Society Gossip.

AUCKLAND.

DEAR BEE.

SEPTEMBER 4.

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The unexpectedly cold weather with its unusual hallstorms has depressed us all. and I have little to tell, though during the gleams of sueshine we managed to see something of football, and enjoyed some evenings' anusement.

HE FOOTBALL MATCH
last Wednesday was crowded with the male sex. The ladies did not turn up in great numbers, but amongst those who did put in an appearance i noticed some semart gowns. Mrs Wille Blooms of the second of semantic powers with the semantic powers. The ladies did not turn up in great numbers, but amongst those who did put in an appearance i noticed some semart gowns. Mrs Wille Blooms of the semantic powers with the semantic powers with the semantic powers. The ladies did not turn up in great numbers, but the gent of the semantic powers with green affected semantic powers. Mrs Wille Blooms at the semantic powers with green affected semantic powers with the semantic powers with the semantic powers of the semantic powers with the semantic powers of the semantic powers with the semantic powers of th

In response to an invitation from the Committee of the "WHARE TAPERE"

(Post and Telegraph Musical and Literary Society) the members and their riconds assembled at the Club roor, Post Office Buildings, last Thursday evening. The long corridor and several rooms were very prettily and tastefully decorated with flowers and pictures by the ladies of the department. In one room Dr. Purchas revealed, with the aid of the microscope, some of the hidden secrets of nature. In another, Mr Crosher exhibited some of the wooders of electricity. During the svening a very creditable programme, comprising wood and instrumental selections, be not successfully the ladies and everyone appeared to be well pleased with the evening's entertainment. The success of the gathering was undoubtedly due to the efforts of the popular Secretary, Mr S. Macauley, assisted by the Misses Harris, Cullen, Atkinson, Powell, Minnett Kelly, etc.

Mrs Baitey, of Penrose, gave a most successful little evening last work. She was ably assisted to entertain her guests by her dance last thursday evening. The weather was as unpropitious as it could possibly be, but the guests soon forgot the discomforts they had to undergo in coming in the enjoyment of the evening. The girls had a splendid time, as there were plenty of men.

Mrs Marsden's concert.

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and grife had a spiendid lime, as there were plenty of men. We much enjoyed

MISS MARSDEN'S CONCERT.

I must recall a few of the dresses for you. Miss Freda Marsden;
wore a pretty white evening dress with a looped sash of bine silk
Miss Rice looked well in peart grey with cream lace and sash;
Miss W. Rice, white, sa-h of maize-coloured silk; Mrs Nashelski,
Miss W. Rice, white, sa-h of maize-coloured silk; Mrs Nashelski,
Miss Nashelski, dark dress, pretty fawn cloak; Mrs
Baume, black, black velvet fur-lined opera cloak; Mrs Sidney
Nathan, handsome dress of brown corded material, sleeves and
trimmings of more streen velvet; Mrs Myers, black, black plash,
small toques to match; Mrs Burcell, black dress and mantl: Miss
Burcell, dark dress relieved with a pretty rose pluk seart, black
tipped hat: Mrs Alexander, siylish costume of fawn and blue;
Miss Alexander, brown and white checked slik bloues over dark
skirt, fawn opera cloak bordered with brown fur; Miss Thorpe
(who accompanied Mr Gee's songs) wore a lovely evening gown of
deep cream trimmed with lace to match: Mrs Hill and one of the
blouse edged with three-rows of narrow black velvetribbon, black
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bold another very enjoyable dance in the Oddfellows' Hall on Friday night. Burkes Band, as usual, supplied excellent music. In spite of weather a large, supplied excellent music, and the other of the season of the PHYLLIS BROUNE.

WELLINGTON.

We have been as gay as ever since last I wooks, but I wooks, but I wooks, but I works, but I work that most of it is over now. I still hear of several more dances in prospect, but that will be considered quiet after what we have gone through during the past couple of months or so. It is containly

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THE GAYEST SESSION WE HAVE HAD FOR YEARS.

The first 'At Home' on my list is that igiven by Mise Pearce
last Thursday night. It took the form of a dance, there being
about ninety or one hundred guests, who arrived at aims relock
and danced until shortly after midnight, when the delightful
and was beautifully decorated, chiefly with soariet and white
comellina and greenery. The sitting-out room was also
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supper was beautifully decorated with dasfodils and drapery, and the hall, staircase, etc., were all made as beautiful as possible. Miss Pearce and her brother, Mr Ed. Pearce, received together, he former wearing a handsome cream witk gown, trained and trimmed with gold; Mrs Dowell, who is staying with her father, wore a white and yellow striped sils gown, and Mrs H. Crawford, her sister, wore cream silk and satin striped m storial thmend with black view; Mrs Alex. Crawford wore a bus silk thmend with hale wiew; Mrs Alex. Crawford wore a bus silk thmend with white least Mrs Charles and the control of the control o

of Mr.C. Y. O'Conner, who have a considered by Mr. and Mrs. John. A small dance is to be given to night by Mr. and Mrs. John. Duncan.

