

The Little People's Page

Conducted by Anne

My dear Little People,

Here we are into a new month and here's my list of July birthdays:— Patricia York, Ida Archer, Ena Fogden, Mollie McCormack, Clare Heads, Nora Harris and the Boyle twins Dora Katherine and Monica Mary. Isn't that a fine lot of little friends for one month?

As I told you in my last letter, I'm "like the old woman who lived in a shoe, who had so many children she didn't know what to do," and it's getting worse every day. Don't be disappointed Little People if *all* your letters are not in our page this week, but wait patiently because *everybody's turn will come* and all the little questions you have asked will be answered. Be sure you write *in ink* and on *one side only* of each page. Remember that or I shall really scold you.— Anne.

Dear Anne.— My class-mates and myself take a great interest in the "Little People's Page" in our Catholic paper the *Tablet*. I always look forward for the day when the *Tablet* comes as I love reading it. I have intended writing to you for some time but something was sure to turn up and I could not write. Have you ever been to Lawrence "Anne"? It is a very pretty place and is situated on a tributary of the Molyneux. There are some very nice places where we often go for picnics. "Blue Jacket" Gully which is about two miles out of Lawrence is a very nice place and it is where most of the people go for picnics. Not far up the Gully is a beautiful cave. Inside there is a lovely waterfall and quite a number of different kinds of ferns. Not far up from the cave is the Phoenix

Dam which supplies the water for mining purposes. Farther out among the hills are other dams which supply water for mining and the water service of Lawrence. Not far from this picturesque place is Weatherstones where all the daffodils and verandahs are grown. People come from all parts New Zealand to see them. As I am in a hurry just now, I will tell you more about Lawrence in my next letter. From your loving friend, Muriel Hearn, Lawrence.

(Welcome Muriel glad to hear from you. You live in a pretty spot. I could see the Daffodils as I read your description. Are they showing color yet?— Anne.)

My dear Anne.— Having read in the *Tablet* all the letters you receive from the girls and boys throughout the world, I have decided to write to you in my spare time. I am a boarder at St. Mary's Convent and I am in the 3rd Std. We are in the last week of our term holidays which I spent at my Grandfather's place, and I am having a lovely time. The Superior at our school is Sister Dorothy and my music teacher is Sister Carmel. Well dear Anne I must close now with fond love and best wishes from your new friend, Drina McGrath, Gisborne.

(Glad to hear from you Drina, are you my first from Gisborne? Will you thank Annie for writing to me. I hope some more Gisborne Little People will write.— Anne.)

My dear Anne.— This is my first letter to you. How are you getting on. I am in std 2. My birthday is on the 17th of July. I came first in std 2. I live on a farm and I have a dear little pony called Blues. I ride seven miles to school. I must close now your new friend, Mollie McCormack, The Valley.

(I am getting on famously Mollie Mollie. Surely your five pet lambs are not this season's are they? Of course you're nice and warm in Hawke's Bay.— Anne.)

My Dear Anne.— This is my second letter to you. I am in std 5 and I am going five years and never failed yet. So far this year I have not missed a day and have seven miles to ride. My birthday is on 2nd March wishing you every success. I must close now. Your friend, Dan McCormack, The Valley, Maraekakaho, U.E.

(Good boy Dan for being so regular at school. Another little friend, Paul Brennan has a birthday same date as yours.— Anne.)

Dear Anne.— Why did you choose that name? Is it because it was borne by Our Blessed Lady's Mother? Some of the girls think it is your baptismal name while others think you took it when you became responsible for the "Children's Page." I am proud that we have a page of the *Tablet* to ourselves and I intend to write frequently. This is the last day of May and I am sorry. We have a beautifully decorated altar of Our Lady and the boys light the candles when we say our prayers. During Lent we wrote a composition on the Passion of Our Lord and to my very great surprise I won the prize—a set of Irish horn rosary beads which Father Lynch sent from Ireland. Have you ever visited the town of Nightcaps? It is not quite as sleepy as it sounds. Your affectionate friend, Mary Klemick, Nightcaps.

(No Mary, I have not been to Nightcaps, and I'm sure you're only sleepy at the right time. Glad you won the prize.— Anne.)

Dear Anne.— I was pleased to see my letter in the *Tablet* so soon after I had written. We were reading the letters in this week's *Tablet* to-day and there were a good few Bluff ones there. I will write soon after my letter is published. Your friend, Madge Massey, Bluff.

