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Society Gossip

AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee,
December 6.
We have a busy week before us. On
Thursday night there is the Northern
Club Ball in honour of Lord and Lady
Plunket, and on Saturday the most
important and most beautiful outdoor
function of the year.

THE FLORAL FETE.

The greatest preparations are in train
for this, and if it is not a most bril-
liant success it will not be for want of
vigorous work on the part of the pro-
moters. Time, thought, and an infinity
of pains have been freely lavished on
the making up of the programme, and
the fixing of general arrangements. Personally, should the weather prove
propitious, I am willing to stake my re-
putation as a prophet in foretelling a
record attendance to witness what will
unquestionably prove to be the most
beautiful outdoor spectacle Auckland
has yet seen. The entries are good in
all classes, and it will interest you to
know that the Hon. Kathleen Plunket
will drive her own smart little trap in
the procession. Motor cars form a
feature and the kaleidoscopic dances by
school children should prove to be
"monstrous pretty," as they would have
said in Monsieur Beaucaire's day. But
now I must tell you about the past
week, which has been rather a dull one.

OPENING OF POLO.

The Auckland and Remuera Polo Clubs
had a most successful opening last
Wednesday afternoon, St. Andrew's Day.
The viceregal party included His Ex-
cellency the Governor and Lady Plun-
ket, the Hon. Kathleen Plunket, Mrs.
Wallis (wife of the Bishop of Wellin-
gton), her sister, Mrs. Williams, and Cap-
tain Braithwaite, A.D.C. Among others
I noticed: Mr., Mrs., and Miss Morritt,
Mrs. and Miss McCosh Clark, Mrs.
Maitland, Mrs. and Misses Cotter, Mr.,
Mrs. and Miss Ware, the Misses Thomp-
son (2), Macfarlane (2), Towle, Gorrle,
Buckland, Mrs. Markham, Mrs. Green-
way and Miss Firth, Mrs. Southey Baker
and Miss Lloyd, Mrs. Pitt and Mr. J.
L. Pitt, Col. Mrs., and Miss Baker, Mrs.
Cheeseman, Mrs. and Misses Kerr-Tay-
lor, Mrs. A. Hann, Mrs. A. Clark,
Misses Browning (2), Thorue George
(2), Buddle, Mrs. Colbeck, Mrs. Kekwick,
Mrs. and Miss Hope Lewis, Mrs. C. Bud-
dle, Mrs. Tonks, Miss Horton, Mrs. Whit-
ney, Mrs. and Miss Worsp, Mrs. Rose,
Mrs. Seavill. Hunter's Band discoursed
sweet music during the afternoon.

DRESSES AT THE THEATRE.

At the theatre on a couple of occa-
sions last week I noticed the following
frocks:—

Lady Plunket was in a beautiful gown
of silver-spangled net with felds of
crown overlaid with black spotted chif-
fon, caught in front of corsage with
cluster of crimson roses; Hon. Kathleen
Plunket wore a lovely oyster-grey
crepe de chine finished with ruffled
white chiffon and lace, and elaborately
trimmed with herring-bone stitichery;
Mrs. Sydney Nathan wore white trimmed
with beautiful lace; Madame Beaufre
was handsomely gowned in black and
silver; Mrs. J. R. Bloomfield wore pale
yellow; Mrs. E. Ballin was in a very
pretty shell pink silk inset with Paris
lace and black skirt; Mrs. Dr. Parkes,
black skirt and very pretty white blouse,
beautiful white brocaded silk opera coat
with sun-ray plaited chiffon capes; Mrs.
de Cive Lowe wore a black skirt and
very pretty white blouse; and her sister,
Miss Vera Bell, wore black, the de-
collotage outlined with white; Mrs.
Macfarlane, rich black silk gown; Miss
Innes, black, the bodice finished with
deep cream lace Victorian yoke; Mrs.
Louis Myers wore a handsome black

satin with lovely Maltese lace collar;
Mrs. Myers was also in black; Miss
Myers was prettily gowned in white silk
with pale grey opera coat; Mrs. Edwin
Horton, white silk, the bodice prettily
draped with white lace caught with clus-
ter of pink crush roses; Miss Horton
also wore white; Mrs. L. D. Nathan, rich
black embroidered silk over white, love-
ly black and white opera coat; Miss
Isaacs, black skirt and pretty fello-
coloured blouse, threaded with turquoise
blue ribbon; Mrs. McCosh Clark, black
and Miss Pearl Clark looked dainty in
white; Mrs. Phillips was in white with
pale blue bow in corsage; Mrs. Sanford,
black silk gown; Mrs. Palmer wore a
handsome black gown with tucked white
chiffon vest; Miss Snell, wore black
with deep cream lace pelerine collar; Mrs.
T. Hope Lewis, black satin with eru
insertion on bodice; Mrs. W. R. Bloom-
field wore a dainty white gown; Mrs.
Kekwick was in a charming pale grey
silk; and her sister, Miss Buddle, wore
white nun's veiling prettily shirred and
finished with lace; Mrs. Lutton, rose
pink satin elaborately gauged and tuck-
ed, trimmed with Paris-tinted lace; Mrs.
T. W. Leys, dainty white tucked silk
blouse, and black satin skirt; Miss Win-
nie Leys, was pretty in white silk in-
serted with lace; Miss Keating, white
silk veiled in fine black lace, with touches
of pink, and a satin skirt; Mrs. Cheese-
man, black chiffon evening toilette; Mrs.
Colson, eru silk gown; Miss Mitchellson,
looked very pretty in a lovely rose pink
silk evening frock with Limerick lace
herthe; Miss Carr was charmingly
frooked in white tucked silk and lace
insertion; Mrs. Templer, white tucked
silk blouse, and black skirt; Mrs. M.
Boult, black silk toilette; Miss Boult
was dainty in rose pink silk, and eru
lace transparent yoke; Miss Lena But-
ters looked charming in a cream satin
blouse trimmed with silk lace insertion,
and black skirt; Mrs. Ernest Bloomfield
wore a pretty light evening gown and
handsome olive green opera cloak; Mrs.
Rose (Sydney) was in black; Mrs. Mon-
tagne, black satin trimmed with lace
and Brussels net, cluster of crimson
carnations in front of corsage.

