

your old friend, Len McMahon, Cronadun. P.S.—Will you get a boy about my age (11 years) to write to me please Anne.

(Thank you for the stamps Len, I have put you down for a badge and the other sixpence will go into our "Treasure Box." Glad you're swimming well, even with a log. Some boy will be sure to write to you when your letter goes on the page. I'll put a postscript.—Anne. P.S.—Will someone please write to Len, he'll answer for sure.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Just a few lines to let you know that I should like to have a badge as I think it is a lovely idea. I have nearly finished making my scrap book which I made out of brown paper because I could not find a suitable drawing book. Will that kind of scrap book do, Anne? We are very busy on the farm now with the harvesting. At present we are stacking wheat, and when we are harvesting a good way from the house the dinners have to be taken out to the paddock. Besides the four recently mentioned members of the L.P.L.C., I am writing and receiving letters from Teresa Patterson so that now I am writing to five Little People. As I have no more news I shall close, with best wishes. From your loving friend, Pearl McNeill, Lauriston.

(Thank you for the stamps Pearl, I'm glad you have so many letter friends. Yes, I'm sure the scrap book will be very nice indeed.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I think it is time I wrote to you. I sent three post-cards to Edward Prendiville. Everybody round about here are all got their crops stooked. One day as we were having a swim, my brother brought a round tub down to the creek. I got into it and got two paddles to work the tub, and it went along smoothly. I am reading a book called *Cook's Voyages Round the World*. Have you read it Anne? One Sunday afternoon dad, my sister, brother, and I went to the plantation at Conical Hill. I must close now. Yours truly, Jack Scott, Pomahaka.

(Hullo Jack, that was a fine trip you had in the tub. Wouldn't you like to make a voyage round the world like the hero of your book did.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Please find enclosed one shilling in stamps for two badges for my brother and I. My big brother banked up the creek which runs through our place and we have a good time swimming in it. Please Anne could you give me a name for a kitten. My vegetable garden has peas, potatoes, lettuce, turnips, Kohl Rabi, and Brussel sprouts in it. I have a dolls house and it has a sofa, chairs, table, pictures on the walls, and a little vase of flowers on the table. I have four dolls. The dolls table is set. I shall close now with a few riddles. Yours truly, Frances Scott, Pomahaka.

(Thank you for stamps Frances, hope you and Jack will like the badges. What a fine garden you must have, and I'm pleased to see you grow a lot of vegetables. If you eat plenty of them they'll make your eyes shine and your cheeks rosy. Call the kitten "Snooky."—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I thought that I would write to you today to kindly ask you if you would please send me a badge. I think it will be lovely for all the little people to have badges. Anne, are you going to have a badge too? I think it would be nice for Anne to have a badge too, as well as the Little People. I got a letter from Betty Phelan in the holidays and I answered it. A good while ago I wrote to Mary Agnes Carroll but I did not get a letter from her. Anne, where did you live when you were a child. Our little baby Lucy is nine and a half months' old and she has got two teeth. I will close now. With love from Ida Archer.

(Thank you for stamps Ida, hope you'll like your badge. Of course I'll have one too so that you'll know me when you meet me, because I'll be the only grown-up wearing one. When I was a child dear, I lived on land and sea, in the town and in the country.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I am writing to you to ask you if I may become a member of your L.P.L.C. I am 13 and I am in Std. 6. My birthday is on 28th of June and I go to the Public School as there is no convent here. I would be very pleased if you could get me a mate about 14 years of age. I will close now, wishing your club every success. Your new friend, Alice Mundy, Kaitangata. P.S.—I am enclosing 6d in stamps for a badge.

(Thank you for the stamps Alice. I have no birthday mate for you but I'm sure some girl of your own age will write now that you have asked.—Anne. P.S.—Will someone be a mate for Alice and write to her.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I am sending you a shilling in stamps for a badge for my sister Irene, and myself. It has turned very cold up here too, and I have a very bad toothache so I can't tell you much more. Your little friend, Mollie Hanrahan, St. Bathans.

(Thank you for the stamps Mollie, hope you and Irene will like the badges. Is your poor aching tooth better now.—Anne.)

LETTERS TO ANNE.

Dear Anne,

It is nearly a year since I wrote to you last. We get the *Tablet* every week and I always read your page first. I am twelve years old. My birthday is on 29th April. Could you please tell me if there is any other girl in the club with a birthday on that day, and would you please ask her to write to me. I went for my Proficiency in November and I passed. I have two brothers and two sisters. A new church-school is being built at Linwood. I think it is a good idea about the badges. As this is all I have to tell you now I will close wishing you every success. From your friend, Eileen Byrne, Linwood, Christchurch. P.S.—Could you please give me a name for our black cat?

(So glad you wrote again Eileen dear, and I have got a birthday mate for you—Eileen McCarthy, Anzac Street, Takapuna, Auckland. Don't you want to join the L.P.L.C. and have a badge too? Call your black cat "Lucky."—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

As I do not write to many girls, I thought I would write and ask you if you would let me join the Little People's Letter Club. Hoping that you could get a girl of my own age to write to me. I am twelve years of age, but I will be thirteen on the 3rd of September. I go to the public school and I am in Std. 5. Hoping to see my first letter in the *Tablet* soon. I have two sisters older than myself. We have a black and white collie dog. Could you please give me names for two cats. From your new friend, Clara Mundy, Kaitangata.

(Welcome Clara, we want every member who wants us. I have a birthday mate for you—Veronica Kane, 72 Molesworth Street, Wellington. Perhaps someone else will write to you. What about calling your cats "Pip" and "Squeak."—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I often read the children's page in the *Tablet*, so I thought I would write. I am ten years of age. I go to Waimate Convent School and am in Std. 3. My birthday is on the 15th of August. I have been staying out at my Auntie's at Morven for five weeks and have been having a most enjoyable time. They gave me a little black kitten and please would you give me a name for it. I have two brothers and one sister. Sister Alton teaches me at school and she is very nice. Now dear Anne this is all the news for the present so I will say good-bye with love from your little friend, Kathleen McDonnell, Morven.

(Glad you have joined us Kathleen dear. Would you like to be a member of the L.P.L.C. Sorry I have no birthday mate for you, but perhaps one will come along soon. Would you like to call your kitten "Dusky"?—Anne.)

RIDDLE BIN.

We haven't had room for riddles lately, have we? Perhaps we'll manage a few now. First we'll have the answers I promised you.

ANSWERS.

No. 1. From house to house he goes, etc.

Answer: "A Path."

No. 2. When is a hat like a thumb?

Answer: "When it is hanging on a hat peg."

3. What lesson can a boy learn from a fountain? Answer: "Writing."

5. Why is a donkey looking over a gat like a penny? Answer: "Because his head is one side and his tail on the other."

6. Why is a black hen smarter than a white one? Answer: "Because a black hen can lay a white egg but a white hen cannot lay a black egg."

I cannot give the answers to Numbers 4 and 7 yet, as they have not been sent in to me.

Good-night Little People. Sleep well and rise early, before the sun even, if you can manage it.—ANNE.

—ANNE.

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