

# A Page for Little People

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ANNE

My dear Little People,

Our Badges have arrived and by the time you read this letter of mine, at least 44 of the Members of the L.P.L.C. will be wearing their badges, because they will have been posted to them. I hope you will all be pleased with them, and wear them always so that you will know each other when you meet. But, what about our Members who haven't saved up for their badges yet?

Well, never mind, we'll all have badges soon, and I want you all to promise me that you will always speak to one another when you are wearing your badges, and meet each other. *Particularly if you happen to be strangers to one another.* It would make me very happy to know that all the members of the L.P.L.C. welcome a wearer of our badge, at all times and everywhere. Try and remember like sensible Little People, and let the L.P.L.C. Badge, in our Lady's colors—Blue and White—be enough to make you wish to speak to one another.

That reminds me. Some of the Members sent their money in CASH, and I got it quite safely, but it was what the Grown-ups call "a risk." And anyhow, it is forbidden by the Post Office rules. I know you hadn't stamps in the house at the time, or some other good reason, but next time it will be better to wait till someone gets stamps. It is best not to break rules, isn't it?

You will notice quite a number of letters from new members, and they ask for someone to write to them. Please write, Little People, and do your very best to answer any questions that are asked. Now we'll get on with the letters, there is such a huge mail this week.

ANNE.

Thank you Margaret and Ivy Cuttance for badge money. You will like the badges, I'm sure, when you get them.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

This is my first letter to you. I hope you are quite well. I am 10 years old and in Std. 4 this year. My birthday is on the 24th of September. I have one sister and no brothers. We motored up to Christchurch for our holidays, then we went up to Warikihi and Waikaia. Then went to Lake Te Anau and Manapouri and Monowai. I think this is all the news. Your loving friend, Leta Robertson, Invercargill.

(Welcome Leta, wouldn't you like to join our L.P.L.C. Save up till you get six pence to buy a badge with. You are having lovely holidays indeed.—Anne.)

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 Std. 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, Ann 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,

As it is a long time since I have written to you I thought I would write you a few lines. I have been away in Geraldine for a month's holiday, and had a lovely time. I made a lot of new friends and also learned to swim. Geraldine is a very pretty place, surrounded by a lot of bush and shrubs. When I returned from my holiday I was very disappointed to find all the Sisters from the Morven Convent had got a shift. There are three new Sisters in their place but I have not met them yet. Sister Brigid presented six of us for proficiency, and we all passed with honors. Morven Convent was the only school in Canterbury for the last two years that obtained one hundred per cent. I have a little black and white kitten, would you please give me a name for it. My birthday is on the fifth of August. Well dear Anne, as this is all the news for the present I will close. Your old friend, Winnie McGrath, Morven.

(Glad to hear from you again Winnie. What a nice trip you had to Geraldine. Would you like to join the L.P.L.C.? You have a birthday mate, "Hilda Sloane, Onehunga." I think "Spot" would be a nice name for puss.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Just a short letter to tell you I am enjoying my holiday on the beach. There are quite a lot of people spending their holidays here. They help to cheer up this little township. There are six children in our family—Jim, Molly, Billy, Eileen, Kevin, and myself. We keep mum very busy sewing for us. I think mum shall be glad when our holidays are over for she says we are a nuisance in the house. I shall close now as I am off to bed. Good-night and God bless you. Your little friend, Patricia Murphy, Fortrose, Southland.

(Wouldn't I just like to pay you a surprise visit away down at Fortrose? May be you are a bit of a nuisance to poor mum, but there isn't one of you she'd give away now, and you'll soon be trying to make your own clothes too perhaps. Love to all.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I hope this letter will find you quite well and happy. The holidays are nearly over and I have enjoyed myself very much, only for this sickness which is going about, and stops us from going to the pictures and other places of amusement. Last Sunday a black kitten wandered into the house and made its self at home, and I want you to give me a name for it. Good-bye Anne, for the present. I have got no more news for you at the present. I remain, yours truly, Noreen, Wellington.

(They say black cats bring luck Noreen dear, so call your kitten "Lucky." Yes, there are a great many children sick these days, pray for them dear and for their worried parents.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Just a short note to tell you I have put all but two of the circus together. I am also sending some answers to riddles. It is raining to-day and it is nice and cool after all the hot days we have been having. Anne would you tell me where we have to send the scrap books. I will start writing the answers for the riddles and the escaped circus. I will close now. From your little friend, Irene Hanrahan, St. Bathans.

(You did well with the Circus Irene dear, only missing "Platypus" and "Cages" which was spelt wrong. I'm sending you a little picture. You'll see your riddles in the bin.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Just a line to wish you a happy New Year. We have three ponies and a pony-foal. We call them Toby, Dollie, Trixie, and the pony-foals name is Buntie. I am in Std. III, and I am 10 years old. My birthday is on the 12th of July. We have 15 ducks and 5 bantams, 8 geese, 1 puppy (we call it Roy). My brother Willie has a pigeon. I have five brothers and three sisters. I think it is a good idea about the badges. Well I have no more news. From your little friend, Tessie O'Neill, Elderslie, Enfield P.O., via Oamarn, P.S.—I know some of the riddles; here is one of my own:—Long legs, crooked thighs, little head, and no eyes? Riddle, me, riddle, me, what is that over the head and under the hat?

Tessie dear, you've got two mates on your birthday. One is Ida Archer, Little River, and the other is Teresa O'Neill, Pukuri. Tell me now is that yourself with a different address.—Anne.

Dear Anne,

This is my first letter to you. I am in Std. 4 and am 10 years old. We are having very long holidays through the infantile paralysis. I am hoping we will soon be able to get back to school. Dear Anne my sister Colleen and I want to be members of your L.P.L.C. I am enclosing stamps for two badges. We have finished harvest. I am sorry because it was good fun driving out with the dinner and lunches. I will write you a longer letter next time and tell you about my pet rabbits. I will now close. With best love from your new friend, Erin McNeill, Lauriston.

(Welcome Erin and Colleen, hope you'll like your badges when you get them in a day or two. I'm sure you had a lovely time during the harvesting. Wish I could have been with you.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I am writing to tell you that I think the Scrap Book Competition a very good idea. Please put my name on the list of competitors for it. I have started my book but have not done much of it yet. When do our books have to be finished, Anne? I