette”; and Mrs. Meadmore, ''Powder and Patches.”

Prominent among those attired in evening costumes were noticed: Mrs. Holcombe, black silk and white chiffon; Miss Lang, black and buttercup; Miss Ray, black silk; Miss Connell, blue satin; Miss Florrie Connell, white silk and buttercup trimmings; Miss Brown, green and white silk; Miss Birkenhead ivory satin; Miss Lenthany, white silk; and others.

The fancy dress costumes represented by the gentlemen were Sir Peter Teazel, Mr. T, Skellett; French Chef, Mr. Shirley Green; Tony Lumpkin, Mr. Meadmore; policeman, Mr. H. J. Hall: Circus Clown, Mr. Seale; Charles Surface (in the School for Scandal), Mr. Emmett; “The man that broke the bank at Monte Carlo,” Mr. Webb; and “A barrister of the period,” Mr. Walter Perdriau.

Other gentlemen present were Messrs. J. Hunter Stephenson (East Carlingford), J. Seale, Douglas Young, Harry Young, Owen Seale, Ashley Teece, Mr. Charles Broughton, Albert Perdriau, Younger, Lenthany.

Altogether, between 20 and 30 couples attended, and it was nearly two o'clock in the morning when the gay assemblage broke up.