



A Page for Little People

Conducted by
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My dear Little People,
I've had such a big mail-bag this week that I hardly know where to start answering you all. Where shall I begin? Suppose we make it Badges.

You will be delighted to hear that our lovely badges will be ready by the end of this month, I think. I was really pleased to get so many enquiries for them from our members, and when you see the list it will make you all hurry up and send in your sixpences in case you're too late. Little People can be too late you know, same as Grown-ups, and it would be a very sad thing to be a member without a badge. All the following have paid for theirs and will have them posted to their own address, as soon as I get them:—

Jim and Marie Searle, Agnes Emerson, Zoe Howarth, Mollie and Pat Campbell, Yvonne Londrigan, Annie Hannifin, Doreen Haddock, Trephena and Terence Quinn, Len McMahon, Pearl McNeill, Frances and Jack Scott, Ida Archer, Mollie and Irene Hanrahan, Alice Mundy, Mary and Kathleen Byrne. This is the first batch, and I know the second is pretty close behind it.

You will see by our letters this week that the L.P.L. Club members are writing to each other regularly now, and they are all enjoying the business. You will also notice that some members are asking for someone to write to them. Please someone write to every other someone who wants a letter. And be sure you answer what letters you get.

As we have so many letters we'll read and answer them now, and we'll have the birthdays next week instead.

L.P.L.C BUSINESS.

Dear Anne,

I would like to be a member of your Little People's page. Mother reads the page for us each week. I was seven years old on 13th January. Have you any other little boys or girls with birthdays on that day. I will be in Std. 1 when school opens again. I have one sister and one brother. My sister's name is Mary Kathleen. She will be six years old on 24th May, and she is starting school this year. My brother's name is Bernard Edward and he will be four on 22nd of April. I live six miles from Te Awamutu on a farm. We milk over 50 cows with machines and an electric motor. I bring the cows in for dad at night and put them out in the morning. I have a dog his name is Darkie. He helps me bring the cows. Dear Anne, I hope you will not mind lead pencil this time, as mummy says I am too small to use ink. We have a lot of hens and ducks, and we have four horses their names are Captain, Major, Jim, and Bluey. We have four little kittens. Well, Anne, this is a long letter for a start, so I must stop now, with love and best wishes. Good-bye, dear Anne. Yours with lots of love, Jack McVerry, Pokuru, via Te Awamutu.

P.S.—Anne, I think I am the first little boy from up this way to write to you.

P.P.S.—Dear Anne it finished up a bit

dirty but hope you will forgive that this time, as Jack is very keen to send it. Wishing you and your Little People's page every success. I remain, with best wishes, Jackie's mother—L. McVerry.

(Welcome Jack, you are indeed my first little boy from your part of the world. I wish I had a birthday mate for you, but although I have four they are all girls. I'm sure some boy will write to you. Thank your mother for her good wishes to us and you'll soon be able to write with a pen and ink. —Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I am writing to you for the first time, as I wish to join the L.P.L.C. I have just passed into Std. 2, and I am ten, my birthday is on the 21st October. I live three miles from school, sometimes walk and sometimes I ride. I have only been in New Zealand five years but I like it very much. I have four sisters and two brothers, but they are all older than me. I have many pets, one of them is a little grey kitten, and I would like you to tell me a name for it. From your loving friend, Theresa Healy, Pukeatu.

(Welcome Theresa, and you're not a New Zealand Little Person either. Where did you come from dear? Write and tell me and get yourself a badge as soon as you can. Soon you'll be able to write in ink.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

As I have been reading the Little People's Page for some time, I thought I would write to you. I am fifteen and my birthday is on 14th of August. As the nearest convent is seven miles away, I go to the State school. I have two brothers, two sisters, all of them being older than myself. My two sisters are married. Being nice and hot these days, I go up to my friend's place for a swim. This being my first letter to you I shall make it short, but before I close, I want you to ask some girl of my own age to correspond with me. Now Anne I will close with much love from your new friend, Kath Smith, Cronadun.

(Welcome Kath, I'm sure someone will write to you. Your birthday mate is "Molly McGrath, Lime Hills." Hurry up and get a badge.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I saw my letter in the *Tablet* a fortnight ago. I was pleased to know that you thought my puzzle was nearly morrect. Well dear Anne I am writing you this letter specially to thank you for asking some girl to write to me. I have received two letters—one from Joy Brocherie, Akaroa, and the other from Mollie McCormack, The Valley, Hastings. My birthday is on the 20th September. I forgot to tell you in my first letter. Anne I think it is a very good idea of yours to let your "little people" to write to each other. Your page is getting very full now Anne, and you must have a busy time answering all the letters. Well, dear Anne, I will close with best love and many thanks for asking the girls to write to me. From your true friend, Kathleen McCormack, Cronadun.

(So glad Kathleen that you have some little mates. Have you decided to join the club and get a badge?—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

This is my first letter to you. I go to the Masterton Convent to school. I hope you enjoyed your holidays; I enjoyed mine very much and would have been going back again to school to-day if there had not been so much sickness about. My brothers and I have a dear little pony which we ride about a lot. His name is Charley. My birthday is on the 25th April. From your loving friend, Winnie Agnes, Martinborough.

(Welcome Winnie dear, do you want to join our L.P.L.C. and get a badge? Let me know your full name when you write again. —Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I am just writing to let you know I have not forgotten you. We do not go back to school till February 19. On October 7 Mary and I were confirmed. For our names Mary took Magdalene and I took Teresa. We had a bazaar here on 23rd January in aid of the church funds which was a great success. I think the idea of badges was very good. I have three sisters and one brother. Their names are Mary, Joan, Sheelagh, and Patrick. As this is all the news I will conclude with love to all. I remain your little friend, Kathleen Byrne, Kotinga, Takaka.

(Glad to hear from you again Kathleen. Mind you take care of yourselves during these long holidays and see how useful you can be.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

May I be one of your little friends? I wish you and all the little people a happy New Year. I think the idea of having a badge is lovely. I have three sisters and four brothers. I am the eldest of the family. I am going in for the Escaped Circus. My birthday is on the 17th March. I am thirteen years old. I go to the Convent School, which is three miles from our place. I will write again. Your new friend, Eileen O'Donnell, Palmerston North.

(Thank you Eileen dear for good wishes. You did well with the circus, but we had put it together before your letter came. Yours is a good birthday, but you haven't a girl mate yet. Would you like to join our Letter Club?—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

This is my second letter to L.P. Page. I live on a farm in Woodlands, which is a great dairying centre. We milk 70 cows and have milking machines driven by electricity. We have also a sheep farm. Have you ever been on a farm? We go to Rakahouka Church and I serve Mass. I will send you the answers of that circus that is in 28 parts. Good-bye. Your loving friend, Pat Concannon, Woodlands.

(Hullo Pat, thought you'd forgotten us. The circus was pretty badly smashed up, wasn't it, but we got it put together all right. Write again and join the L.P.L.C.—Anne.)

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