



To Our Young Readers.

Our young readers are cordially invited to enter our wide circle of Cousins, by writing to...

COUSIN KATE, "The Weekly Graphic," Shortland Street, Auckland. Cousin Kate is particularly desirous that those boys and girls who write should tell her whatever it interests them to tell...

All Cousins under the age of fourteen are accounted Junior Cousins, all above that age Senior Cousins. Cousins may continue writing until quite grown up...

A Badge will be sent to each new Cousin on the receipt of an addressed envelope.

COUSINS' CORRESPONDENCE.

Broadway, Pluton.

DEAR COUSIN KATE, May I become one of your junior cousins? I am eight years old, and in the third standard at school. We are having very wet weather here...

Palmerston North.

Dear Cousin Kate, I have just had a letter from you and I am getting better now. I had to go outside yet, but I had to go for four days and a half, and I had to go for five days, because when I had to go I was only stayed in bed for two days and no more staying in bed...

is much better at night time than in the afternoon, don't you? Last week we had such a lot of rain that the creek in Round-bay had 'was overflowing, and when mother went around that way she had to come back and go the other way, so it made her late.—Your loving Cousin, DAKYNS.

Dear Cousin Kate, I am sorry to hear you have been ill. It is horrid to be ill, but most of us have to go through measles. It is much better fun when you all get it together. I am sure you will enjoy the pantomime; it is so pretty. I agree with you, and think you should have quite as much as Brook. With love.—Cousin Kate.]

Dear Cousin Kate, Just a few lines that you will not think I have deserted you. I have been very busy this week, and I have not been able to write to you. My grandmother has just come back from Tonga. I missed her very much while she was away. With much love to all the other cousins and yourself.—Cousin HAL.

Dear Cousin Kate, May I become one of your cousins. I am twelve years old and am in the fourth standard. A friend of mine is going to write, too. There was a flood in Feilding yesterday. I learn music at the convent. Please Cousin Kate, will you send me a blue badge? I must close now.—With love from MAY.

Dear Cousin Kate, Will you give me for a cousin, and give me a badge please? We have not lived long in the North Island. We have a lot of pets—a Tasmanian magpie, a dear wee kitten, a dog, and such a nice grey horse that we call "Lacting." I can both ride and drive her. As this is my first letter, it must not be too long.—With love, from SHEILA.

Dear Cousin Kate, Yes, I am very pleased to have you for a cousin. You are, indeed, well off for pets; the horse especially must be nice.—With love, Cousin Kate.]

Dear Cousin Kate, My oldest brother takes the "Graphic," and I like reading the cousins' letters, so I thought I would like to join. I am 13 years old, and am in the sixth standard. I have four brothers and one sister. There are only two of them younger than myself, my sister ten years old and a brother 12 years old. We do not have to go very far to school. It is about one mile—that is all. At the beginning of next month we are having our examination. I hope I pass. For my pet I have a cat. Its name is Tim, and it is grey, with a white front and paws. My brother has two canaries, and they have built such a lovely nest in their cage. Will you please send me a blue badge? I will close now, with love from Cousin STELLA.

Dear Cousin Kate, I would like to be one of your junior cousins. I am nine years old, and in the third standard at school. I have two sisters and three brothers. Would you mind sending me a badge. We have four cats and three dogs, and also three calves, and would like you to give them names. I will close with love.—From Cousin ELSIE.

Dear Cousin Kate, I really don't think I could undertake to name all those surely you can think of some yourself.—With love, Cousin Kate.]

I saw my letter in print last week. We are going to have a school concert on Friday week. I am in the club drill. What a lot of cousins you have. We have three guinea pigs. They are very stupid little things, and at the slightest sound run into the part of their butch where they cannot be seen. Do you like skating? I love it. There is to be a children's carnival on Monday. I am not going, as I am going to see the Coronation pictures. As it is just dinner time, I must close now, with love to all the cousins and yourself.—Cousin NELLIE.

Dear Cousin Nellie, You must tell me about your concert. Club drill, if well done, is very pretty. I used to swing clubs every day for years. I like skating very much. We have several rinks here—one is a huge one.—With love, Cousin Kate.]

