

HOME MAKERS' CORNER

By "LYNETTE"

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How sturdy God hath made thee—
Thou bidst us all place faithfully
Our trust in God unchangingly.

The Christmas tree originated in central Europe in the Middle Ages, and has much of Christian symbolism associated with it. The evergreen tree typifies the everlasting love of God, and the candles represent the Light of the World which was revealed to us in Christ Jesus. The star usually placed at the top of the tree, symbolises the star that "came and stood over where the young child was," while the presents tied to the branches had their origin in the gifts that the wise men brought to the Infant Jesus. Indeed, all Christmas gifts have this as their origin, and in past days these gifts were for the poor—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Though it is not always possible to have a full-sized tree in the house, even a small one can be very decorative and give a festive Christmas look to a room. Lawsoniana, cypress, spruce and rimu all have the fine texture of small needles, and the attractive shape necessary for a small tree. There are many ways in which it may be decorated, with ribbons, streamers, crepe paper bows, tinsel, or paper toffees. A star made from silver paper and cardboard can be easily fixed to the top by wiring from the stem. If extra glamour is desired, a glittering sprinkling of "snow" may be added. Dissolve two or three pounds of alum in hot water and stand to cool in a large bucket or kerosene tin. When cool suspend the tree in the solution and leave for about twenty-four hours. When it is removed, the crystals of alum will be sparkling all through the tree, and stood in a flower pot of wet sand, it looks really lovely.

SOLUTION TO No. 28

Across: 1, Predicant; 9, Prune; 10, Osier; 12, R.I.; 13, Spins; 15, He; 16, Emu; 18, R.N.T.; 19, Sea; 20, Consecrated; 23, Pad; 24, Ago; 25, Philanderer; 29, Ion; 30, Tui; 31, Ere; 32, Cr.; 33, Nonce; 35, R.S.; 36, Enter; 38, Tames; 40, Subsisted.

Down: 1, Primo; 2, R.U.; 3, Ens; 4, Depredators; 5, Contradicts; 6, Ass; 7, N.I.; 8, Tehee; 9, Precipice; 11, Re-address; 14, Inc.; 17, Unpin; 19, Store; 21, Sal; 22, Age; 26, Horns; 27, Nun; 28, Erred; 33, Neb; 35, Eat; 37, Tu; 39, Me.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOMINION CONVENTION

February 16-22, Trinity Hall, Barnard Street, Timaru.

NOMINATIONS FOR DOMINION OFFICERS, 1949-50

The followings nominations for District Officers have been received by me:

President: Miss C. M. McLay.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. H. Kasper, J.P., Mrs. H. N. Toomer, Mrs. C. R. N. Mackie, Mrs. E. J. Chesswas, Miss C. E. Kirk, J.P.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. V. Underhill.

Treasurer: Miss G. Gibbs.

R. M. UNDERHILL.

CONVENTION REMINDERS

Dear Friends,—

Convention is around the corner and I would like to remind Union Presidents and Secretaries of a few things which need to be done to ensure a smooth running and profitable time. Will you please—

1.—Advise me of the name of your delegate.

2.—Send name and address of delegate to Miss Stevenson, 6 Seddon Street, Timaru, if hospitality is required.

3.—Supply your delegate with a Credential which should be handed to me on arrival.

4.—Remind delegate to take: Notebook, pencil, hymn-book, butter ration card. **Note.**—Should circumstances arise to prevent a delegate attending Convention, please advise Miss Stevenson, or your hostess.

5.—If your Union is in possession of a **Competition Banner**, see that it is **taken or posted** to me at Convention.

6.—**Service of Remembrance:** I should like the names of your members who have passed on since last Convention, by the 10th February. Thanking you in anticipation!

Yours sincerely,

RUBY M. UNDERHILL,

Hon. Rec. Sec.

HANDKERCHIEF COMPETITION FOR HEADQUARTERS FUND

1.—"Thrift," to be made from **used** material, any size.

2.—"New" handkerchief made from **new** material of any size.

Both kinds to be trimmed in any way desired.

Entries to be sent or brought to Convention on 16th February next, when they will be displayed and judged. Competitors to state whether handkerchiefs may be sold for Headquarters Fund, or if they wish to retain them. More than one entry permitted.

"W.R. CROSSWORD" - 29

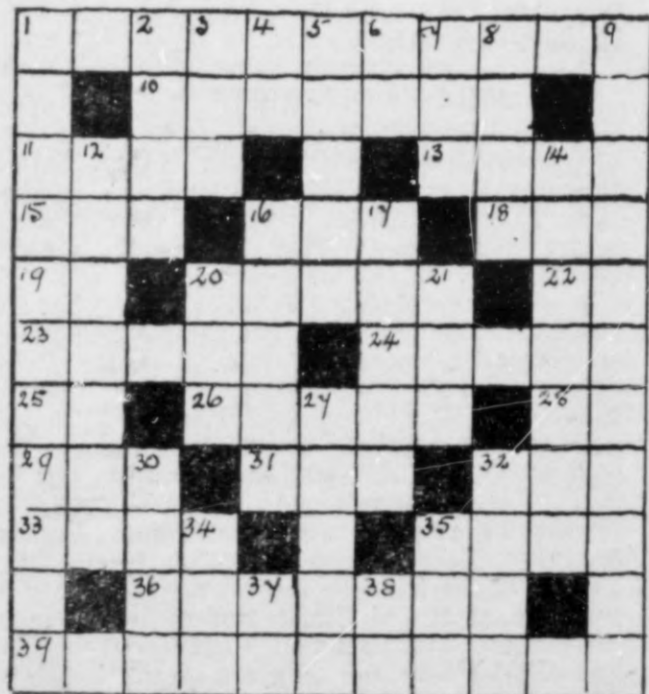
CLUES

Across

- 1—Without delay.
10—A rare metal.
11—Step.
13—Religious teacher of India.
15—Aim.
16—Stuff.
18—Required number.
19—Maori village.
20—Lubricated.
22—Exclamation.
23—Not asleep.
24—Fruit.
25—Noted Painter.
26—Ancient weapon.
28—Call.
29—Special skill.
32—Boy's name (abbr.).
33—Conquer.
35—Ceased to possess.
36—River Siren of German lore.
39—Unusual.

Down

- 1—Cannot be mended.
2—Watch over.
3—Unit of work.
4—Girl's name (abbr.).
5—Perfect.
6—Three-toed sloth.
7—Pull.
8—Birds.
9—Living place for young people.
12—Ignorant.
14—Stretches.
16—Tetties.
17—Depositing centre.



- 20—Egyptian or Turkish weight.
21—Fine moisture.
27—Fasten firmly together.
30—Mica.

- 32—Part of the body.
34—A digit.
35—Sign of the Zodiac.
37—Reply paid.
38—Common Chinese name.