

way to earn those pennies. Did you see where you got to on the Ladder?—Anne.)

CATHLEEN LARNER, Avoca, Wyndham, wrote a long and interesting letter for the Competition. Catherine told us about all the beautiful birds in the bush, the delicate clematis vine and the bright red rata blooms. Also she tells us about the tui, the pigeons and other creatures we see in the bush. (Yours is a nice letter indeed Catherine, and another time you will have to write another of the same kind, when we have a competition of that sort. This time, the prize is for the WRITING only, not the BEST LETTER, and I have entered you for the writing Ladder. I think you must love the bush, you make me want to wander through it.—Anne.)

MARGARET ANN NYHON, Sandymount, is a New Member, and she has sent money for her badge, as well as one shilling and sixpence for the Orphans. Margaret got her Proficiency a week ago, she hopes to go to the Dominican Convent in Dunedin next year. (Welcome Margaret, thank you for sending the stamps. We are glad to have you with us, and would like to know when is your birthday and what is your age? I have given you a chance on our Ladder, your writing is so neat.—Anne.)

TREPHEA QUINN, "Ocean View," Okain's Bay, Banks Peninsula, has sent 2/- for the Orphans—1/- from herself and 6d each from Kathleen and Terence—and she thinks it will be great fun scrambling up the Ladder. Trepheena's cousin is to be ordained a priest and his name will be Father Maguire. (Glad to hear from you Trepheena, thanks for stamps. That will be a great day when Father Maguire is ordained and when he says his first Mass. Be sure you ask him for his blessing when you see him. Thank Mother for saying she will always help me when I send out an S.O.S. to the Grown-Ups. What is your exact age?—Anne.)

DOROTHY MacPHAIL, 126 Dixon Street, Masterton, writes sending a stamp for the Orphans. Dorothy is looking forward to the Holiday Competition, but she won't enter for the Writing Ladder. (Thanks for stamp Dorothy, sorry you did not send your age, I would have entered you then. Good girl to be making a garment for an Orphan.—Anne.)

OLIVE ROUGHAN, Waitahuna West, liked her badge and wants a Letter Friend. Olive also sends some riddles, which I just had time to put in last week's Riddle Bin. (I couldn't get your letter in last week Olive, but managed the Riddles. When is your birthday dear, perhaps I have a Mate for you?—Anne.)

BETTY KEEFE, Peak Hill, Lake Coleridge, got her badge safely but lost it when she was out riding, so she has sent for another. Betty has a dear wee sister, her name is Rita Catherine. (Betty dear you sent 1/- and the badges are only sixpence, so I sent two. Glad you're writing to Mollie, hope you'll get an answer.—Anne.)

TREVOR WACKROW, Box 56 Taumarunui, is a Lead Pencil Treasure who writes for the first time, and he sent stamps for a badge because he would like a Letter Friend, I'm sure. (Welcome Trevor, hope you and

Patty like your badges, did you know that Mother sent for a badge for Patty? Will you be Friends with Jack Howard, Shiel St., Reefton, whose birthday is two days before your own? He is about the same age and has no Birthday Mate.—Anne.)

KATHLEEN O'NEILL, Fruitlands, wants to join us and would like someone to write to her, also she wants names for SEVEN Pet Lambs! (Welcome Kathleen, what a flock of lambs you have to look after and name. Suppose we call them Tiki, Hone, Maui, Rewa, Puke, Rata, and Kiwi. Don't you think they'll like those names? Will you send sixpence for a badge so I can get you a Letter Friend?—Anne.)

RANDOLPH CAVANAGH, Fruitlands, also wants to join us and he is nearly 13 years old. Randolph has a black collie pup he wants a name for. (Welcome you too Randolph, hurry up and send for a badge, we've such great boys in our Club. I think Tane would be a good name for your dog. Indeed it would be very nice to go for a spin with you in your uncle's Oakland car, a nice spin through your beautiful fruit-growing district.—Anne.)

MONICA McBRIDE, Mataimui, wants to join us, and do you know she has six brothers but no sister. Monica is 9 years, and is in Std. 3, which is not so bad at all. (Welcome Monica, do send for a badge quickly so that you can get some Letter Friends. You sure must have a busy time with all those brothers to look after. What is the baby's name?—Anne.)

CASSIE DOWLING, Awaroa, Hyde, writes to see how we're getting on all this long time. Cassie and the family went down to Palmerston to see some friends the other Sunday. They meant to go to Mass, but it was so windy that they were a long time getting along, and were too late. (Never mind Cassie, so long as you tried your best to get to church. The weather is quite fair now, are you visiting Dunedin during the Exhibition? You'll see your riddles in the Bin.—Anne.)

TOM MULQUEEN, Balfour, also writes to let us know how he is. Tom writes to Dan Kearney and Jim Fahey, and saw his brother's letter in the *Tablet*. Glad to hear from you Tom, I hope you get answers to your letters. Yes, Dunedin is a busy place these days, will you be coming in to the Exhibition? We are a great big Club now—340 members with Badges.—Anne.)

COLLEEN McNEILL, Lauriston, sends a second letter giving me a recipe for getting rid of snails. Colleen says to put shallow vessels filled with milk, somewhere about the garden. It appears snails are very fond of milk, will come creeping to get a drink, and will fall into the milk and be drowned. (Thank you Colleen, I may try your cure one of these nights, when the snails seem extra greedy.—Anne.)

EILEEN HERLIHY, Green Bank, Patearoa, writes again to tell us how she is. Eileen says the weather is very windy at Patearoa, and she thinks it is a waste of time to build up Exhibition buildings, only to pull them down again. (Glad to hear from you again Eileen, and, so, Ida is no relation of yours. Hope you've had an answer from Margaret. It does seem a pity

to build things only to destroy them, but there's a lot of that going on all through life dear, not only in buildings either.—Anne.)

MARY WHITE, Glencoe, sends 6d for the Orphans and is making a pretty little print dress to fit an Orphan of 5 or 6 years. Mary's cat "Judy" has a black and white kitten and a blue and white one, and Mary wants a name for the blue one. (Is your "Judy" a Persian, she must be, to have a blue kitten. I think "Periwinkle" would be a suitable name for him, and you could call him "Peri" or "Winkle," for short on week-days. Thank you for the riddles, you'll see them in the Bin next week. Also for the verses.—Anne.)

AGNES QUIGAN, 19 Ihaka Street, Palmerston North, writes to say she is helping at a Bazaar, her grandmother has a stall. (Glad you're helping Agnes, hope you'll get an answer from Catherine. What a pity you didn't enter for the Ladder, your letter is so neatly written.—Anne.)

RIDDLE BIN

Answers to last week's Riddles:—

1. What turns without moving?—Milk.
2. What grows longer the more it is cut? A drain.

New Riddles:—

1. What time is it when a man has seven holes in his hat?
 2. When is a soldier not a soldier?
- (Will the sender of these riddles please send the answers?—Anne.)

POETRY CORNER (Verses sent in by Mary White)

Tell me, little Baby Joan
Why your starry eyes,
Always gaze up into mine
With such round surprise?

Are you wondering how it is
I'm so strong and tall,
While your little baby self,
Feels so soft and small?

Do you know that long ago,
I was tiny too?
Though I'm sure I never was,
Half so sweet as you.

For your pretty cooing voice
Sounds just like the dove
Talking to its little mate
In the tree above.

You are like this starry flower
Fresh and pure and bright,
Sweeter than the golden star,
In the sky at night.

They are cold, and oh! so still,
You have twinkling toes,
Soft warm cheeks and chubby hands
Pinker than the rose.

Good-night dearest of Little People.

ANNE.

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