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ised in colour. Furthermore, the tree was hung with a large number of gold-coated apples. In the middle front of the tree was hung the dove (Holy Ghost), the Christ Child and His Mother, all made from sugar. Finally every vacant space was then entwined with chains of thousands of gold-coated hazelnuts, threaded like a necklace, as well as with garlands, forming a golden net all over the tree. From between all this profusion the little wax lights shone and twinkled”.

Around the middle of the 19th century the beloved Christmas tree as still seen all over Switzerland was finally established in its present form: candles, baubles, strands of glitter and all the other sundry decorations and the burning candles.

Forthcoming Events

Hamilton Swiss Club

The Hamilton Swiss Club **Picnic** will be held on Sunday, 21st February, at the usual place in Ngaruawahia.

Wellington Swiss Club

A **Picnic** in Queen Elizabeth Park (1 mile from Paekakariki) will bring us together as usual during the holidays. It is scheduled for Sunday, 17th January.

Our Camping Weekend will be on February 13th and 14th in Riversdale, near Masterton. —M.K.

Laugh a little . . .

A married couple went to the pictures and saw a good love story. The wife begins to feel romantic. “Do tell me darling, if you had to start all over again, would you marry me again?”

The husband’s tender answer: “If I had to — yes”.

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“Do you play any instrument?”

Answer by the husband: “Only at home — second violin”.

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An English lady sent a letter to her favourite women’s magazine “Question Corner”, asking: “My husband went to buy a tin of spinach and has not returned. This was two years ago; what shall I do?” The answer was: “Open a tin of beans”.

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The old maid arrives in heaven: “My whole life long I have acted like a saint. Is this supposed to continue for all eternity?”

Nebelspalter.