

Dear Anne,

I am just writing to ask you if I may be one of the little members. I am ten years old and in Std. IV. I had a brother born on the 21st of January. My birthday is on the 21st of October. This is the end of my short letter.—Molly Lamplough, Stratford.

(Welcome Molly dear, we're glad to have you for a new member. You have a birthday mate, Pearl McNeill, Lauriston. What about writing to each other. Are you very delighted to have a new brother.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

This is my third letter to you. I was very pleased to see my letter in the *Tablet*. My name is not Betty Busterent or Betty Brown but it is Betty Phelan. I thought I put Betty Phelan. I had the measles on Christmas Day. From Santy Clause I got a story book, a packet of crackers, a ball, and a bag of lollies. I am writing to two People in the L.P.L.C. One of them is Margaret O'Shea and the other is Ida Archer. I received a letter from Ida Archer. Well I must close now with love from Betty Phelan, Macraes Flat.

(Fancy me making such a bad guess at your name Betty, and I'm glad I know it now. What a pity you had measles just at Christmas, do you think perhaps poor Santy Claus had them and dropped one or two in with your toys? Never mind, you had a good time all the same, didn't you.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

As I did not write and wish you the compliments of the season I am now sending my best wishes. I have just finished a letter to Ella Flynn, and Ursula Brocherie is still writing. I think your competition is very good. You must be pretty clever to think of such interesting things for Little People. I have a new baby sister and her name is Norah. An epidemic of infantile paralysis is going around and there is one suspected case in the Napier Hospital. Children under sixteen are not allowed to any places of amusement. Well dear Anne that is all the news at present so I will close with best wishes from your old friend, Kathleen O'Rourke, Napier.

(Thank you for good wishes, Kathleen. How nice for you to have little Norah to watch over. Glad you're writing and receiving letters. I've put you down as a member of the L.P.L.C.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I hope you are well, I am. We had our exam a good bit ago and I came fourth. Everyone passed into Std. 5. We had a catechism exam as usual but this time it was more important. Father O'Beirne examined us. I came out top and won the gold rosary beads. This is the 3rd catechism prize I have won, two 1st and a 2nd. Your loving friend, Kathleen O'Reilly, Palmerston North. P.S.—Have you got my name in the list of L.P.L.C. Please put it in if you haven't.

(I have put you down as a member of the L.P.L.C. Kathleen, and hope you will find some friends to write to.—Anne.)

My dear Anne,

May I join the L.P.L.C. I was ten on the 29th Dec. and I am in Std V this year. There is a little boy staying for a holiday here just now. I have four sisters and one brother; his birthday is this month and so is mum's. Our yellow plums are ripe now and I was eating a lot of them this morning. There was a lovely Vaudeville up in a little town five miles away from here last night but we never went to it. As it is near cowtime now I must go and milk a cow. From your loving friend, Dymphna Agnes O'Brien, Te Wae Wae.

(Welcome Dymphna Agnes, would you like to write to your birthday mate, Alice Fleming, Riversdale? The yellow plums sound very good, indeed, they are better than the Vaudeville you didn't see.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Can I join your L.P.L.C. My Sister Trephena writes to you. I am in std I, and go to the Okains public School. I go in the milk waggon every morning and come home in the mail car after school. I have about four miles to go. We have 16 calves and four of them are mine. I have a persian kitten, could you give me a name for it please. I am nine years old, my Birthday is on April 30. Now could I give the members a riddle? Why is a horse like a lolly pop? Because the more you lick it the faster it goes. With best love now from your little friend, Terence Michael Quinn, Okain's Bay.

(Terence Michael, we're that glad to welcome you. Fancy you having four whole calves all to yourself, that makes six altogether, and most boys have got only two!! As your kitten is a Persian why not call him "Omar"?—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Just a line to tell you that I would very much like to be able to wear one of the L.P.L.C. badges, and I hope they will be a huge success. I had a most enjoyable Christmas, I hope you had the same, the only thing that spoilt it was the wet weather, we had a little bit too much I think, don't you. My little brother, Terence is writing to you Anne, he thinks the Little People's Page is lovely. I write regularly to four girls now, and always receive quick replies. I think it is lovely getting letters from unknown friends. We had Holy Mass celebrated here on Christmas Eve at eight A.M. I forgot to tell you in my other letters that my Birthday is on the 10th of June. I will be 17 next June, I hope I am not too old. Well, Anne dear, I think I had better end now with fondest love to you and your members. Your loving friend, Trephena Quinn, Okain's Bay.

(It was ever so good to hear that you want to join us Trephena, and I'm glad you are not too old for us and never will be, unless you find us too young for you.—Anne.)

My dear Anne,

I am writing on behalf of Dorreen and Patricia; not forgetting myself regarding the badges; we think it would be a very good idea, so please Anne kindly put our names on the list. I would like to join the letter Club, in fact I think I have joined it without asking for I have written letters to Lorna

Carroll, Trephena Quinn, Teresa Patterson and Mary Carroll and I have received answers to them all. Lorna and Trephena have written a good few times, I am expecting one from Lorna any day now, and I am going to write to Trephena when I have finished this letter. I would like someone about 16 to write to me as I love getting letters and I like writing letters too. The Infantile Paralysis is dreadful in the North Island, children under 16 aren't allowed to go to school, Sunday school, shows, pictures, picnics, or travel on trains. There are no cases in Pahiataua yet, but they have already postponed, the big picnic we have every year; also the swimming carnival, there is only the show and the races that haven't been put off yet. Well Anne as it is getting late I will ring off. Wishing you a big busy letter club in this New Year, and hoping you will not forget about the badges. Your new member, Eileen Walsh, Pahiataua. P.S.—Don't forget to ask someone about 15 or going on for 17 to write to me, Jean Swiggs wishes to be remembered to you.

(What a good letter Eileen dear, I hope you three Little People will save up for your badges. Glad you are a working member of our club, am sure someone will write if I ask. Love to Doreen, Patricia, yourself and Jean.—Anne. Will someone write to Eileen please.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Just a few lines to let you know how I am spending the holidays. Last Sunday we went to Mt. Egmont. I wish you could have been with us. We climbed up a good way and had a glorious view. We are not staying at beach this year for a holiday, but we often go out on Sundays. My sister and I play tennis or try to, we are just learning. We have such fun and we often go for a swim when it is warm enough, sometimes to the baths and sometimes to the river. I am nine years old in Sd three my birthday is on July 21st. I will now say good-bye dear Anne with lots of love to yourself and all the little people from Kathleen Fake, Eltham.

(What nice holidays you're having Kathleen. Indeed I would like to have been at Egmont with you, think it is one of the most beautiful places I have seen. You're just a very lucky little nine year old.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

This is my second letter I have written to you. We have our Christmas holidays just now. I would like someone to write to me. I think it is a good idea about the badges, Anne. We are milking one cow and she gives a great deal of milk. It is very hot up this way just now. I received a prize at the break-up. This is a riddle, Anne: "A row of white houses on a red red hill?" I have a little sister called Patricia and she is a trick. As news is scarce I will close with best wishes dear Anne for the coming year.—Yours truly, Eileen Keane, Clyde. P.S.—I will take a badge.

(Glad to hear from you again Eileen and to know you want a badge. Watch further news about the badges on our page, and when I say "go" send along your sixpence. A kiss to Patricia from Anne.)

Good-night dear Little People,—ANNE.

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