

# Cousin Kate's Correspondents.

## 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, about their games, their pets, their holidays, or their studies. Their letters and Cousin Kate's replies will appear in the "Weekly Graphic," on the Children's Pages.

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, and after, if they wish to do so; for we are proud to number among our Cousins some who have passed out of their teens.

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

## LETTERS AND REPLIES.

Grovetown.

DEAR COUSIN KATE.—I am writing to you once more in asking you if you will forgive me for not writing for so long. I received my badge, for which I thank you very much. There were two weddings in Blenheim to-day. We are having half-holiday for Saint George's Day. I am not going to the sports, though. We have a pup, which carries everything away. Our baby can crawl and take steps. The two cows, which I milk are nearly dry now. We have two cows and three horses. The mornings are getting cold now; are they not, Cousin Kate? We play hockey at school, and everyone is covered in bruises. The violets are just beginning to come out now. There is not much news now, so I must conclude, hoping you and all the cousins are in the best of health, as it leaves us all at present.

—With love, Cousin ANNIE.

[Dear Cousin Annie.—Nearly every letter I write starts with forgetting the lady cousins, but now the winter nights are at hand, I shall get more letters, I suppose. You evidently mistake the player for the ball; hence the bruises.—Cousin Kate.]

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Nelson.

Dear Cousin Kate.—It is quite a long time since I have written to you. We have a picnic every week outside the harbour. I went for a lovely picnic yesterday over to the Island. When we were coming home we went round the harbour in an old launch, so we had a very enjoyable time. We have two picture shows there, and they are both very nice.—Cousin LOHNA.

[Dear Cousin Lorna.—I am so pleased to hear from you again. Your picnic must have been very enjoyable. It is wonderful what a craze there is for pictures. I am so soon weary of them.—Cousin Kate.]

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Wellington.

Dear Cousin Kate.—Just a few lines to let you know I am well. I haven't written for a long time so I must write to-day. I hope you are keeping well. I still go to school. My Uncle came home from Christchurch and three weeks ago my Aunt went to Sydney. My sisters are getting on all right also my father and mother. Is Auckland a nice place?—Cousin BOB.

[Dear Cousin Bob.—I am so glad to know you are all well. I feel sure you would like Auckland very much, you can have such good times because you can be in the open air so much, and there are so many lovely beaches and gardens.—Cousin Kate.]

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Epsom.

Dear Cousin Kate.—I am writing to ask you if you will accept me as one of your great number of cousins. I go to Remuera school, which is a nice large school. I am now 13 years old and I am in standard four. I have just come back from my holidays. I spent a very pleasant time at Whangarei for two weeks. We had a nice trip both ways as it was not at all rough. Please will you send me a big badge.—Cousin ELIENOR.

[Dear Cousin Elienor.—I am very pleased to enrol you as a member of our society and I hope you will be a good correspondent. I am sure you must have enjoyed your holidays in Whangarei. It is such a pretty place.—Cousin Kate.]

Lower Hutt.  
Dear Cousin Kate.—Just a few lines to let you know how I am getting on. I have had one operation, the 20th of March, and was in the Wellington Hospital for 4 days, and I have had to go to the hospital for treatment every day. It was a growth that was taken out of my face. I am having another operation on the 4th of May for the same, as it was only half done. I just dread it all. But it is all for the best and

My brother has a nice little brown pup. Please give it a name. It is very wet and wintry here now. The wind blew the roof off our shelter shed at school. My two brothers and I had a lovely big party and I am sending you a piece of our birthday cake. We are getting a new school teacher next week.—Cousin DELCEE.  
[Dear Cousin Delce.—I am glad to know I am not forgotten. How would "Brownie" do for the puppy. We are having just the same sort of horrid weather. Many thanks for the cake. I am glad you had such a happy birthday.—Cousin Kate.]

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Dear Cousin Kate.—You will be thinking I am never going to answer your letter. The weather is getting cold now, we will soon be having winter. I have saved over three hundred stamps, and I have pasted them in

happens to be near them. It will soon be time for the violets now. We have such a quantity of them out, but they soon die when picked. I suppose you do not get many flowers. Last Wednesday we went to the Garden Fete in Feilding and it was a great success. At night we went to the pictures and they were very good. Do you collect post cards? If you do I would like to exchange with you. I have about three or four hundred. I also collect stamps but I like the post cards best as I think they are a better pastime. Cousin WINNIE.  
[Dear Cousin Winnie.—The last few days have been so stormy here that the flowers have suffered. We have so many beautiful flowers here, not only in gardens, but in the parks so everyone can enjoy them. I don't collect post cards, or indeed, anything, or I would be delighted to exchange. Cousin Kate.]

## Sootfall of London.

The results of the investigation which has been made by the "Lancet" as to the amount, quality, and effects of the soot falling in London, have been published, and from these it is calculated that the deposit falling annually upon the Administrative County of London, including the City, amounts, on the basis supplied by the soot gauge at the City station, to the enormous quantity of 75,000 tons. The investigations were made at four stations; two were situated in the S.W. district, near Westminster, one in the City area, and one at Sutton, Surrey. The collections were made each month through the year June-May, 1910-1911, and a soot gauge was installed at each station, which caught both soot and rain. Taking the City station as the basis of calculation as to the amount of soot falling annually upon the Administrative County of London, including the City, the deposit amounted to 75,000 tons. In this deposit there were present over 6,000 tons of ammonia, about 8,000 tons of sulphates, 3,000 tons of chlorine in chlorides. Taking the S.W. metropolitan station as a basis, the total deposit per year over the same area would average 53,820 tons, in which were present 4,600 tons of ammonia, about 5,000 tons of sulphates, and 4,000 tons of chlorine in chlorides. As pointed out by our contemporary, the soot gauge discloses in a striking manner the defects of the coal fire, but, having regard to the large deposit registered at the City station, it is reasonable to assume that the factory chimneys contribute more freely to the impurities of the atmosphere, and especially to the acids present, than is generally supposed to be the case.



Tommy: "I bet you didn't have a good time at your birthday party yesterday?"  
Kitty: "I bet I did!"  
Tommy: "Then why aren't you ill to-day?"

I must be patient for yet another month. We have got a lovely little kitten and we call it Wea Deekle. It is nearly all black excepting its breast and paws which are white. He is such a playful little thing. We do laugh at it.—Cousin ETHEL.  
[Dear Cousin Ethel.—How very worrying for you to have the suspense of another operation, but you can only be patient and brave. I shall be anxious to hear how you get on, so please write as soon as you are well enough.—Cousin Kate.]

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Ohappo.

Dear Cousin Kate.—I suppose you think that I have forgotten you, but I have not.

a book. We are going to have our first term examination on the 1st May. Cousin AGNES.  
[Dear Cousin Agnes.—We are having very rough weather here, there is little doubt that winter is here; the cold I love, but I dislike the rain and wind. I hope you are successful with your examination, Cousin Kate.]

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Taanui.

Dear Cousin Kate.—We have been having some lovely weather down here but to-night it is rather cold. Nearly everybody down this way seem to have such a lot of cosmos out now. They are very showy but they seem to smother any smaller plant that

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