

SOCIETY GOSSIP.

AUCKLAND.

DEAR BEE, Our daily papers have taken to filling their columns with dances...

HOUSONRY 'AT HOME' FANCY DRESS BALL. I may, however, be allowed to supplement the extremely incomplete and inopportune therein...

THE TEACHERS'

was a great success. You will find an account elsewhere. Mrs Worthington wore a hand-some black silk gown...

COMIC OPERA.

still continues the chief attraction for the pleasure-seeking portion of the community, and the Opera House is thronged nightly with delighted audiences...

HERR ZIMMERMANN'S CONCERT.

The attendance at the afternoon concert given in the 'Choral Hall' by Herr Zimmermann and his orchestra...

Among the various costumes, plain and fancy dresses, worn at Mrs Hay's complimentary benefit in the Victoria Hall were the following: Miss M. C. Hay, Faust; Miss M. H. Egyptian...

A most enjoyable ball was given in the Victoria Hall on the 30th of September by the gentlemen of Mr F. C. Bassett's popular dancing class...

Mrs Tanner, Mary, Lace Contrary; Miss Marsden, Winter; Miss Bassett, Nancy Lee; Miss Taylor, Pansy; Mrs. W. Clark; Miss Jordan, Love Among the Roses...

DRESSES AT MISS BRIGHAM'S AFTERNOON TEA.

Mrs Brigham wore a hand-some dress of brown cloth, relieved with point lace; Miss Brigham looked charming in blue; Miss Cole in pink...

WELLINGTON.

DEAR BEE, SEPTEMBER 29. Foll's farewell concert last week was a great success.

Madame Cole wore a black velvet trained gown, the bodice trimmed with gold embroidery and beetle's wings and diamond ornaments...

DRESSES AT THE THEATRE.

The beautiful dresses worn by the actresses in the Holloway Company were greatly admired. In 'The World Against Her' Miss Dearyna wore a very rich gown of bright crimson shot with velvet...

GISBORNE.

DEAR BEE, SEPTEMBER 23. The programme at the ENTERTAINMENT BY THE GARRICK AMATEUR CLUB was an excellent one.

The tableaux were a tremendous success, the first 'Queen of the seasons' brought quite a pictorial feast. Miss Williamson was Queen, Misses Adair, Jessie Williamson, Watson, and Fraser...

NAPIER.

DEAR BEE, SEPTEMBER 24. Just my luck! Mail-boat late again, so that you will not receive this in time for the week's paper.

We have been greatly enchanted with the Italian Concert Company, and I shall be glad to tell you about them, as they go through the colony, and of some you may have heard they have been drawing crowded houses...

dignity. She assured me that she had had no thought until that afternoon of supplanting her sister, that she had yielded only to the passionate pleadings of Samuel...

Anyhow, the thing couldn't be helped, and all one could do was to put a good face upon it. It didn't seem to me that the Right Honourable Samuel put a particularly good face upon it...

'Oh, no, you won't,' returned George, with one of his loud, foolish laughs; 'Teddy Hampton will take her off your hands as soon as ever he has earned a little money.'

'Quite as it should be that my niece should engage herself to a young fellow with no means nor the faintest prospect of ever possessing any!'

Well, it is true that, as matters have fallen out, this imprudent pair do not depend upon our benevolence for their support; but that they do not is owing to circumstances...

'It's quite like the wind up of a play,' says George, rubbing his hands; 'the old uncle dying in the nick of time, virtue rewarded, and every body contented, eh?'

All the same, I wish Teddy Hampton were not quite so fond of referring to an episode which reflects scant credit upon him and gives disrespectful people an excuse for laughing at me.

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