



My dear Little People,

It won't be long now before you'll be having your holidays, what are you all going to do with yourselves during the weeks of vacation? I think it would be a very good plan if the members of the L.P.L.C. would make a point of writing to each other during the holidays, and also be sure to write to "Anne" at least *once*, as well. Do you know it's fearfully lonely when you are all holidaying and the postman just passes my door. See now what you can do to help keep our page brisk and bright during the holidays, see how nice holiday letters look printed on our page.

Some time ago a few of the Little People told me they thought it would be very fine for us to have badges, and I think so myself, but what does everyone else think? I want you all to write me a short letter telling me what you think of the idea, but the whole letter must be only *one* page long, and written in *ink*. If we have badges we will have to buy them, as you know my dear Little People everything we use in this world has to be paid for by somebody. Of course they won't be very dear or else we simply can't think about them at all, and I would like us to work it in such a manner that by buying our badges we would be making a fund for something very special. What it is to be we can decide about later on, but I want you all to write, and tell me just what you think about the idea. Talk it over with the grown-ups at home, they really can be very useful at times like this, because they have what is called "experience," a thing unknown to Little People and "Annes." See what they have to say and suggest, and let me know by the 1st January, 1925, New Year's Day.

I told you the other week that I would give you the names of the new members of the L.P.L.C., here they are, and they bring the count up to 69 members in all:—

McCormack, Dan, The Valley, Maraekahaho, Hastings, H.B.

Quinn, Trephena Bernardine, Okain's Bay, Banks' Peninsula.

Paterson, Teresa, 42 Douglas Street, St. Kilda, Dunedin.

Walsh, Patricia, 22 Cambridge Street, Pahiataua.

Archer, Ida, Little River.

Gallagher, Joan, Heretaunga Street, Hastings, H.B.

O'Connor, K—, Convent School, Hastings, H.B.

Gardner, Patricia, Convent School, Hastings, H.B.

Buchanan, Francis Leo, Dobson Street, Brunnerton.

Poft, Joan, Spreydon.

O'Shea, Margaret, Warwick Road, Hastings.

Brocherie, Ursula, "Onuku," Akaroa, Banks' Peninsula.

That is our list to date, and I do hope you'll make friends with each other. Someone asked me not long ago about making friends with Little People in other countries. I think the best thing for you to do is to write to some of the children whose names and letters you see in other papers. That is the only way I can suggest.

Now we must read our letters and answer them so as not to carry anything over into the New Year.

Dear Anne,

It is such a long time since I wrote so I am writing to-night. Our examination is over now I think I passed I did not think I would pass as I had missed such a lot of school. Mother was in Hospital for a long time and is down with my grandmother just now; she is not better yet. We have had to do the work ourselves so haven't much time for writing. The school was closed for five weeks because of the whooping cough we all had it and it is not very nice. We are saying the thousand Hail Marys for the Infant Jesus. It is raining up here to-night. Well dear Anne this is a small letter but it is my bedtime now so I will bring this to an end for this time. Yours sincerely, Mary Kinney, Hyde.

(So sorry to hear of all your sickness Mary dear, and we hope your mother will be quite well soon. Good children for remembering the Infant Jesus, He will not forget you.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I think it is about time I wrote to you again. I have two new friends from the L.P.L.O. and their names are Marie Searle and Joy Brocherie. We all enjoy reading the *Tablet*. I am going to write to Patricia Phelan as she wants a girl of ten or twelve to write to her. I am sending you a photo of the Lighthouse which my brother took. It is not a very good one, but you will see what our lighthouse is like. It shows 25 miles out to sea to show travellers the way to come over the bar at night. As I want to write to your Little People I will close now with best wishes from Mary, Awhitu, Manakau Heads.

(Thank you for the picture of the Lighthouse Mary, I just wish we could come over to you for a picnic. Glad you've made friends, be sure you write to each other faithfully.—Anne.)

RIDDLE BIN.

There are still a few unanswered riddles down at the bottom of the Bin, we'll see what we can find.

1. Which would you rather have, an elephant kill you or a gorilla?
2. What is the difference between a donkey and a post office?
3. What is it that goes up a chimney down but won't go down a chimney up?
4. What is it that turns without moving?
5. Black within red without four corners roundabout, what is it?
6. What is it that a cat has that no other animal has?
7. Black and white and red (read) all over, what is it?

ANSWERS.

1. I would rather have the elephant kill the gorilla.
2. Those who don't know the difference should never post letters as they might give them to the donkey.
3. An umbrella.
4. Milk.
5. A chimney.
6. Kittens.
7. A newspaper.

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