Mrs. (Captain) Edwin gave a large afternoon tea on Wednosday, there being music and singing contributed by several of the guests, and an amusing reading was given by Mr. Charles Izard (jun.). The Missee Edwin were assisting, and also Miss Bridgen and Mrs and the Misses Harding. Among the guests were Mr and Mrs. R. Pharazyn, Mr and Mrs. Travers. Dr. Harding, Mr and Mr Oliver. Mrs. Robeles. Mrs. Enguson, and many others.

On the following day Mrs. Lard, of Hobon-street, gave a Larde Afternoon 'Ar Home.'

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A LARGE JUVENILE PARTY AT ST. PAUL'S PARSONAGE, and as it is holiday time all the children were allowed to go, and they enjoyed themselves thoroughly with dancing and games of various kinds. Arong the guests were the Misses Quick, Pownes, Edwis, Handles, Joseph, Bell, Gore, Wilson, Williams, Brandon, Hislop, Martin, etc., and Miss Sprott made an excellent little hostess.

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MR ROBERT PARKER'S ANNUAL CONCERT

was largely attended last night, and was a great nuccess. It introduced to us Herr Balling, of the Nelson Musical Academy, and who, with Miss Dugdale (who is visiting Wellington from Nelson), contributed the gems of the evening—two diners for viola and plane by Rubenstein and Ritter. They were exquisite. Miss Stuart made her debut as a pianiste, and received quite an ovation ster her performance of Misses Hamerton and Miss Muster her performance of Misses Hamerton and Miss Minor with the orchestra. The Misses Hamerton and Miss Mr Bay, and Miss M. Myers. A small orchestra under Mr Robuff Boyd contributed a couple of pieces and the Wellington Liedertafol gave some Norwegian glees, older's Home Coming' being particularly admired, and i hope we shall have an opportunity of hearing it again. His Kxesilency Town at a gap and fashionable audience.

TOWN HAS BEEN FULL OF CHRISTCHURCH AND WANGANUI COL-LEGE BOYS

Town has been fold of consistences and wanganul cultures and the football tournaments are taking place this week. Mr and Mrs Firth entertained all the teams and a number of friends at a dance at the College last night. It was very much enjoyed, and at the conclusion three cheers were given for the flead master the too blage and his wife for their hospitaity. The flead master is the college by Mr and Mrs Firth a Startway night at supper at the College by Mr and Mrs Firth a Startway and an entertainment is to be provided for them—so you see they are being well treated in the Empire City.

On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of last week a private display of the latest London and Parlsian modern millinery and mantles was held in the reception rooms at Te Aro House, Wellington. 'He display was truly grand, and over five hundred ladies, including a party from Government House, attended by special invitation. Afternoon tea was dispensed in adjoining rooms, which were most tastefully laid out for the occasing.

PICTON.

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On Tuesday evening Mr and Mrs Fell gave a

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EUCHER PARTY

to a number of Pictonians, which, it is needless to say, was greatly enjoyed. Mrs Fell and her sister, Mrs McShane, were both dressed in black, as was also Mrs Millington; Mrs Rutherford wore crushed strawberry silk trimmed with cream guipure; Miss Fell, cardinal dross trimmed with olack lace, and Miss Midred Fell, cardinal dross trimmed with olack lace, and Miss Midred Fell, which was a black with and a handsome cardinal case; Miss Speed wore a black skirt and a handsome cardinal case; Miss Speed wore a black skirt and a handsome cardinal and black relvet zonave; lashed Seymour, brown tweed skirt and real blouse; Miss Miss Miss Mary Seymour, brown tweed dress and black relvet zonave; lashed Seymour, brown tweed dress and black relvet zonave; lashed Seymour, brown tweed dress and black relvet zonave; lashed Seymour, brown tweed dress and black relvet zonave; lashed Seymour, brown tweed dress and black relvet zonave; lashed Seymour, brown tweed skirt and cream blouse; Miss Linton, pale red with colling and current of dark red plush; Miss E Linton, pale red with colling and current der skirt and cream blouse; Miss Alice Scott, Miss Marcher and Cardinal Red Miss Mirrie Philpotts, A most referred a supper was laid out In the hall, whonce the party adjourned after the ceremony of awarding the prizes was over, the long of the prizes and Miss Mirrie Philpotts and Master G. Fell, the both of the prizes and Miss Mirrie Philpotts and Master G. Fell, the

