

ANDERSON'S CREEK.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Children's Pic-nic, Boxing-Day.—

It was a pretty sight. Mr. Collins, who had charge of the affair, had made a large circle, festooned from a centre tree with numerous small and large flags, the latter with suitable devices, this combined with the splendid weather, the beautiful green appearance of the ground, and well dressed, happy-looking children, the *tout ensemble* was perfect. The circle itself must have cost infinite labor and was the admiration of all present. About 100 children sat down to tea, sports were indulged in, and useful prizes given to the successful ones. For the liberal response of the inhabitants, the donation of Mr. Arthur Pretty, of Melbourne, and Mr. E. Squires' donation of 12 dozen buns, the children are indebted for their treat. What was left of the good things was divided amongst the children on New Year's Day. To Mr. Collins for his indefatigable labors certainly great praise is due, also, to the young ladies who assisted in the distribution to the children.

The ball held in the hall on the 29th inst., although not so crowded as ordinary, was a very enjoyable one, everybody leaving thoroughly satisfied with their night's dancing.

Anderson's Creek Cricket Club.—A largely attended meeting was held at the Union Hotel on Saturday evening last to form the above club. The following were the office-bearers appointed:—President, E. H. Cameron, Esq., M.P. Treasurer, Mr. Treaise. Secretary, Mr. Oldham. Committee: Messrs. Masterton, Mullens, Logan, Collins, Allen, Sloane and Arnold. Donations received—E. H. Cameron, £1; F. Treaise, Union Hotel, £1. Several other gentlemen have also promised their support. About 20 joined, the entrance fee being fixed at 2s 6d. New books were ordered to be got at once, and Wednesdays and Saturdays appointed practice days. Now that we have started so well it is to be hoped that several matches will take place between this and Easter. We have a pretty good team and will, I think, report matches favorably.