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 and the endden discovery of her own sentiments, that she had been as much perplexed as the would-be orator by the mysterious disappearance of his notes, and that, although it certainly had been Teddy who had surgested to her that she should go in search of him, she had suspected the young man of no sinister design. I suppose it is just possible that she may have been speaking the truth.

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: and, although he pretended to be amused when he heard of his younger brother's indiscretion, it was easy to see that the joke was not allogether to his taste. However, he had the hardihood to tell me that he had loved Lydia from the first, and the magnanimity to add that Nancy was a great deal too young in her habits and ideas for an old fellow like him.

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'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 al little money. I have the best authority for giving you that assurance. Well, I'm glad the two young folks have arrived at an understanding; it's all quite as it should be, when you come to think of it.'

Quite as it should be that my niece should engage herself to a young fellow with no means nor the faintest prospect of ever powessing any! Naturally, I said at once that I could not dream of sanctioning such a piece of wild folly; whereupon George coolly rejoined that, in that case, he supposed they would have to do the best they could without my sanction. They obtained his, and, what is more, they obtained a promise from him that, if the worst came to the worst, he wouldn't let them starve. And George, mind yon, is by no means what can be called a rich man in these days: a aided to which, he has three sons growing up! I will say for Nancy that she had the grace to be ashamed of herself. As for that precious france of hers, I am afraid there is little chance of my ever seeing him look ashamed until the Day of Judgment.

Well, it is true that, as matters have fallen out, this importident pair do not depend upon our benevolence for their support; but that they do not is owing to circumstances which nobody in the world could have foreseen. One would not have insigned that a hard headed, hard fisted old working man would have seen much to admire in theft and impersonation; yet, as it appeared, the venerable Peer Hampton was quite delighted when he heard of the exploit of his younger nephew whom he immediately summned to the North and congratulated upon his 'smartness.' The

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I may, however, be allowed to supplement the extremely incomplete and incorrect list therein. Wr. Devore wore a beautiful gown of rich black mair, with the providence of the perhaps of the black mair wills. Mrs. Upton, handsome gown of Krisker handsome cream flowered silk; Mrs. E. Mishney looked well as Queen of Poses; Miss Rathbone appeared to advantage as Andora; Miss Masched looked nice as View Rose; Miss Langsford, Bohemienne; Miss Beate wore, I think, the most effective costume as Queen of Hearts; Miss Upton, pretty cream gown trimmed with gold braid; Miss I langsford, Bohemienne; Miss Beate wore, I think, the most effective Costume as Queen of Hearts; Miss Upton, pretty cream gown trimmed with gold braid; Miss I looked charming as a spanish Dance; Miss Wylde Brown looked getter, Sweet Girl Gadinate, Miss Allamit wore a becoming cardinal evening dress; Miss Wallmit wore a becoming cardinal evening dress; Miss Phillips and Miss Ilson both looked charming as Toucest Noire; Miss Kort Girl Gown of Sheba; Miss Forbes, Housemaid; Mrs Niccol, Red. White and Blue, Mrs Clark, Phyllis; Miss K. Jolly, Buchess of Devoushire; Miss Woodyear, Maritana; Miss Eva Hughes, Iolanthe Fairy; Miss Percival, Lancing Girl: Miss W. Luird, Honsemaid, Others present in evening dress were Mrs Cyttanach, Atkinson, Mesdames d. R. Hanna, H. T. Edgar, McKillan, Holford, E. Buchanan Hughes, Miss Clapcott, and others. The majority of the gentlemen appeared in evening dress.

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still continues the chief attraction for the pleasure-seeking portion of the community, and the Opera House is thronged nightly with delighted audiences. Mrs. 101:) Purchase (junn) looked nice in Gobelin blue gown: Miss Laura Baker, beautiful gown of pink observed the property of the community, and the Opera Baker, beautiful gown of pink observed the property of the property o

times; Miss Mathan, frotty fight groy gown: Miss Pearce, beautiful black silk and lace gown handsomely trimmed with jet. crinison clock: Miss Reace looked pretty in pale pink; Mrs Owen, Iroh black silk gown.

HERR ZIMMERMANN'S CONCERT.

The attendance at the afternoon concert given in the Choral Hall by Herr Zimmermann and Miss Reeve was marred by the atrocious weather prevailing. Amongst those whom I noticed present were Mrs Isidore Alexander. Misses Hienzard. Mrs Possisher and Mrs Brown of Mrs Misses Helmard. Mrs Possisher were Mrs Isidore Alexander. Misses Helmard. Mrs Possisher were Mrs Isidore Alexander. Misses Helmard. Mrs Possisher were Mrs Isidore Alexander. Misses Helmard. Mrs Innes. Madame Tutschka, and many other ladies well-known in musical circles.

Miss Mabel Keily, who has been on a visit to England and the Continent for the past two years, unexpectedly returned to Auckland by the Te Anau from sydney last week.

Among the various costimes, plain and fancy dress, worn at Mrs Mrs Helmard. Helmard. Mrs He

### WELLINGTON.

DEAR BEE,

Foll's farewell concert last week was a great success.

Madame Cole wore a black velvet trained gown, the bodice trimined with gold care about the second ornaments. Miss Bertha Roses wore the wings and diamond ornaments: Miss Bertha Roses wore the second trained, the front velted with black lace and trumined with a relief, the finished with jet ornaments: Miss Emelia Wood wore black lace with a velvet bodice and lace sleeves. The night was wet and cold, and all the ladies kept their cloaks on.

DRESSES AT THE THEATRE.

The beautiful dresses worn by the actresses in the Holloway Company were greatly admired. In 'The World Against her' Miss Becrym wore a very rich gown of bright crimson shot with reliow and made with a long, sweeping train, the low bodice trimmed with gold and and large on she looked very well in cream soft sik braided with gold, and wore a rety pretty heliotrope cashnere, slightly trained, and trimmed with deep violet velvet, and wore a sweet little hat of bronze lace trimmed with blash roses. He seems all the fact of bronze lace trimmed with blash roses. In the Alarmonte early all, the gatety of the session is over. We have a Harmonte be Misse T buckey, otherwise the or be great of anything else. The session young ladies have nearly all departed. I think Miss Mabel Studebilme and Miss Tabart, both of Christchurch, are the only visitors left, and they leave very soon.

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The programme at the

ENTERTAINMENT BY THE GARRICK AMATEUR CLUB
was an excellent one. The tableaux were a tremendous success, the first 'Uneen of the seasons, being quite a pictorial iteast. Miss Williamson was Queen, Misses Adair, Jessie Williamson, Watson, and Fraser (seasons) in prettily bleading draperies, Indwers, and wreaths. In the scene 'Braid the Raven Hair from the 'Mikado' the grouping and colouring were very effective, Miss Campbell personating the artiess 'Univum', and alisses Watson, Fraser, and Campbell, her maidens. Miss Adair, in pretty pink silk and the singers', Misses Paiairet, Adair, and Salason, Accompanied the singers', Misses Paiairet, Adair, and 'Salason, Watson, Wa

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