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was initiated for Saturday, or rather I should say two picnics—
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waylay passers—by on the Sound for a supply. That difficulty
being overcome, it was next found that there was only one 'blily
wherein to bell water for nearly sixty people—great and small—
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portion, and so were anxious about the weather of the younger
(our,) Millington, Philopota, Allen two), Western two, (Ferensill,
Linton, and the younger ones Misses Wester, Miles two, Fuller,
Allen two, Seymour, Greensill three, Philptota three, Foll,
Price, Sealey (two), and Mesers Fox, Goodwin, Scott, S. C. Allen,

W. Baillie, J. Greenelli, Henderson, Dr. Millington, and Masters McShane, Sealoy, Fisk, Western, etc., etc.

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White, Philipotts, M. and J. Greensill, W. and T. Baillie.

PERSUNAL.

Mr Gudgeon, who has been to Wellington to consult Dr. Colline on the see is to go under an operation to-morrow in the Bleenheim Hospital. Dr. Collins having so advised. The doctors tank there is a chance if the operation is performed at once, and so for the is a chance if the operation is performed at once, and so for the back of the chance of the operation is performed at once, and so for the fact of the chance of the operation of the risk. The case anyway is a very and one. Mr. Hugdle or an of Blenheim, Mrs. Undgeon sister, is staying in Picton to help the family, Mr Cyril Gudgeon, of Queenstown, being unable to leave his duties in the bank there for more than a few days.

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Miss M. Bell, Mrs Wilson, Meesrs Weir and Millar, Mr Wallace
gave that wonderful sole, 'Il Trillo del liabolo,' with greatsuccess,
and of the concerted pieces.' The Trout' was perhaps the greatest
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well in electric bitue sitk and brocale trimming.
Mrs Wilding wore a hand-some trained gown of black velvet with
white satin front; Miss M. Bell, a very pretty white sitk dress
with lace panier and berthe, with bouquots of violets: Miss Right, a lovely
peacock plush. Among the large audience were Mrs Embling, in
black Mrs Julies in grog silk and black lace: Mrs Bullis, in
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A CHRISTENING.

Mr and Mrs P. Campbell's little son began his festivities early by having a reception inter being christoned, which ceremony was performed at St. Michael's church by the Rev of the way of the continuous and a number of guests present, who afterwards adjourned to Forres House for cake and wine. Among those present were the Rev. and Mrs Aveill. Mrs Need. Mrs No Clorke, Mr and Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes, Mrs Boyle, the lion. Mrs Farker. Mr. Mrs and Miss Hill. Mrs fellow received quite a number of beautiful presents. The little fellow received quite a number of beautiful presents.

POINT TO POINT RACE

took place at Templeton, a large number of people riding and driving out to witness it. Mr R. H. Rhodes acted as starter, and Mr Lyon as judge. Among those driving were Mr and Mrs Stead, Mr and Misses Cowiishaw, Mr and Mrs Maodonald, Mr and Mrs M. Wood, the Hon. Mrs Parker, Misses Nedwill, Wilson, Helmore, and others. Among those on horseback were Mrs Lyon, Mr and Miss Mart. Misses Gorrard and Spensley, Mr and Miss Maydon, Mr and Miss Winter, Dr. Stack, Messrs Turrel, Of Horke, B. Lane, G. Gould, and others.

The Opera Company are not getting the good houses their performances deserve, but we must put it down partly to the very heavy tax we have had upon us so long for the unemployed, and also the counter attraction of Bentley at the Tuam-attreet Theatre, Miss Annis Montague sings as well if not better than ever. Miss Staunion has a lovely voice, and is a favourite, while Farley has greatly improved, so there is no fault in them, though the staging of the operas is very poor.

DANCE AT SUMNER.

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The young folk at Sumner had a great treat last Saturday. A dance was given in the Town Hall by Mrs Morton and aboat forty chi dron were present, besides a good number of grownups. Dancing was kept up till 5 p.m. and it was a wonderfully prettysight tosechow well the fittle one dancen on-wadays the bright frocks and sashes worn adding greatly to brighten the scene, Among the many children were Misses Dobson, Rocker, Preston (three). Kitson it wo, Collins, Wiggins, Khind, and Maskers Pobson, Kitson and may others. Daticious Jellies, the children did full justice to them ail.

TENNIS.

At the Cranmer Square Couris on Tuesday last, Mr Wilding and Miss E. Black boat Mr Macpherson and Mrs Way, for the racquet Mr Harman gaco. The former courids started from scratch, their opponents receiving 52 points in a 100 up. A good match resulted, the winners getting 11 by 10 points. A large number of Payon and guests were present, and enjoyed afternoon tea kindly dispensed by Miss Ettie Davie.