**THE CONCERT IN AID OF THE
VETERANS' HOME**

on Friday last did not meet with
the support it deserved, either from the
point of view of the programme, which
was really excellent, or the object for
which funds were to be raised. Much
trouble had evidently been taken, and it
was discouraging to find it meet
with such scant recognition. A large
party from Government House was pre-
sent, and it was hoped their public ac-
ceptation of an invitation to the concert
would have resulted in a large
gathering of those who in Lord Ran-
furly's time were industrious in pro-
claiming their interest in everything
which concerned the Home. Presum-
ably the axes of these folks are all
ground, but, seeing that Lord and Lady
Plunket take an equal interest in the
Home as Lord and Lady Ranfurly did,
the sudden cooling off of alleged enthu-
siasm in certain directions is assuredly
in grievous bad taste, and is open to
obvious and severe comment. Amongst
those I noticed present were: Lady
Plunket, who was attired in a hand-
some black peau de soie evening gown
with a lace scarf loosely swathed round
her shoulders and arms; Mrs. Wallis
wore a black evening toilette; Miss Wil-
liams was gowned in a soft white even-
ing dress; Mrs. Neligan wore a mourning
gown; Mrs. Anson was in a becoming
blue and white Empire gown, and white
evening coat; Mrs. Bedford wore a white

brocade and very handsome black even-
ing coat with lace capette; Mrs. Mitchel-
son looked exceedingly well in a white
silk with black chiffon overdress, and
lovely white ostrich feather boa; Mrs.
Parkes was in white brocade and a blue
evening coat; Mrs. (Professor) Thomas,
white evening gown; Mrs. Began, white
gown and handsome black evening cloak,
trimmed with fur; Madame Wiclaert
wore white silk with a very effective
ruched net overdress and flowing
sleeves; Miss Somerset was in a rich
black velvet with white lace berthe.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis gave

A MOST ENJOYABLE EVENING

on the 30th ult. at "Westward-Ho" to
celebrate the coming of age of their
youngest son and the arrival from Eng-
land of their eldest son. The early
part of the evening was devoted to pro-
gressive euchre. Miss Moore-Jones and
Mr. J. Sutherland carried off the first
prizes, the booty prizes going to Mr.
and Miss V. Grey. Supper was served
in the dining-room, the table decora-
tions being exceedingly pretty. The lat-
ter part of the evening was devoted to
song and recitations, most of the
guests contributing. Mrs. Davis receiv-
ed her guests in a handsome green silk.
Miss Davis wore cream silk and chif-
fon; Miss Phyllis Davis, soft white silk;
Mrs. Mowbray-Hutton (Melbourne),
grey and pink silk; Mrs. Hamlin, white
silk, pink chiffon yoke and sleeves.
Among the guests were Misses Moore-
Jones, W. Moore-Jones, Laird, Bart-
lett, Grey, V. Grey, Smales, Healdy,
Wright, Foote, C. Pilkington, Daisy Pil-
kington, Messrs Horace and C. Moore-
Jones, Smales, Sutherland, Pilkington,
Laird, Hamlin, and many others.

LIEDERTAFEL CONCERT.

The Choral Hall was filled to its ut-
most capacity on Thursday evening last,
when the Auckland Liedertafel Society
gave another highly successful concert,
the fourth and closing one of the se-
ries. A programme of exceptional inter-
est was presented, a special item being
"The Miserere Scene" from "Il Trova-
tor," admirably rendered by Madame
Lillian Tree, Mr. Walter Whyte, and the
choir. The items by the Liedertafel
were of a high order of merit, and
proved the efficiency of an able con-
ductorship. Mr. Herbert Bloy, the tal-
ented young violinist, delighted the au-
dience with two violin solos, and organ
and flute obligatos by Messrs Horace
Hunt and S. Poore respectively lent ad-
ditional interest to the performance.
Mr. Walter Whyte's sweet tenor voice
was heard to great advantage in the
song, "Adelaide," and with Mr. J. W.
Ryan (basso) later in the evening sang
"O'er My Head" ("Martha"); Miss
Aulsebrook also sang "The Lost Chord"
with much success. Mr. Sydney Har-
butt, the society's hon. secretary, with
his usual energy, attended adequately
to the details of the concert. Madame
Tree looked exceedingly well in a black
spangled tulle evening toilette; Miss
Aulsebrook looked pretty in a white be-
ribboned chiffon frock. Among the au-
dience I noticed: Mrs. T. Peacock, in
a black satin gown, with vest of cream
satin; Miss Peacock was in a pale blue
surah silk, prettily trimmed with lace,
and a dark skirt; Mrs. Houghton, white
silk blouse, with transparent yoke,
dark skirt, and lovely pale green cloak
with bands of velvet of a darker shade;
Miss Hunt looked charming in a crim-
son chiffon blouse, with transparent
yoke of Paris-tinted lace, black voile
skirt; Mrs. A. B. Donald, lovely pale
grey pin-spotted voile gown, finished
with white lace and jet; Mrs. (Dr.)

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