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a lot of the new language and thus became able to understand, but unable to converse with them.

At the funeral service in the Hillcrest Presbyterian Church, the Minister fittingly referred to the aforementioned with quotes from the Bible illustrating the difficulties and joys of emigrating to a new country.

In expressing our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families may we quote Michelangelo's inscription on one of his famous paintings: Death and love are the two wings that bear the good man to heaven.

—W.R.

## Forthcoming Events

**The Hamilton Swiss Club Picnic** will be held on Sunday 22nd February, at the usual place in Ngaruawahia.

## HEDY'S CORNER . . .

### An open letter to Mum and Dad:

#### **"THERE IS NO SANTA CLAUS"**

Yes, this statement will be hurled at you sooner or later by your offspring. What could be better than countering the child's final loss of a cherished belief with the true meaning of the legendary figure—told in the form of a story. Below is such a story—yours to adjust to your child's understanding; yours to adjust according to your convictions and religious belief; yours to enlarge upon on any aspect upon the child's request.—

"Yes darling there is no real Father Christmas, but I will now explain to you why we tell little children about Father Christmas; it will make you see that we have told no real lie.

"You know that babies cannot talk, so they cry for everything they need. But the greatest thing for them is a cuddle with their mammy. You too cried when you were a baby and needed comfort or were hungry and needed a cuddle after mammy made you comfortable, showed you that she loved you. When you were a little bit older daddy amused you and made you laugh; that showed you that daddy loved you. Then you started to grow up: 2 years old, 3 years old, 4 years old until you are ..... years old. You learnt to understand words and to talk. You learnt to look and hear, and you learnt to think. And so today you really **know** that daddy and mammy love you and **you** know that you love **them**. How do you know that? You cannot hear or see it, you