Dear Cousin Kate, It is rather a long time since I last wrote to you. We have had very fine weather here lately. It is a dull day today. I am going to see the Coronation pictures on Monday. There has been a skating carnival here, and it was very nice. The Gisborne roads are in a awful state. It is mud everywhere. The people are riding their bicycles on the foot-paths. "Hobbies" are posted behind people's hedges, and when you're least expecting it, out he hops and says, "Your name and address, please miss?" My word, the people get scared. I have not time to write a very long letter, so I must close.—With love to all the cousins, Cousin ELSIE.

Dear Cousin Kate, It is a long time since you have heard from me. Jean is always telling me I have only written one letter, and she has written three. Mother took me and Jean to the Coronation ball, and we had a lovely time. I think Jean had Caroline Bay. There are three wharves nearly every dance, except when we went

into supper. This weather just suits me! We have been able to slide. One little girl who goes to our school broke her arm. Have you ever been to Timaru? It is a very pretty little town, and has a bay called all the big ships come into the harbour.—From NANCY.

Dear Cousin Nancy, I am glad to hear from you again. You say Jean had nearly all the dances; what about you, don't you dance? Sliding is so much to be desired. We used to do it in England. How sad for the little girl who broke her arm.—With love, Cousin Kate.]

Dear Cousin Kate, May I become one of your senior cousins? I am fourteen years of age, and in the sixth standard. I don't know if you have ever been in Sanson, but I can tell you it is a very quiet place. I have three sisters and three brothers, so we are seven. We have one tank car, which is well liked by us all. Two or three months ago my brother bought a pretty black pup home. At first he was a great favourite, but after he knew his way about the house a little, he would not leave one a boot or shoes about the house, unless it would be the last one wanted to see of them. So we were forced to give him away. While all this was going on the cat got very fat, but was not right after. Please will you send me a badge?—With love to all your cousins and your self, I remain, your cousin, OLIVE.

Dear Cousin Olive, I shall be delighted to welcome you as a cousin, and when you send your full name and address I shall send you a badge.—With love, Cousin Kate.]

Dear Cousin Kate, I like reading the letters, and looking at Cousin May and the pictures in the "Graphic." I have a young pony, and he cannot decide on a name for it. Can you please send a name for her? She is a town pony. Did you get my last letter? I did not see it in the "Graphic" this week. We are having nice warm days, but very cold nights. Can you guess this riddle: "Why is Westminster Abbey like a fireplace?" I will close now, with love to all the cousins and yourself. Cousin OLIVE.

Dear Cousin Olive, How would Tinker do for the pony's name? I hope you have seen your letter in print before this. I can't guess your riddle. With love, Cousin Kate.]

Dear Cousin Kate, May I become one of your senior cousins? We are having some very bad weather here lately, but it is a very nice day today. We have a nice lot of fowls, but we have to keep them shut up, as we are living in the town. Would you kindly forward me a blue badge? I can get them. I think I will bring my short letter to a close, with love to all the cousins, not forgetting yourself.—Cousin MARGARET.

Dear Cousin Margaret, I am very pleased to welcome your cousin. I shall always be pleased to hear from you.—With love, Cousin Kate.]

Dear Cousin Kate, It is now a long time since I wrote my first letter to you. Many thanks for the pretty badge you sent me. Today I have been burning tree tops and gardenias. We have six calves to feed now. The sheep around here are starting to get their little lambs now, but we will not have any, and I do not suppose any one would be so kind as to give us a pet lamb. Last year we had one, but it died. There was a picture left for the cousins' letters this week. One of my friends at school wants to know if she can join your circle without having to take the "Graphic" as well? She goes over to her neighbour's place and reads the cousins' letters out of their paper. I learn music, and the teacher comes to the school to give her pupils lessons on the grand piano, but just at present she is away for a fortnight. There was a picture show here on Thursday night, but it was not much good. The pictures were all right, but the light they had was all wrong. I didn't think they were worth while getting sleepy over. I suppose in Auckland they have some good pictures. Well, I must say good bye to you.

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