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Society Gossip

AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee, July 30.
DRESSES AT THE OPERA.

"CARMEN."

Mrs Wilfred Bruce, who wore a black velvet dress, white lace collar; Miss Brigham, pale blue satin; Mrs Bond, wore black with white opera cloak; Miss Goldie, blue silk blouse with a beautiful lace collar and black skirt; Mrs Law, black gown with cream satin vest; Miss Law, peacock blue silk, white lace bolero; Miss Alice Law; Miss Rice wore Czar blue silk with corsage bouquet of red roses; her two younger sisters wore white; Mrs Roach, green silk with touches of pink; Mrs Dignan looked exceedingly well in white silk brightened with pink; Mrs Mennie, black; her daughter was in blue satin; Mrs (Prof.) Egerton wore fawn and blue satin; Mrs Harry Ashton, black evening gown; Mrs L. D. Nathan, black satin, long white opera cloak; Miss Julia Nathan wore azure blue; Mrs C. Brown was gowned in white silk with cream satin opera cloak; Miss Maud Murray, bellotrope silk blouse, white lace collar and a black skirt; Mrs E. Lewis, black with terra-cotta theatre cloak; Miss Dolly Moir, pale blue blouse, black skirt; Mrs Frank Turner looked pretty in pale pink; Miss Turner, black lace with red satin bodice and black lace sleeves; Mrs Braithwaite, black and gold, crimson opera cloak; Mrs Kekewick wore a pretty black evening dress; Miss Ivy Buddie, ivory white satin; Mrs Shipperd, black evening gown; Miss Hesketh wore a white blouse and black skirt with a white cape; Mrs R. Watt, pale blue satin blouse outlined with velvet of a darker shade, black skirt; Miss Banks, white silk blouse, black silk skirt; Mrs Cheeseman, black and silver; Mrs H. Kinder, black satin and jet; Mrs W. Rathbone, black evening gown with ruffings of white chiffon, white opera cloak; Mrs Upton, black with green beaded garniture; Mrs F. Winstone, blue blouse, black skirt, and white theatre cape; Mrs E. Mahoney, white and black evening dress; Miss Savage, white dress with a pretty pink cloak; Mrs Noel Biss, black satin trimmed with silver galoon, the sleeves spangled with silver sequins; Mrs Easton, black evening gown; Miss Mackay, pale blue silk.

"LOHENGREN."

Mrs Dr. Campbell was gowned in grey, with a white opera cloak and ermine collar; Mrs (Prof.) Egerton, black satin evening dress, with Maltese lace deftly arranged on corsage; Mrs (Dr.) Lindsay's rich black moire was relieved with touches of white on bodice; Mrs Joseph Macky wore a black satin, with white tucked chiffon chemisette; Mrs Brett, wore a black satin gown and a handsome black opera cloak, with black ruffings edged with white; Mrs Rainer looked exceedingly well in black and turquoise blue; Mrs H. Lloyd Brett's pale blue silk was very effective; Miss Pickering, soft white tucked silk, with lace; Mrs Shakespear wore a white satin blouse, draped with black lace

and cluster of violets on corsage, black satin skirt; Mrs (Prof.) Tubbs, black satin gown, with a beautiful lace bolero; Miss Sellars, black evening dress; Mrs (Dr.) Lawry, black; Mrs Oliphant, azure blue satin blouse, black skirt, and white opera cloak; Miss Kemphorne was gowned in black satin; her sister wore white; Mrs Larner, black gown, with corsage, bouquet of crimson roses; Mrs A. B. Donald, pale grey and pink striped satin bodice, black skirt; Mrs Thos. Morrin, handsome black satin, edged with jet; Miss Alice Morrin was dainty in ivory white satin; Mrs Andrew Hanna, peacock blue blouse and a black satin skirt; Miss Jackson, black, white theatre cloak; Mrs Black, yellow brocade; Miss Banks, black net spangled with gold sequins; Mrs P. L. Dignan was in white silk; Mrs J. M. Brigham wore black satin, embroidered with jet; Mrs Maston, pink silk, veiled in white lace; Miss Courtyne; Miss Peacock, black evening dress; Miss Margaret Peacock, pink; Mrs John Owen, handsome black silk; Miss Cotter, pale blue satin, with sprays of pink rosebuds on low corsage; Miss Milly Cotter, black satin, brightened with blue; Miss Winnie Cotter looked charming in a yellow satin gown, with white lace fichu and chon of black velvet on left shoulder; Mrs Ranson wore a rose pink silk blouse, with rich black bolero; Mrs J. H. Upton, grey brocade; Miss Upton, white; Mrs E. T. Hart, vieux rose silk blouse, dark skirt; Mrs W. Douglas was in black; Miss Mabel Douglas wore white; Miss Cruickshank, black evening dress; Miss Owen wore black, with white chiffon fichu; Miss Ada Owen looked dainty in Nil green silk; Miss Mennie, pale blue satin; Mrs Paul Hansen, black evening gown and lovely pale pink brocaded opera cloak; Mrs Dacre was gowned in black satin; Miss Dacre wore white silk, pink opera cloak; Miss Meta Dacre, white silk; Mrs Conay, black silk, with long lace sleeves; Mrs Frater, black gown, crimson flowers in coiffure; Mrs Arch. Taylor, black gown, white lace fichu.

