

# Society Gossip.

## AUCKLAND.

**DEAR BEE,** **DECEMBER 5.**  
We have thoroughly hot weather now. I will begin my letter with the

**DRESSES WORN AT THE ORCHESTRAL CONCERT.**  
Owing to a bad seat could only notice a few of the many pretty costumes. Among others I saw Mrs Innes in handsome evening gown of black satin and lace; Mrs Hooper, black dress with trimmings of lace and jet passementerie, white Maltese cap; the Misses Hooper looked well in all white evening dresses; Miss Baker, cream-coloured blouse over peacock cashmere, stylish cream opera cloak lined with soft sandalwood; Miss Baker, pretty white evening gown, opera cloak to match; Mrs Wright, handsome dress of ivory white satin, lace trimmings; her sister, in pale blue evening dress with cream, lace trimmings to match; little Miss Hemus looked pretty in pale blue nun's veiling; Mrs Crawford, stylish navy skirt and white blouse, sailor hat with white ribbon; Miss MacIndoe, light blouse over dark skirt, small white hat trimmed with a band of blue ribbon; Mrs Ralph, black and white flowered sateen, black velvet; Miss Oxley, stylish pearl-grey cashmere, sleeves and trimmings of black velvet; Miss Wynnie Leys looked pretty in a becoming black dress; Mrs S. C. Johnson, black silk; Mrs Levi, black satin and lace; Miss Huggins, pink and black; Mrs Whiteley, fawn blouse over black skirt; Miss Mary White, pink cashmere trimmed with ruby velvet; Miss Cashel, all black; Mrs Dickenson, coral pink blouse over dark skirt; Miss Bertha Gittos, black blue evening dress with deep sleeves of a deeper shade; the Misses Ferguson, pink and blue; Mrs Devere, fawn cashmere with trimmings of darker velvet; Miss Dudley, fawn and brown costume; Miss E. Holt, black and white; Mrs Lusher looked well in electric blue. The two soloists of the evening were Mrs Hoylan and Miss Short. The former wore a pretty square-cut evening gown of rose-pink crepon; the latter looked charming in cream, with lace trimmings to match.

**DRESSES WORN AT PONSONBY REGATTA.**  
The Misses MacIndoe wore pretty fawn costumes, with large feathered hats, pink and white; Mrs Hunter, navy skirt and jacket over white blouse, light hat; Miss Langford, light colored costume, small sailor hat; Miss Freda Langford, stylish dress of dark cashmere, hat to match; Mrs Hart, pretty fawn dress, cream hat with ostrich feathers; Miss Kennedy, light blouse over navy skirt, sailor hat; Miss Ethel Wilkinson, fawn and brown costume, white hat with pink roses; Miss G. Whiteley, navy skirt and zouave over white blouse, sailor hat with blue ribbon; Mrs. . . .

**THE OFFICERS OF H.M.S. CURACOA AND AUCKLAND POLO CLUBS AFTERNOON TEA.**

If I make any mistakes in the ladies' dresses please excuse me, for, as it would be impossible to have all perfectly correct. Everybody was on the stand when I arrived, but soon after the tea began to collect, and I was able to see a few of their smart costumes. Mr and Mrs McMillan, the latter wearing brown; Miss McMillan, pretty cream delaine with terre emite; Mrs Arch, Clark, gendarme green, bonnet en suite; Mrs. . . .

**STREET DRESSES.**

Mrs Hope Lewis, grey skirt, pale blue blouse, gem; Miss Hilda Lewis, dark grey, white shirt, gem; Mrs (Col.) Dawson, fawn, burnt straw sailor hat; Mrs (Dr.) Lawry, coriander blue skirt, cream silk blouse, grey hat; Mrs (Dr.) Scott, very stylish bluish-colored hollid, white vest, biscuit-colored hat with feathers en suite; Mrs Wyld-Horne, lilac and white striped costume; Miss S. Sheriff, narrow black and white striped, white gem; Mrs Lewis, navy fitted black cashmere, buck gem; Miss Leighton, navy hollid, black relieved with white lace, black lace hat with pink roses; Miss Ledingham, fawn dress, green velvet hat; Mrs Wilkins looked pretty in navy skirt, pink blouse, white sailor hat; Miss Keating, stylish brown hollid, white vest and

black ribbon, brick-colored gem; Mrs Cheeseman, fawn skirt, black velvet hand veiled in fawn lace, fawn velvet zouave, black lace toque with green ribbon, white gloves; Mrs W. Furnell, black silk dress, black lace dolman; her daughter, grey with brown trimmings, white vest, blue necktie, gem; Miss Horne, fawn skirt, pink blouse, black lace hat with pink roses; Miss N. N. N. fawn hat, fawn hat, fawn hat; Miss O'Reilly, navy skirt, blue blouse, white gem hat; Miss Reeve, cornflower blue skirt, white bodice, burnt straw sailor hat; Mrs W. Bloomfield, navy skirt with black braid, white blouse, high collar, green ribbon, white gloves; Mrs. . . .

