

Dear Anne,

I have been reading your Little People's letters in the *Tablet*, and I enjoy reading about their pets. I have no pets, but I am fond of them. I will be in Sad. five when school starts. I will be twelve on the twentieth of June. I went to Waikaka for a month of my holidays, but I am back home again. I learn music and I am interested in it, have you any Little People interested in music. Do you like reading Anne? I do. Well Anne, I have told you all the news. Your new friend, Anne Francis, Nightcaps. (Welcome dear Ann, we're glad to hear from you. Never mind if you have no pets, you'll have all the more time to read our page and write to us. Yes, I'm very fond of reading.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I thought I would like to write to you as many others are writing. My sister Kathleen wrote to you some time ago. I have three sisters whose names are Kathleen, Joan, and Sheelagh, one brother whose name is Patrick. My birthday is on the second of March, then I will be 12. Kathleen's birthday is on the 16th of March. She will be 11, and Patrick's on St. Patrick's Day. He will be 10. We live on a farm and milk 46 cows by machine. It is very interesting to watch the machines milking the cows. We have not many sheep or horses, mostly cows. Now I will tell you about this little valley of Takaka. it is situated in Golden Bay, not far from Cape Farewell. It is a pretty place, but very quiet. Marble used to be sent from here to build churches, but the quarry has stopped work. The Tarakohe Cement Works send cement to Wellington and other North Island places. Have you ever seen a photo of Pohara Anne? It is a most beautiful beach. There is a road that runs between the rocks and the beach and that makes it look prettier. The rocks are very big, covered with ferns, lilies, passion fruit, and many other things. Two services run be-

tween here and Nelson. There is no convent here so we go to the public school. I think the idea of badges a very good one. Can we get them now or any time? I will send my sixpence for one. This is my address—Mary Byrne, Kotinga, Takaka. I must close now as I have written a long letter. Would you ask some girl of my own age to write to me. I am a new friend of yours. I remain, your sincere friend, Mary Byrne. P.S.—I forgot to ask may I enter your L.P.L.C.? Please send me another badge for Kathleen.

(So very glad to hear from you Mary dear. And your letter is so interesting too. I'm sure some one will write to you.—Anne.)  
Dear Anne,

Just a few lines to ask you if I may become a member of the L.P.L.C. My birthday is on the 17th of July, and I will be fourteen then. I did not go anywhere for my holidays this year but hope to go next time. I received a nice prize this year and I have just finished reading it. Our fruit is getting ripe and the birds are eating it. We reared two calves this year, one is a red one and the other a red and white one. We have a hen with four little chickens and they are all brown ones. I have a little grey kitten and would you please give me a name for it. The weather here has been very dry and the grass is all burnt up. I will close now. Yours truly, Vera Crowe, Winton.

(Have put you down as a club member, Vera dear, and you and Kathleen must get badges as soon as you can. Call your grey puss "Silvery," don't you think that's a pretty name.—Anne. P.S.—You have a birthday mate—Mollie McCormack, The Valley, Maraekakaho.)

Dear Anne,

This is the second time I have written to your page. I will be in Std. V when I go back to school. There are about 48 children going to our school, and there are two teachers. It won't be long until we have to go back to school now. I never went away for

any holidays this year but enjoyed myself at home. The weather down this way has been very dry lately, but it is raining to-day. The grass is all burnt up. Most of the farmers are cutting and stooking their crops now and some have got it stacked. We did not have many chickens this year; all our hens have stopped laying just now. I think they are laying away in the bush, and we cannot find the eggs. The flower gardens are looking well at present, as most of the flowers are in bloom. Our fruit trees have not half the fruit on them this year as they had last year. The name of the prize I got at school this year was the *Plucky Patrol*. I would like to join the Little People's Letter Club. I will close now wishing you and all the Little People a happy New Year. Kathleen Crowe, Winton.

(Nice to hear from old friends Kathleen, and such a lot of news too. Glad you want to join the club. Someone is sure to read your letter and write to you. What is your birthday?—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Just a few lines to let you know I am getting on alright. Have I a birthday mate --5th of November? We've on our farm 24 cows, a pig, 8 calves, a lot of sheep, and 2 pet lambs, Dot and Mick. My mamma and my big sister Eva set a hen with 15 eggs and she brought out 14 chickens, but 3 died and she only had 11 left and then another hen set herself and brought out six. Good-bye Anne. I hope you good luck Anne. From your loving friend, Annie Thornton, Waimatuku.

(Glad to hear all about your farm Annie dear, but am sorry I have no birthday mate for you yet. Very likely one will come through some day. Would you like to join the L.P.L.C. as have a letter-mate just the same.—Anne.)

Good-night dear Little People, don't forget to see about your badges bright and early.  
—ANNE.

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