



A Page for Little People

Conducted by
ANNE



My dear Little People,

How is the competition getting on, are the scrap books nearly finished I wonder? You haven't long now to be ready, so hurry up and get your books sent in to the *Tablet* Office. Send them c/o Anne, same as my letters. Try and fill the books nicely, and wrap them carefully in strong paper so that they'll not be broken in the post.

Now for our March birthdays, we have such a lot of them. Unfortunately as we had so much other business last week we are a few days late with our good wishes and some of the birthdays are past. Never mind, we'll wish them Many Happy Returns all the same, in fact even a little more so. Here is the list:—Pat Callaghan and Kathleen Byrne, same date; Paul Brennan, Dan McCormack, and Luke Mullany, all same date; Margaret Hyland, Kathleen Rourke, Molly Murphy, and Kathleen Crowe, same date; Maureen Welsh and Francis and William Thornton, on same date; Maggie Black, Kathleen Egan, Jean Smith and Kathleen Byrne; Eileen O'Donnell and Patrick Byrne, same date; Josephine Smyth, Connie Dodunski, Winnie Fitzgerald, Kathleen Green, and Fanny Murphy, same date; Jack Carroll, Baby Archer, Doris Tunbridge, and Maureen Fitzgerald, same date; Tom Dixon, Greta Blyth, and Betty Phelan, same date; the Murphy Twins and Joan Gallaher, same date. A happy birthday to all of these, and I'm sure some of you should find birthday mates in this lot.

L.P.L.C. BUSINESS.

By a very sad mistake, I sent the wrong bundle of letters to press last week, and all the Little People who sent stamps for badges will find their letters in this week's page instead. It was shocking, because when a person receives anything that thing should be acknowledged *at once*. I *did* put the list in, but meant your own letters to be with it. Never mind, just forgive your sorry Anne this time. Here are the letters now:—

Dear Anne,

Enclosed please find seven stamps. One for postage of L.P.L.C. Badge, and six for paying for it. From Agnes Emerson, Wellington.

(Thank you for stamps Agnes. You'll have your nice new badge in no time now.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

It seems a long time since I wrote to you. I am having a very pleasant holiday. We live out in the country now in my grandfather's house, and it is lovely. I write to Helen O'Callaghan. She lives away down South. I think it will be very nice to have badges Anne, and I am enclosing sixpence in stamps for one. I got a lot of nice things in my stocking at Christmas time. Amongst them being a crochet hook, and some skeins of lovely cotton. I am going to make some pocket handkerchiefs and work around them. I will send them to you for the little children at the Orphanage. I am going to start my scrap book this week. I have a nice drawing book and mother is going to buy me

some glue for pasting in with. Well Anne, I must now say good-bye. We have a fortnight longer holidays on account of sickness. I like holidays but I don't like people getting sick. So good-bye. Love from Zoe Howarth, Palmerston North.

(Thank you for stamps Zoe, hope you'll like your badge. Glad you're writing to someone and hope you'll get an answer.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Will you please excuse me for writing in pencil as I have a very sore hand. My birthday is on Wednesday (February 4), and I am having a birthday party. I have quite forgot when the competition closes—will you let me know? I will have to close now as I have to get my hand dressed. Enclosed you will find 1/- in stamps for a badge for Pat and myself. Your friend, Mollie Campbell, St. Bathans.

(Thank you for Badge money for yourself and Pat. Hope you had a nice birthday party and that your hand is well again now.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I was very glad to see my letter in the *Tablet*. I have just returned from a holiday in Christchurch. I had a lovely time with my cousins. I have one correspondent writing to me from Martinborough. I have written to Lorna Carroll in Victoria but have not had an answer yet. In last November Bishop Brodie came down to lay the foundation stone of our new church. I think it is a grand idea of having badges and I enclose six penny stamps for one. I remain, yours, Yvonne Londringan, Little River.

(Thank you for stamps Yvonne, glad you had a nice holiday. You'll get an answer from Lorna one of these days, but, Victoria is a long way off.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Being a very interested reader of the L.P.P. for a long time, I decided I would write to you. I enclose six penny stamps for a badge. It is my own money because I made £2 10s picking raspberries. I would like to correspond with somebody about my own age. My birthday falls on August 13, when I will be eleven years. We get the *Month*, *Tablet*, *Garland*, and *Far East*. My sister Julia wrote about a year ago, but I do not think she will write again, because she is too busy. Wishing every success to your page. Yours truly, Annie Hannifin, Waimate.

(We're glad to welcome you Annie, thank you for the stamps. Think it was fine of you to work so hard in raspberry time. I've got a birthday mate for you, but I have only her name, no address, so perhaps she will write first this time. Her name is Mary O'Leary.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

It is such a long time since I wrote to you that perhaps you have forgotten me. My twin brother and I were 13 on New Year's day. We both passed our examinations in

December. My brother Pat also passed. We did not go away from home for our Christmas holidays but we went for plenty of car rides in the holidays as Dad has a car. We go to Raetihi to Mass and Vespers as it is only nine miles from Horopito. There is a lovely new church built in Raetihi. The Raetihi Catholics are holding a bazaar in March to pay off the debt of the church. I am selling art union tickets and I have sold £5 worth. I hope to sell another £5 worth. Our school may not open this month on account of the sickness that is going about. This is a very healthy place to live in. My sister, Norah, is getting a big girl and can say almost everything. She will soon be three years' old. I think it is a lovely idea to have badges. I am sending stamps for one. I like reading the L.P.P. We have nine cows milking. Now, dear Anne, I will close and I hope to write to you again soon. Your little friend, Doreen Haddock, Horopito.

(I was wondering what had become of you Doreen and am glad to hear from you again. How is Pat getting on and can you drive the car yet? Hope you will like your badge, and that you will sell loads of tickets for the bazaar.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Just a short note to ask you if you would forward two badges: one each for my brother Terence and myself. I am enclosing a shilling in stamps. Have you received the letters that Terence and I wrote to you last week. Well, I have been trying to help the little girl put her circus together that her brother broke up, and I have managed them all but three, and I have tried all ways, but I can't get them at all. Well, Anne dear, I think I will bring this short note to a close, hoping to receive the badges when you get them, with love to the members and your self. Your loving friend, Trephena Quinn, O'Kains Bay.

(Thank you for stamps Trephena, hope you and Terence will like your badges. You did very well with the circus, did you see it after it was in going order again?—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

It is a long time now since I have written to you, so I am writing now in my spare time to let you know I have not forgotten you. I see Kathleen McCormack is writing to you now. I know Kathleen, she just lives about a mile away from where I live. I am giving you 1/- for the Nelson Orphanage. That infantile paralysis is a very bad sickness Anne, don't you think so? We would have gone to Hokitika for our excursion picnic today if it was not so bad. I hope none of our Little People get it or any one else also. I have gone for plenty swims this swimming season but I cannot swim without a log. My two aunties and my four cousins were up at our place for their holidays. They live very close to the sea beach at Paekakariki. When they went away my mother and I went to Westport for a week and I enjoyed myself there. I have no more news now Anne, so I will close my short letter. From

