



My dear Little People,

I'm sure you're all delighted that school's in at last, and I'm certain your dear Grown-ups are simply delighted too. Thank you for all the hundreds of letters you've written to me during the long holidays. I'm so sorry you have to wait a long time for answers, but I really can't help myself, the mail bags are so full. How do you like the idea of not writing to me at all in May so as to leave room for the Grown-ups? See now which of you is going to get the prize for the best letter I receive.

Now we'll wish the May Little People their good wishes, there's no room for more to-day. Here is the list:—Kitty O'Brien, no date; Jean Souter and Mary Flannery, same date; Ellen Thornton, Winifred Agnes Bird and Patricia Phelan, same date; Monica Mary Gresham and Catherine Lerner, same date; Ivan Hilliken and Josie McCashin, same date; Frank Laredo; Joan Kyne and Cassie Dowling, same date; Mavis Wood; Lee Smith; C. O'Brien (do not know full name); Catherine McDonald and Mary Smith; Doreen Stapleton, Joan and Raymond Taylor, same date; Alphy Crowe; Mary Kathleen McVerry; Agnes O'Neill; Moran Scully and Garth Robinson, same date; Frances Brady and Jim Searle. To all of these a Happy Birthday, and if there are other May Little People unlisted yet, also good wishes.

ANNE.

Dear Anne,

Just a wee note to see if you will allow me to become a member of your Letter Club. I am fourteen years of age, and I will be fifteen on June 25. I gained my proficiency when I was thirteen, and last year I only went half through the seventh standard, as I left at the end of the second term. This year I am going to St. Catherine's Convent, and I suppose if I had started off on 2nd of February, I would be well acquainted with the rules, etc. Isn't this infantile paralysis an awful thing, Anne? It has not come as far as Mossburn yet; but there is a suspected case at Castle Rock, which is not very far from Mossburn. I think our badge will be very pretty, and please would you send Joan and I one each. You will find one shilling enclosed in stamps. Anne, I should like some of the Little People to write to me as I like writing letters, but better still receiving them. Please excuse this awful writing, Anne, but I am out of

practice. Well, dear Anne, as this is my first letter I shall close with love to all belonging to the L.P.L.C. and your own dear self. Your loving friend, Molly Goodyer, Matuku, Mossburn. P.S.—The 2d extra enclosed is for postage.—M.

(Thank you Molly dear for the stamps, but as 1/- is quite enough for postage and all; I've put the rest into our Treasure Box. Hope you and Joan will like your badges. You have a birthday mate dear: "Emmeline McDonald, Ashburton." Will you write to one another.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

Just a few lines to tell you that we are all well. This is my first letter to you. And I would like to join the L.P.L.C. I am eight years old and my birthday is on September the 24th. I go to the Sacred Heart Convent School. I have had a long long holiday on account of the infantile paralysis. Well, Anne, I must close now and I will write you a longer one next time. Yours sincerely, Phyllis Fitzgerald, Ashburton.

(Welcome, Phyllis, and you've got a birthday mate—Leta Robertson, Invercargill, but I haven't her street address. Hope you will get a badge and be happy with us.—Anne.)

P.S.—Will Leta write to Phyllis?—Anne.

Dear Anne,

May I join your Little People's page? I am eleven years old. I go to the Marist Brothers' School, Wanganui. My birthday is on May the 27th. It is a grand competition isn't it? I think I will go in for it, I will be glad when the badges are made, because I might get one. With love from your new nephew, Garth Robinson, Wanganui.

(Welcome Garth, glad you want to join us, and would you believe I have a birthday mate for you exactly same age as yourself. His name is "Moran Scully," but, as I haven't his address to give you we will have to wait till he writes. Hurry up with your scrap book like a good boy.—Anne.)

P.S.—Will Moran Scully write to his mate?—Anne.

Dear Anne,

May I join the L.P.L.C.? I am thirteen years old and my birthday is on the 19th of November. I would like a boy of about thirteen to write to me. I am a pupil of the Dannevirke Convent School. Please find enclosed sixpence in stamps for a badge. We will not be able to go back to school until after Easter on account of the infantile

paralysis. I will close now as I have no more news at present. From your new friend, Leslie Lyous, Dannevirke, Hawkes Bay.

(Welcome Leslie, thank you for stamps, hope you'll like your badge. You've got no birthday mate yet son, but I'll ask someone to write.—Anne.)

Will some boy of about 13 please write to Leslie?—Anne.

Dear Anne,

I want to be a member of the L.P.L.C. I read the L.P.P. every week, and I think it is lovely. We are having a lovely holiday Anne, but I would rather be at school. I have a pet dog and his name is Kim. I saw my cousin's letter in the *Tablet*, so I thought I would write too. I am enclosing six stamps for a badge. Your new friend, Elizabeth Bonisch, Owaka.

(Welcome Elizabeth, tell me all about Kim when you write again. Hope you'll like your badge.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I have been reading the *Tablet* and saw that you have a page in it. I want to be a member of the L.P.L.C. I am sending you six stamps for a badge. I have two brothers and two sisters; the biggest boy is fifteen, and the smallest is eight, the biggest girl is fourteen, and the second biggest is twelve, and I am eleven. We are milking one cow. Your new friend, Annie Bonisch, Owaka.

(Welcome Annie, glad you want to join us and hope you'll like your badge. Do you all milk the cow in turn or how do you manage?—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

I read the L.P.L.C. every week, so I thought I would write to you. I will be in Std. 6 when I go back to school. My birthday is on the 27th April. I am enclosing 6d in stamps for a member's badge. I have two brothers and two sisters. Isn't the infantile paralysis a terrible disease Anne. From your new friend, Aileen Bonisch, Owaka.

(Welcome Aileen, thank you for stamps. You have a birthday mate dear, mind you write to each other. Her name is John Goodger, Motuku, Mossburn.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,

This is my first letter to you. I enjoy reading the little people's letters very much. I am sending you sixpence for a badge. I

