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Confident in the belief that the unpredictable English weather invariably smiles upon the Ticinesi when they spend a day in the open, the Entertainment Committee of the Unione Ticinese had stubbornly refused to cancel their plans for a family outing to Oxshott Heath, Surrey on Sunday, July 18th, during the previous fortnight of wet, sometimes cold weather. Their confidence was amply justified. Although in the morning, when the party gathered at Waterloo Station the sky was still heavy with cloud, and the wind somewhat chilly, by lunch time the sun won through the low layer of cloud to shine upon some sixty Ticinese compatriots and friends enjoying their picnic under the pine trees by the side of the memorial on Oxshott Ridge. The *al fresco* meal over, conditions further improved to a warm, sunny summer afternoon..

The young members, with some not so young, engaged in an exciting game of "rounders" on the flat part of the heath. The older folk strolled along tree-lined footpaths or sat and watched the fun. There were pony rides for the children, whilst some of the ladies also experienced the thrill of bestriding a well-behaved steed causing incidentally much hilarity amongst the onlookers.

After more games including a potato race for the children, and a three-legged race for the ladies, a talent competition provided some ten entertaining turns of song, yodel and slapstick.

The party broke up late in the evening but not before they had enjoyed some community singing accompanied by Mr. Louis Bruni on his accordion.

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