



A Page for Little People

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Dear Little People,

Such a full mail bag I got this week, and how thankful I am that my Little People are well and able to write. Are you all being very careful to do exactly everything the grown-ups tell you to do—keeping to yourselves, playing in your own gardens or yards, and not worrying everyone nearly to death by wanting to go to Pictures and swimming baths and all those places which are forbidden now? I hope so—indeed, I sincerely hope so—in fact, I couldn't believe anything but that you are really trying to be good.

Have you ever heard about St. Roch, our great saint who protects us, if we ask him, against great sickness? Well, dear Little People, here is a short prayer we can all say every day, and let us all say it daily:—

“O Most Merciful God, who, through an angel promised St. Roch that whoever would invoke his name, should be preserved from pestilence and contagious diseases, grant that through his intercession we may be preserved from all dangers, both of the soul and body, through Jesus Christ our Lord. St. Roch, pray for us.”

Will you say this prayer, my Little People, and say it every day for yourselves and for everybody.

L.P.L.C. BUSINESS

Nearly all our letters this week are club business, and most of them are about the badges. Ever so many of my Little People say they are going to have badges, so I think I shall order them right away now, at once, because it may take some time to have them made. I want you all—those who say they want badges—to send me the sixpence for them, as I cannot let any Little Person have a badge which has not been paid for. That would be what the grown-ups call “Getting the badges on credit,” too altogether disgraceful a thing for Little People to do. And then besides, I have a secret to tell you, but it's not a full-blown secret yet—it's only in bud—so I cannot say much about it yet. Only this—that we're going to have a “Treasure Box” this year, and into this box we're going to put every penny we have left over after we've paid for the badges. That is why I'm so particular about getting the money *first*, because if we don't do it that way, most likely we'll have nothing left over, but will be in debt or what the grown-ups call “out of pocket.” Hurry up then, like business-like Little People, and be sure to let me have your addresses so that there will be no mistakes when the badges are posted to you.

MEMBERS' LETTERS

As you read the letters you will see that quite a number of members are asking for a friend to write. Please write to each other Little People, keep the ball rolling now that we've started and don't keep each other waiting.

NEW MEMBERS

We have so many new members that it is time I gave you a list of their names. Our

last member was No. 75 and now we're up to No. 97. Here is the list:—

Seannell, Clem, Sutherlands; Veronica Quirk, Hot Springs Hotel, Te Aroha; Molly Quirk (same address); Moira O'Brien, 206 Burnett Street, Ashburton; Jack Carroll, Brookville, via Swift's Creek, E. Gippsland, Victoria, Australia; Kathleen McDonald, Cronadun; Jean Souter, 102 Harrison St., Wanganni; Rosaleen McKendry, 27 Talfourd Street, Sydenham, Christchurch; Ellen Thornton, Waimatuku; Joy Brocherie, Onuku, via Akaroa, Banks' Peninsula; Margaret Burger, Kumara; Paula Creel, Martinborough; Kathleen O'Rourke, 13 Vautier Street, Napier; Kathleen O'Reilly, 3 Pirie Street, Palmerston North; Terence Michael Quinn, Okain's Bay, Banks' Peninsula; Margaret Cuffance, Otokia; Veronica Kane, 72 Molesworth Street, Wellington; Molly Lamplough, Portia Street, Stratford; Mona Cotterell, Princes Street, Temuka; Eileen Walsh 22 Cambridge Street, Pahiarna; Eileen Keane and Norma Keane, Clyde.

LETTERS.

Now we will get away under the trees and read all our letters from old and new members.

Dear Anne,

I think it is a very good idea to have badges. Will you please send Jim and I one each. Love from Marie Searle, Invercargill.

(Good girl Marie, do you know yours is the very first money I've received for badges. So dear, I will give you and Jim your badges from “Anne” and the whole of your shilling will go into our “Treasure Box.”—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I hope you had a happy Christmas and New Year. I did and I suppose you did. For Christmas I got a cup and saucer and a handkerchief. What did you get? I went for my holiday on December 31 and I came back on January 18. I went up to my Grannie for a week end then I went to my Auntie's in Christchurch for nine days. My Grannie lives in Ohoka. On New Year's Day we went to sports in Ohoka. I think it is a very good plan about getting badges Ida Archer, Little River.

(You did have a nice holiday Ida dear, and nice Christmas presents. Yes, I had a very happy Christmas and such a lot of presents. Save up for your badge.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

This is the first letter I have written to you and I want to know if I can join the little people's page I am ten and my birthday is on the 10 of February I have got two sisters and a brother My brother has a lamb a dog and a little foal we are having six weeks holidays I go to the Convent School, and if I pass will be in standard 4 we are having very nice weather here. We have got one cow milking. I think I will bring my letter to a close. Good-bye Anne. From your loving friend, Margaret Burger, Kumara.

(Of course you may join us Margaret dear,

we're pleased to have you. What is the little foal's name. Write again.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I thought I would write and tell you what I thought about the badges and competitions. It is a grand idea, about the badges. I think Anne, and I am sure all the little People would be very pleased to wear them. I would also like to join the scrap-book competition. It is a good while since I last wrote to your Anne, but I read the Little People's Page always. I would like to join the L.P.L.C. Would you please put my name in the list. I am 11 years old and go to the Akaroa High School. Lorna Carroll and I have been writing to each other regularly. I have also been writing and receiving letters from Noel Cape-Williamson, Kathleen O'Rourke, and Mary Marshall. This is all the news this time dear Anne. From your new friend, Joy Brocherie, Onuku, via Akaroa.

(Welcome Joy, so glad you have made some L.P.L.C. friends. I'm hoping we will have a really good scrap-book competition, and also that we'll get enough sixpences to buy badges.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Just a line to let you know that I would like to join the L.P.L.C. I have already written to two little people and I will be writing to several others soon. And, Anne, would you mind giving me Mollie Punch's address, as I would like to write to her and I would like to write to Esther, if I knew what her second name is. I have a lovely garden of flowers just now, of sweet peas, asters, and stocks. I wish you could see them. How do you like the holidays Anne, I am having a good time. Well as this is all the news this time I will conclude now, from your little friend, P. Creel, Martinborough.

(Do you know Paula, I thought you were a member already. Am glad you're writing to and getting letters from my Little People. I haven't heard from Mollie Punch for some time but will ask her to write again.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

May I join your letter page? I am ten years old, in std 3. I go to St. Joseph's School, Temuka. My birthday is on October 19th. Do you know a girl of my own age if you do please tell me her address. I have a young bunny that my Uncle gave me and I would like a name for it. Dear Anne could you tell me a name for it. I must close now with love from your new friend, Mona Cotterell, Princes Street, Temuka.

(Welcome Mona dear, I'm sure someone will write to you soon. Is your bunny white or colored? Would you like to call it Tiny?—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I am taking the pleasure of writing these few lines to you. We had a lovely shower of rain on Sunday. It will do a lot of good. Dear Anne, I saw in the *Tablet* that you were going to give we children a badge, I