Amongst the gentlemen I have noticed Mr Toombs, dark navy suit, white waistcoat, felt hat; Mr Maxwell, brown striped suit, white black sailor hat; Mr Lockhart, navy suit, white sailor hat; Mr Mariner, grey suit, white sailor hat; Mr. . . .

**DRESSES WORN AT ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE SPORTS.**

Here are a few of those worn. To tell the truth, I was too much interested in the sports to notice spectators. Mrs Heather, handsome black silk, small black velvet hat; Mrs. . . .

**PHYLIS BROUCE.**

There is a general feeling of regret at the unexpected death of Miss Pearce, who was a well-known figure at many social gatherings in the city. She was only 41, and such sympathy is felt for her bereaved parents.

**CHRISTCHURCH.**

**DEAR BEE,** **NOVEMBER 30.**

I have just arrived at the conclusion that we are in a chronic state of coming to the end of things, having just been to the last of the Orchestral Society's concerts for the season.

**AFTERNOON RECEPTION BY THE COUNTESS OF GLASGOW**  
was very numerously attended. Amongst those present were Mrs Hunter-Blair, who looked very bright and pretty in a cream with double skirt edged with deep yellow covered with lace, green hat with ostrich feathers; Mrs. . . .

**THE ORCHESTRAL CONCERT.**

Mr Wallace and the orchestra are alike to be congratulated on such a successful performance. Mrs Francis Anderson sang charmingly, and looked very pretty in white brocade with black bodice, and square cut train, and white lace flounce across the front of the skirt with pink roses in her hair and on the bodice. Amongst the numerous audience were Judge and Mrs Denniston, Mr. . . .

**DOLLY VALE.**

**NELSON.**

**DEAR BEE,** **NOVEMBER 29.**

who have been so well patronised during their visit to Nelson, brought a most interesting and choice lot of goods, which when there were present, Madame's (L. Scaly, Ironick, Leiger, De Castro, Scarro, Bunny, Hovon, Macquarrie, Lightfoot, Richmond, Messrs Ledger, Row, Ironick, Robinson, Harris, Fall, Duff, Ritchie, and others, were present.

lightful entertainment was a small dinner-party given by Mr and Mrs Roger Kingdon last Thursday evening.

**MRS MACKAY'S AFTERNOON TEA.**  
There were present, Madames Bunn, Elliot Elliot, Huntly-Eliot (Wellington), Roberts, J. Sharp, H. Kingdon, A. Glasgow, J. Adams, Misses Jones, Curtis, Roberta, etc.

**THE AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION'S SHOW**  
to-day numbers were present, among others Mrs Alice Burnes, in white veil costume of spotted and striped muslin; Mrs Thornton, blue striped serge, sailor hat; Mrs J. Sharp, yellow flowered gown with brown embroidered zouave, brown straw hat with chiffon bows; Mrs H. Kingdon, spotted gingham, black hat with chiffon bows and jet trim; Mrs. . . .

**THE ANNUAL DOG SHOW**  
was held last Friday, and there were several exhibits, but the attendance was decidedly poor; in fact, must have resulted in a loss to the Society.

**PHYLIS.**

**DUNEDIN.**

**DEAR BEE,** **NOVEMBER 29.**  
Things have been a little brighter during the past week, the show, etc., varying the usual mid-gaeties that make life endurable.

**A KITCHEN PARTY.**  
given by Miss Ziolo was much enjoyed. Quite a large number took part in the game play going on at about half-a-dozen tables. The lady who won most games was Mrs. . . .

**DRESSES AT THE HUSKAR SPORTS.**

with the exception of the tea, were among the topics of interest, for the game made the sports not quite so enjoyable. Mrs Country invited guests to enjoy tea in a private tent. Mrs Allan (Holmes) wore the refreshing beverage in the shells. Mrs Allan (Holmes) wore the refreshing beverage in the shells. Mrs Allan (Holmes) wore the refreshing beverage in the shells.

**SHOW DRESSES.**

Mrs Lindo Ferguson wore black, with long black coat and black bonnet; Mrs A. Stronach, olive green cloth, with bands and sleeves of dark green velvet; Mrs W. G. Neill, black, with red and black; Mrs. . . .

**ALWAYS ENJOYABLE TENNIS PARTIES.**

at her residence Anderson's Bay. Contrary to expectations, the weather proved fine, although it rained during the afternoon, a downpour being hourly expected. Not a large number were present, but those who were thoroughly enjoyed the tennis, and even ladies flowers which grew there in such profusion and seemed to be at their best. Mrs. . . .

**OTAGO TENNIS COURTS.**

draw quite a large gathering, the day being fine on the occasion of the opening of the grass courts for the summer season. The laws and players presented a very scene at four o'clock, when quite a number of tennis gentlemen were present. There were plenty of spectators, so continual known were on their way to the courts, and a band played the whole afternoon in one corner of the ground. The entertainers were fortunate in not having any rain, and the day was fine and pleasant, although most ladies took the precaution of providing themselves with long overalls, which fortunately were not necessary. Tea was served in the pavilion, and everything possible done to enable the visitors to enjoy themselves. The ladies who were present were: Mrs. . . .

**MAUDE.**