It is a long time since we have experienced such dull, dismal, hopeless weather, as we have had during this last month. Fortunately Jupiter Pluvius turned off the rain taps, though only just for one evening, when Mrs E. Bamford gave her large

AT HOME

at her residence, "Ararua." Remuera, on Thursday last. The night was fine but very cold. Mrs Bamford, aided by her son, received her guests in the drawing-room, whence the guests made their way into the ball-room, which was artistically decorated with greenery and flowers. The music and floor were all that could be desired. The sitting-rooms were beautifully decorated, and the verandah was enclosed with canvas, so that the guests during the intervals of the dances could retire to some cool spot to enjoy a tete-a-tete. The supper decorations showed the hand of an artist and were greatly admired. The table was flanked with canary silk veiled in white embroidery centre piece, and suspended from the gas chandelier by a canary ribbon, was a dainty basket containing yellow jonquils, snowdrops and grasses, singly and loosely arranged, and the vases on the table were also arranged with shower-like bunches of maximus, narcissus, and snowflakes. The table was literally weighed down with good things, such as chicken, ham, mayonnaise, oysters, trifles, ginger creams, fruit salads, etc. There were plenty of men present, consequently there were no wall-flowers, and dancing was kept up with great zest. Amongst the dresses I noticed were.—Mrs Bamford, black silk veiled in lace and finished with bead passementerie, white pleated vest with pearl garniture; Mrs Salmon, black silk with lace, chiffon and bead finishings; Miss Salmon was much admired in a black gown with silver beaded pattern, the corsage was decorated with a bouquet of various shades of scarlet roses, red roses in coiffure; Mrs Robert Dargaville, black silk, with lace, the decolletage was finished with steel passementerie; Miss Kerr-Taylor, white silk; Mrs Draper, pink silk finished with white chiffon; Miss Peacocke, electricque blue silk relieved with beads; Miss Northcroft

looked distinguished in a white silk made in tunic style, with deep vandyked edges with frilled underskirt, the costume was relieved with chiffon and flowers; Miss Marshall, black silk with white lace on corsage; Miss Jackson looked chic in a handsome black silk with chiffon and black passementerie; Miss Kitty Lennox, white creponette, with bands of turquoise blue velvet on skirt and bodice, white chiffon chon in coiffure; Miss Stevenson, pink silk veiled in chenille spotted net, the bodice was trimmed with ruched black and white chiffon; Miss Mowbray, black silk finished with black beads and lace, the decolletage was relieved with white lace; Miss Daisy Mowbray, coffee coloured lace costume, with clusters of red poppies on corsage and in coiffure; Miss Towle wore pink, and her sister as a debutante looked pretty in white silk with chiffon finishings; Miss Winnie Cotter, handsome English costume of azure silk, with polonaise of deep vandyked edges, the underskirt was finished with ecru lace, the corsage was relieved with passementerie and pink flowers, pink flower in hair; Miss M. Cotter wore a handsome white Barathia silk (English costume), made similar to her sister's costume; Miss Bulter, white corded silk, finished with wide pleated chiffon, cluster of pansies on corsage, white chiffon chon in coiffure; Miss Cotter, black net dress, over silk, with black ribbon applications, the decolletage was finished with real point lace, white silk opera cape, lined and quilted red satin; Miss Hardie, white silk, with sash of blue silk brought from shoulder

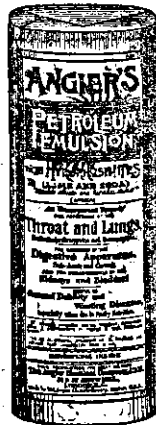
to waist diagonally, the decolletage was relieved with large bunches of pink roses; in the coiffure was also pink roses; Miss (Theo.) Kising, soft white silk (debutante frock), with chiffon trimmings, white chiffon chon in coiffure; Miss Ruddleck, white silk, relieved with black velvet bands; Miss Heywood, black velvet, with bead passementerie; Miss Richardson, black silk, with tulle finishings and relieved with scarlet flowers on shoulders and in coiffure; Miss Cruickshank looked graceful in a pink brocade, the corsage was relieved with lace and chiffon; Miss Thorpe, black velvet, with beads and tulle finishings; her sister wore white silk, with red flowers on corsage and in coiffure; another sister wore a white striped muslin; Miss Dargaville looked distinguished in a rich black silk, en traine, with shoulder straps and decolletage of pearl passementerie, silver ornament in coiffure; Miss Withers, blue silk, veiled in chiffon; Miss D. Sutton, rich canary satin, with lace at corsage; Miss Sutton, white silk, relieved with pink; Miss Peacock (Ponsoby), black silk, with lace and beads; Miss Wynyard, white silk, with pink flowers; Miss Bleazard-Brown, blue silk, with pink flowers on corsage; Messrs Bruce, Hutchison, Northcroft, Marshall, Peacock, Wynyard, Purchas, Pritt, Bamford (2), Kerr-Taylor, Rutherford, Kising, etc.

Miss Violet Mount gave a very large

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