

think it will be a good idea. All of our flowers are finished blooming. I like reading the little People's letters. I look for the *Tablet* every week. We get the *Tablet* every Thursday. We live one mile away from the post office. It is a lovely road. I go for the mail every day. Well Anne as this is all the news for this time. I will close for the present. Hoping to see my letter published in the *Tablet* next time. Your fond reader, Margaret Cuttance, Otokia.

(Nice to get a letter from you Margaret, and to know you are well and happy. I really believe all my Little People will have a badge, and won't it be nice to know we're wearing one?—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Just a short note to ask when we have to send our scrap-books in as I have just about finished mine. I have just finished my letter to a little girl in Australia this is all for the present. Yours sincerely, Mollie Campbell, St Bathans.

(Just keep your scrap-book Mollie dear, I'll have to let the competition go on for a while longer yet. Could not put your nice little snap on our page— it was hardly clear enough to print nicely. Thank you for it.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

This is my first letter this year, and I hope it will not be my last. How is the weather up your way, Anne, it is raining here to-day, but we have had beautiful weather for the last week or two. I think it will be very nice to get badges. I went "Combined Sunday School Picnic," and I enjoyed myself very much. I was in two races, and made 1/3. I came first in one and third in the other. I must close now hoping you have good luck this year. Your old friend, Mary Donaghy, Dipton.

(Hullo Mary, a Happy New Year to you. Wonder could you beat me if we had a race. You did very well at the picnic, and you put the circus together not so badly either. Have you seen the whole circus since it was mended?—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

As it is a long time since I wrote to you I am writing to you to-day. I think it is a lovely idea to have badges, and I would like one very much. Two girls from the L.P.L.C. wrote to me, Marie Searle and Winnie Traynor, but after I answered their letters, they never wrote again. My birthday is on the 18th April, so will you put it in the birthday list, please? Will you ask some little girl of ten or eleven to write to me please, Anne? I got the prize in Std. III for highest marks, and the prize was a lovely book called *Kitty Quick*. I hope to be in Std IV next year. I will close now, Agnes Emerson, 178 Tinakori Road, Wellington.

(Glad you want a badge Agnes, and we're very pleased to welcome you. Perhaps Marie and Winnie have been busy dear, they may write to you while the holidays are on. I'll ask someone to write to you.—Anne.)

[Will some ten or eleven year old reader write to Agnes, please.—Anne.]

Dear Anne,

I am going to join competition. I think it would be very nice to have a badge, because I am sure we all feel proud to belong to the L.P.L.C. I am writing to a little girl in Hastings. From your little friend, Mollie Hanrahan, St. Bathans.

(Yes Mollie, it will be real good to feel that we belong to the army of Little People. Do you know dear, that if there were no Little People, there would be no world.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I am writing to tell you I like the idea of the badges very much. It is just a short note as I am in a hurry. I was glad to see my letter in the *Tablet*. I will close now, a bigger one next time. From your little friend, Irene Hanrahan, St. Bathans.

(Save up for your badge Irene dear, you'll see when they are ready, and I'm sure you'll like them.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

This is my first letter to you and I hope I may become one of your members. We have a little black and white pup and its name is Tip. I received a prize when we broke-up and the name of it is *Nell and Her Grandmother*, and it is a very interesting story. Can you answer this riddle, What is the best thing out? We have wall-nuts, chest-nuts and hazel-nuts in our garden. I go to St. Gerard's Convent, Alexandra. Well Anne as news is scarce I will close. Your new friend, Norma Keane, Clyde.

P.S. I think it is a good idea about the badges and I think I will take one.

(Welcome Norma dear, we're wanting such a lot of new members this year. Do you know that when I went to school I got *The Old Curiosity Shop* for a prize? Is that the little "Nell" your prize is about? Save up to buy your own badge, won't you?—Anne.)

OTHER LETTERS

I have received a story from "M.R." but it came too late for this week. (Thank you "M.R." for the story, did you write it yourself, or is it something you have sent on to us because you knew we would like it. Let me know will you.—Anne)

Dear Anne,

This is my first letter to you. I read the *Tablet* and like the children's page best of all. I was confirmed on the 30th, Nov, and I took dear St. Agnes for my name for she was martyred at thirteen the same age as I am. I have a brother named Bernard and a sister called Margaret, who is the pet of the family. I walk three miles to the Sacred Heart Parish School. Hoping to see my letter in print. I remain, your loving friend, Eileen Mulcahy, Glen-iti, Timaru.

(Glad to hear from you Eileen, and think you're very game to walk that long way to school. Hope to hear from you again, so that we can become good friends.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Here we are again, I am writing to your page after a long holiday. Hoping the you and all your little folk are quite well. I have been trying to piece together the broken circus and help the little child. Thus 1, clown; 2, horse; 3, camel, 4, zebra; 5,

leopard; 6 monkey; 7, —; 8, —; 9, frog; 10, snail; 11, kangaroo; 12 elephant; 13, rabbit; 14, hare; 15, lion; 16, wallaby; 17, tiger; 18, donkey; 19, —; 20, wombat; 21, lizard; 22, fairy; 23, acrobat; 24, sawdust; 25, gages; 26, hoops; 27, wand; 28, whip. Well dear Anne, I will conclude in wishing you a Happy New Year. Your fond little folk, Molly McMenamin, Milton.

(So glad to hear from you again Molly, you were only short of three animals for your circus. Have you seen the whole circus on our page? Hope you are having nice holidays.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I am writing to tell you a little about Fortrose. We have a very nice seaside and we go in swimming nearly every day, we enjoy it very much and we wish you were here for I think you would have a lovely time on the beach. I shall be eleven on the 27 of September and I shall be in Std 4 when the holidays are up. We have three nice little cats and they get up to such funny tricks climbing poles and then pulling each other down by the tail. I shall close now with much love. From your new friend, Bill Murphy, Fortrose, Southland.

(Welcome Bill, indeed I know we would have had a joyous time together on the beach. Your three kittens seem to fit the names of "Hop," "Step," and "Jump."—Anne.)

A KIND OFFER.

January 30, 1925.

Dear Anne,

I cannot claim to be a member of the L.P.L.C., as I am a very ancient person of over seventy years, but your suggestion in re scrap books for the orphanages appeals to me very much. It is something I have often thought about, and in my young days used to indulge my tastes in that way to some small extent. That time, however, has gone by and now it is quite out of the question; but I would like to help the movement, if I could, by giving a prize—say a book or a small sum of money. Any movement to brighten the lives of the poor little orphans, in however small a way, must be a great, good work.

I do not know exactly how to address this communication, however I suppose it will be answered in the pages of the *Tablet* in "A Page for Little People."

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A.M.F.

Thank you, dear "A.M.F.," for wanting to join us in our competition. You are indeed our "fairy godmother," and we think it is just beautiful of you to give us a prize. We are wondering who will be lucky enough to win it, and we wish you could join us in our play. Thank you again and again from "The Little People."

(Thank you also from "Anne," dear "A.M.F." We do appreciate your offer very much, and we love the "grown-ups" who are interested in us. We want our competition to be a great success so that we will have some nice books for our friends, the Little People in the orphanages.—Anne.)

Good-night Little People.

ANNE.

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