

Dear Anne,

This is the first letter I have written to you and I hope it will not be the last. I have seven brothers and two sisters. We have three kittens. I wish you could give us a name for them. Here is a riddle for you. I wonder if you can answer it: What is it that never asks a question yet requires many answers? Well in case you don't know, it is a "doorbell." I am 13 and I am going to write to some of the little people soon. I got my proficiency last year. Well I must conclude now with best wishes from your new friend, Ida Herlihy, Kaimata, via Inglewood, Taranaki.

(Welcome Ida, hurry up and get a badge and a letter-mate. Would you like to call your kittens "Mike," "Puki," and "Tane," three Maori names meaning something or other, for sure.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

May I become a member of the L.P.L.C.? I am sixteen years of age and my birthday is on the 1st December. I would like to correspond with a member if there is one whose birthday is on the same day. I would have wrote before, but I thought I was too old, but I have noticed letters in this week's page from members 16 and over. I will send for a badge as soon as I possibly can. Isn't it lovely, Anne, having badges? Will you please enter me as a member, as I intend to write to Eileen Walsh. Well dear Anne as this is my first letter I will not make it too long. Your new friend, Chrissie Kennedy, Christchurch.

(Welcome Chrissie, but I'm sorry I haven't a birthday mate for you yet dear. Never mind, make yourself a mate for someone. I'm sending your letter on to Eileen, she is sure to answer you.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

It is ages since I last wrote to you. How are you? I hope you won't get the infantile paralysis. Isn't it sad that so many poor people have it? Please, Anne, I will take a badge. I will be very lonely this year as my sister Kathleen is going to Wanganui Convent as a boarder. Any time I feel very lonely I think it would be a good plan to write to you don't you Anne? School hasn't started here but music has. Do you know, Anne, we are not even allowed to go to Mass? Isn't it awful? I think I will end now with fondest love from Eily Butler, Waipawa. P.S.—Kathleen sends her love too.

(Glad to hear from you again Eily, hurry up with your sixpence or all the badges will be gone. Yes, the Infantile Paralysis is very dreadful, but say your prayers and don't be frightened. You can write to me whenever you feel lonely. Love to Kathleen.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

This is my first letter to you and I wish to join your club. I have one sister and three brothers. I am nine and in Std. 3 when I go back to school. I think it a very good idea to have the badges. I will close now as it is getting near bed time. From Dorothy Murphy, Addington.

(Welcome Dorothy, the badges will be all gone if you don't hurry up. Tell me your birthday so that I can find you a letter-mate.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

May I become one of your happy band of Little People? I am enjoying the holidays very much. Please Anne will you ask a boy of eleven or twelve years to write to me. I will be in Std. 5 this year. I was staying with my aunt at Brydone for two weeks. I think it is a very good idea about the badges and also about the scrap book competition, but I don't think I will enter for it as it is too late. I must now bring my letter to a close with love from your new friend, Leslie Heath, Wyndham. P.S.—My birthday is on the 20th June.

(Glad to welcome you Leslie, but sorry I haven't a birthday mate for you, but I'm sure some boy of your own age will write to you, I'll ask.—Anne. P.S.—Will someone please write to Leslie?—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

How are you getting on? I haven't written to you for a long time. Alice is writing to you too. Please send me a badge Anne, I would like to have one. I was away for 2 weeks holiday at Christmas. Did you go for any holidays Anne? My sister Nonie has a lovely puppy, and she calls him Dickie and he chases us all over the place. We were going to a birthday party to-day only it is too wet. We are milking 14 cows. How about coming up for a holiday Anne and we will show you all over the place, and you could turn the separator and go for a ride on Dad's trolley. We take all the cream to the station on the trolley. The ballast train passes our place four times a day. Well dear Anne, I will close now hoping to see my letter in the *Tablet*. Good-bye Anne. Love from your little friend, Beanie Flannery, Riversdale.

(Send me sixpence Beanie dear, and I'll send you a badge. Indeed I wish I could come for a holiday with you, wouldn't we make the separator hum and the trolley go?—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

It is such a long time since I wrote to you that I thought I would write to-day. I am in Std. 3 when I go back to school. I think it is a good idea to have badges, and when you get them would you please send Beanie and I one each. Would you please tell me the price of them; we have a little brown and white dog and we call it Dickie. I have a grey and white cat, would you please give me a name for him. At Christmas I was away for two weeks holiday. I think I will close now. Goodbye. Love from Alice Fleming, Riversdale.

(Send along six penny stamps each, and you can have a badge for you and Beanie. Hurry up, or they'll all be gone. Your puss sounds pretty, what about calling him "Dapple"?—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I was very glad to see my letter in print. Thank you very much for the name you gave me for my bunny. We have a vegetable garden and a flower garden. There are a number of flowers in bloom and I like picking them. I am enclosing sixpence for a member's badge which I think a very good idea. Your loving friend, Mona Cotterell, Princes Street, Temuka.

(Thank you for sixpence Mona, I hope

you'll like your badge. How is Bunny behaving, does he nibble your flowers? Would like to see your garden and help you make it.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

May I join your happy band of Little Folk? I am seven years of age and my birthday is on the 16th of July. I attend the Mimiha Public School where Miss Wright teaches me. I ride three miles to school and it is not very nice in the winter I can tell you. I would like to have a badge so I will send the money to you. Well dear Anne as this is my first letter I shall close now. Your new friend, Morgan Larnar, Ridges, Wyndham.

(Welcome Morgan, what pretty paper you and Catherine wrote on. Hope you'll like your badges. Morgan, you've got a birthday mate—Pat Gardner, Convent School, Hastings. What about writing to each other?—Anne.)

My Dearest Anne,

This is the third time I have written to you and I enjoy reading the letters on our pages. I am sending you the money for my badge with this letter and I hope it reaches you safely. I shall also send my scrap book when it is completed. My birthday is on the 6th May and I will be fourteen then. Dear Anne, although I am a member of the Little People's Letter Club I have never received a letter from any little person yet. I did write to a girl but she never answered it. Everybody is busy now as it is harvest time, a time when you are almost too busy to write letters. We have great fun sometimes up here when we go rabbiting, as we have three ferrets and two dogs, one being a greyhound. Well dear Anne I will bring this short letter to a close and hoping you are in the best of health. Your loving friend, Catherine Larnar, Wyndham Ridges. P.S.—Everyone is still wondering if you are a woman or a man. Ta Ta.

(Thank you for money Catherine, hope you'll like your badge. Sorry you have had no letters, perhaps the girl you wrote to didn't get the letter. Try again. You have a birthday mate—Monica Mary Gresham, Geraldine. Will you write to one another?—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

This is my first letter to you. I am eight years old and my birthday is on April the 8th. I go to the Sacred Heart School. I have had a long holiday on account of the infantile paralysis. I would like to join the L.P.L.C. I am the youngest of five. I am the only one that goes to school. I must close now and will write you a longer one next time. Yours sincerely, Naney Rapley, Ashburton.

(Welcome Naney, glad to greet you. Sorry I have no birthday mate for you, but you'll soon get a letter-friend when the girls know you are a member of the L.P.L.C. Save up sixpence for a badge.—Anne.)

Good-night dear Little People, I'll have a lot to tell you next week.

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