

a river there because when I am hot I can have a swim and I will get cooled down. At school now we play cricket instead of football because it is too hot. Yours truly, Frank Laredo, St. Joseph's School, Hastings.

(Hope you have lots of good swims in the holidays Frank, and if there's no river, just get someone to hose you.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,—Just a few lines to wish you a very happy Christmas and a happy New Year. We have had very hot weather in Hastings. I am ten years old and I like school very much but we will have our holidays soon. We get our holidays on the 12th of December and we are going to have a concert. I think I have passed, if I have I will be in standard three. Your loving friend, Dolly Kitching, St. Joseph's School, Hastings.

(Thank you for good wishes Dolly. Hope you have passed into Std. III.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I am just writing this letter to know how you are getting on. I hope you are quite well and strong. My best mate is Mollie Hull. We have just shifted into a nice big house which is very comfortable, but it is not very nice when you do not know where to find anything at all. We have a little Persian kitten and I would like a name for it, this is all the news I have so I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Your loving friend, Joan Gallagher, Convent School, Hastings.

(Thank you for the pretty card Joan dear, and your good wishes. Call your kitten "Beauty." Hope you'll be quite straight in the new house by Christmas.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I am just writing a few lines to ask you how are you getting on. This is my third letter to you. I am in std 2. I have one brother and three sisters. I have one brother in std 3 and one sister in std 4 and another in primer 2. We break up on the twelfth of this month. My birthday is on the 17th of July. Your new friend, Denton Brimer.

(Hope you have a jolly Christmas and good holidays.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Just a few lines to wish you a merry Christmas. We have had our exam, and if

I pass I am going into Std three. We have a dog called Wirrie, and he is a good watch dog. We are getting our holidays this week, and we are going to have a Christmas tree on Wednesday afternoon. I have four brothers and five sisters so that there are nine in the family. Your loving friend, Alice Cassin, St. Joseph's School, Hastings.

(Glad to hear from you Alice. Hope you and Wirrie will enjoy the holidays.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Just a few lines to let you know that I am wishing you a merry Christmas. I am sending you a Christmas card. I have five sisters and two brothers. I like school very much. We are breaking up for our Christmas holidays soon. Sister has been very good to us during the schooldays, and we must thank Sister. This is only a few lines but I cannot think of any more. I must close. Hoping that you will enjoy reading all the letters. I will be writing soon again. Your loving friend, Jean Martin, St. Joseph's School, Hastings.

(Thank you for good wishes Jean. Hope you'll have the nicest holidays ever.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Well dear Anne, how are you getting on? I do not seem to be getting on very well. Not very long ago I had two sore fingers but now I have only one. The one that is better had a thorn in it but mother got it out. The other one is not so nice. It is poisoned. I have had ten poultices on it and it is still sore. I want it to heal up before I go away and have a good holiday. But I must not forget you Anne must I? I will wish you a merry Christmas and a bright and happy New Year. Yours truly, Patrick Gardner, St. Joseph's School, Hastings.

(Sorry Pat old man about your poor fingers. Hope they'll be better quite soon and that you'll have a real good holiday.—Anne.)

Dear Little People from Hastings,

What a batch of lovely letters you sent me, all the pretty cards and photos. Your letters are so well written, so clean and fresh, that it was good to get them. A Happy Christmas and New Year to you all from—

ANNE.

P.S.—Thanks to Jean Martin and Kathleen O'Connor for cards.

jubilee. Every man shall return to his possession, and everyone shall go back to his former family; because it is the jubilee and the fiftieth year."

It is this jubilee of the Old Testament which has given its name to our Holy Year.

But the Christian jubilee vastly surpasses that of the Jews because that which the fiftieth year produced for them in temporal benefits is produced for us in spiritual ones.

Their jubilee opened the prisons, freed the slaves; ours gives us the means that may deliver us from the bonds of sin and remit the debts of temporal punishment we have incurred. Their's returned them to their families and to the possessions of their goods, ours gives us an easy means of re-acquiring the grace and friendship of God, our place in the communion of Saints, our right to the eternal heritage of heaven.

Well may we apply to our Holy Year the following from the fourth chapter of St. Luke: "He came to Nazareth and he went into the synagogue and he rose up to read and he found the place where it is written by Isaias; the spirit of the Lord is upon me; wherefore he hath anointed me to preach deliverance to the captives, and sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of reward."

Treasury of the Church Opened.

It may be asked: Why were the first Christian jubilees kept every hundred years, whereas the Mosaic Law prescribed one to every fifty? There is no answer except perhaps that there may have been an intermingling of ideas not unconnected with the Roman *ludi saeculares* which were kept every hundredth year with great rejoicings and are commemorated by Horace in his "*Carmen Saeculare*."

The Church continues Christ's work on earth for our sanctification and salvation, so those words of Isaias can be applied to it as they were to Christ Himself.

During the jubilee, this special time of grace and spiritual favors, the Pope not only invites all to exceptional prayer and penance, to a more ardent practice of good works and a more fervent reception of the Sacraments, but he also opens wide the treasury of the Church, publishing a solemn and universal plenary indulgence.

This publication is made first in Rome by the Pope himself with exceptional solemnity, and is transmitted then to all the faithful throughout the world.

In other times it used to be published in Latin from the porch of St. Peter's on the Feast of the Ascension the preceding year and in Latin and Italian before the Quirinal Palace on the fourth Sunday in Advent of the jubilee year itself.

All are invited to take part, and certain special practices of piety and charity are laid down as conditions for obtaining the jubilee indulgence or remission; and during the year, as a help even to the greatest sinners, confessors have special faculties and powers such as in ordinary times are reserved to Bishops or only to the Pope himself.

Truly, then, the Holy Year is a special time of joy for all, a jubilee indeed, and verily the year of the Lord.

Meaning of the Holy Year

(By REV. T. A. ADKINS, in an exchange.)

The word "Jubilee," we are told, is derived from the Hebrew word "Jobel," meaning ram's horn, because the Jubilee used to be proclaimed by the priests of the Old Testament with trumpets of ram's horns. Hence the word has come to signify supreme joy, jubilation, a shout of gladness.

The jubilee period was, indeed, for the Israelites, a time of exultation and universal pardon, and hence the expressions, "Jubilee year" and "year of remission."

While all along the crowded way
Was jubilee and loud huzza,

says Scott in can. 5 of his "Lady of the Lake."

It came round every fiftieth year, when the land, which had passed out of the possession

of those to whom it had originally belonged, was restored to them; all who had been reduced to poverty, and were obliged to let themselves out for hire, were released from bondage; and all debts were cancelled.

God's Message to Moses.

For the origin of this custom we must refer to Leviticus, xxv: "The Lord spoke to Moses in Sinai, saying: . . . thou shalt number to thee seven weeks of years, that is to say, seven times seven, which together make forty-nine years; and thou shalt sound the trumpet in the seventh month, the tenth day of the month, in the time of the expiation in all your land. Thou shalt sanctify the fiftieth year, and shalt proclaim remission to all the inhabitants of the land; for it is the year of

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