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PLEASANT MEMORIES OF THE WELLINGTON SWISS: Sunday, the 7th January, will no doubt bear very pleasant memories for the small Swiss Community in Wellington. Dr. Schmid, the Swiss Consul, and Mrs. Schmid, were again good enough to invite the Swiss living in Wellington to an After-Xmas party at their lovely home in Karori, and I can assure the few Swiss who were absent on holidays, that they missed a very enjoyable afternoon and evening.

Whereas the number of families present remains about the same, the size of them seems to increase, judging by the many children, crawling and galloping stage, who made the garden unsafe and forced the grown-ups to keep their eyes on the ground on the lookout for crawlers and toys, or to be alert against flying objects hurled about by three wildcats.

The Xmas tree and Father Xmas with his stockings were not missing, and I congratulate Mrs. Schmid on the way she told the children, how Father Xmas came all the way from Switzerland to hand over his presents through the Swiss Consul. Not only the children believed it, but also the grown-ups nearly did.

Do the Swiss like good food? You can be sure of that! Had you been with us this Sunday, you would have had the opportunity to try all the many home-cookedainties that Mrs. Schmid put on, and you would still talk about it, as we do. Also the ice-cooled beer found ready reception and the coffee was "real coffee".

As the young folks slowly tired and were overdue for bed, the very lively party broke up round 9 o'clock and I am sure that I speak in the name of all who were present, when I say again to Dr. and Mrs. Schmid: "Thank you so much for the very pleasant day which we shall remember!"

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NEW MEMBERS: We are pleased to advise that the following compatriots joined our Society:

Mr. Jacob Meuli, Normanby.  
Mr. A. Respinger, 4 Maidstone Flats, Park Rd., Auckland S.E.1.  
Mr. F. G. Respinger, 4 Maidstone Flats, Park Rd., Auckland S.E.1.  
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