(Glad to hear from you again Madge, but don't write in pencil any more or you may not see your letter in the *Tablet*.— Anne.)

Dear Anne.— This is my first letter to you. I am going to the Convent School Port Chalmers. I am in Standard III. Port Chalmers is a very pretty place. When the weather is fine there are many nice walks by the water's edge. My father has a motor boat and sometimes he takes us out for a trip down the harbor. I have two brothers and one sister they are younger than I am. Well now dear Anne I hope you will put my letter in the *Tablet*. We always get the *Tablet*, and I like reading the little people's page. Your new friend, Eileen Percy, Port Chalmers.

(What a good time you must have when you go out in the launch down your pretty harbor.— Anne.)

Dear Anne.— This is my first letter I have written to you. I go to the Sacred Heart School at the gardens; I am taught by a Dominican Nun and her name is Sister Mary Agnes; I am in Std. 3. Have you ever been to our school Anne? It is a very nice school. We are having a bazaar in the Valley in our school—soon—in order to get the electric light in the church. There has been a great flood everywhere, on the Sunday of the second flood I went to the gardens to see the place and it was very deep in water. Please Anne will you say a prayer for me, Anne. So I will say good-bye as I have no more news. Your loving friend, Catherine Browne, N.E. Valley, Dunedin.

(My, how you will say your prayers when you have the electric light in church. No Catherine, I have not seen your school.— Anne.)

Dear Anne.— I am seven and in class 4, and I go to the Sacred Heart School and two sisters also; and a brother going to the Christian Brothers' School; and a sister going to work. The boys at our school play football in a team, but I don't. We are having our examination soon and I hope I will pass. Did you get flooded Anne? I am taught by Sister Mary Clester. Good-bye Anne, from Willie Browne, N.E. Valley, Dunedin.

(No, I didn't get flooded Willie, I was high and dry all the time. I hope you passed your exam.— Anne.)

Dear Anne.— I am writing to you to tell you how pleased I am when I see my name in the *Tablet*. When I get the *Tablet* the first thing I do is to look for our page. We have not had our winter holidays yet, but we are breaking-up on the first of June, which will be very soon. We have three cows and one dog. Well dear Anne I will not write a very big letter as it will take too much room so I will close. Your loving friend, Connie Dodunski, New Plymouth.

(Did you have nice holidays Connie? Have you noticed that our page is always number 39 every week? That's a secret so that you can find it quickly.— Anne.)

Dear Anne.— This is my second letter to you and I hope you have not forgotten me as I have not forgotten you. It is quite a long time since I wrote to you last. Every Saturday I am running to the letter box to see if the *Tablet* is there because I simply love reading the Little People's Page. We are having our winter holidays soon. I have two cats one black and the other a yellow one, the black one has two little kittens, they are both black. Well dear Anne as I have no more news and do not want to write a very big one as it would take up too much room I will have to close. Your loving friend, Rita Dodunski, New Plymouth.

(Of course I remember you Rita, "Anne" never forgets her friends. How are all the cats?— Anne.)

Dear Anne.— Our Lady's month is here Anne, isn't it beautiful! We say the rosary every day before the altar. Sister told us to write out prepositions and to put them under Our Lady's statue. I have been in Std. IV, eleven months I might be passing out soon (we pass in the middle of the year). In our last test I came seventh but I missed two or three subjects. We are expecting the Inspector tomorrow, and I wonder if I will pass. I am saving up stamps for the Chinese and we give them to Sister and she sends them away for us. Last year we won two shields at the competitions for singing. Miriam Agatha's stories in the *Far East* and *Messenger* are lovely. The Sisters of Mercy teach me and I go to the Sacred Heart School, Guildford Terrace (off Hill Street). We do not get our winter holidays until June when the other schools are back I am a terrible one for talking and telling the answers of my sums and I am always being caught. Is my letter to long. I could write more but I have to do my lessons. I will write again. Your new friend, Teresa Guinan, Wellington. P.S.— Please Anne I would like to see my letter in the *Tablet*. Good-bye.

(Glad to hear from you Teresa and hope you have finished talking in school. You must only write on one side of the paper, try to remember that. Yes, Miriam Agatha's stories are beautiful, glad you read them.— Anne.)

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