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Tightening the Belt . . .

THE DECISION of the recent General Meeting of the Society at Wellington to reduce the size of the "Helvetia" for economic reasons has confronted the Editing Committee with some serious problems.

The Committee feels that this is going right against its thinking of improving the paper in scope and quality. As we do generally have an abundance of interesting material to make the paper twice the size the Committee generally finds it hard to assess what material to give preference.

At the moment the paper consists of four distinctly different parts: (1) the one-page editorial, (2) the leading article on specific political and economical aspects of Switzerland, usually two to four pages, depending on its suitability to split up for two consecutive insertions, (3) News of the Colony and Forthcoming Events and (4) News from Switzerland.

A 15% reduction is called for to balance the economic position of the Society and our readers could help the Editing Committee to make a decision on which of the four parts reductions should or could take place. Any suggestion can be sent to Mr Arnold Biland, myself or either of the other two members of the Editing Committee before July 8th next.

—W.R.