



A Page for Little People

Conducted by
ANNE



My own very dear Little People,

Just come round close up to me while we have a brisk little talk before the holidays. There is so much to finish up before Christmas that we can hardly spare time for more than a pleasant nod while we settle ourselves down to get through all our letters and general business. So, hurry, and we'll start.

First of all we must see who has won the Ladder Competition, and, just here, I am afraid some of you are going to be disappointed because you didn't write sooner. Even as late as this week, in my batch of letters someone enquired about the Competition, but, of course, it is too late now to send in for it. However, never mind, there's no great harm done is there, and you can all make up your minds to try in the next, which will be announced in next week's *Tablet*. But, I couldn't keep the Competition open five minutes longer, or we would have had no room or time for a Christmas page. So, we had a last climb up our Ladder this week, this is the way you were placed. And, after you had climbed into your places, the kind and learned Judge awarded the Prizes. This is the way you looked when you were judged:—

First Ladder.

1. Margaret Nyhon.
2. Colleen McNeill.
3. Erin McNeill.
4. Trepheena Quinn.
5. Cathleen Larnar.
6. Margaret Walker.

Second Ladder.

1. Paul Porter.
2. Jack Porter.
3. Bridgie Reilly.
4. Mollie Cavanagh.
5. Cassie Dowling.
6. Kathleen Harding.
7. Mary Harding.

Third Ladder.

1. Lorna Carroll.
2. Dan McCormack.
3. Clara Mundy.
4. Monica Kilkelly.
5. Noreen de Vere.
6. Oswald Cotterell.
7. Mona Cotterell.

And this is how the judge placed you—because it was impossible to sort you up into boys and girls, standards and ages, and so on, because enough of you did not try in the Competition. So, the poor kind and learned judge had to do the very best a kind and learned judge could do with the good Little People who *did* write for the Competition. As only FIVE boys tried, the judge says they must ALL get a prize, and this is the order in which they stand:—

Boys.

1. Dan McCormack.
2. Erin McNeil (Erin, you scamp, are you a boy?)
3. Paul Porter.
4. Jack Porter.
5. Oswald Cotterell.

Give them a clap now—Clap-Clap-Clap.

With the girls it was even harder, and the kind and learned judge decided to give a First and Second Prize to the girls on each Ladder. Also, our dear old cherished Club Member Lorna Carroll, of Gippsland, Australia, wrote a most interesting Competition letter. This letter is so well written that it must get a Prize, although there was no one else to compete against it, I mean no one of the same age as Lorna. Here is the GIRLS' list:—

Girls.

First Prizes: Clara Mundy, Bridgie Reilly, and Margaret Nyhon.

Second Prizes: Monica Kilkelly, Mollie Cavanagh, and Colleen McNeill.

Special Prize: Lorna Carroll.

Another good Clap for the girls—Clap—Clap—Clap.

And all the other Little People who tried will each get a nice picture to show them we love them all for trying. Thank you Little People for making the Competition go, but the next must be ever so much bigger and better. I hope you'll like your Prizes, and will write to say you received them.

THE WEEK'S MAIL-BAG.

We have so many Letters Dears, that we will have to hurry over them this week, as we will not have room for any in our Christmas Page. The week after that I will answer any Letters waiting to be answered, send away Badges to Little People waiting for them, and finish up anything else of the year's work waiting to be finished. And then, after you read this letter, I would like you to give my poor Postman a holiday until you begin to send in the Letters for the New Competition. Holiday time is the best time to write to each other, because you have no homework to do, no lessons to learn, no ponies or trains to catch. Don't you think that will be ever so much better than trying to write a lot of letters and not having time to think of the Competition one? Try it now, Little People, and see how well you can become acquainted with each other during school holiday time.

One letter I have to tell you about brings sad news to us. You all remember dear little Paula Creel and how happy she was to join our Club. Well, dears, she is now at home in Ireland, very ill, and, they say, she may not get well again. A friend of Paula's has written telling us this, and asks that all the Little People pray for our dear Paula, who may even now be with God. Pray for her Little People, and for her dear father and mother who took her overseas in the hope of making her better.

(Dear friend of Paula's, we thank you for writing us, and we hope your own poor sore hand is well again now, when you get Paula's address will you please tell her we do not forget her, and are praying for her.—Anne.)

NEW MEMBERS.

JOHN BURKE, P.O., Waituna, Southland, has sent for a badge and wants a Birthday Mate. John is eleven, has a birthday on 12th February, and hopes to pass

into Std. VI, next year. (Welcome John, hope you'll pass all right. You have no real date Mate, but there's Bill Carney, Rakaia, only two days before you, what about being Letter Friends?—Anne.)

NORA CECILIA LEDINGHAM, Otautau, is ten, her birthday is on 26th September, and she has a black kitten without a name. Nora has five brothers and three sisters. (Welcome Nora and you have a real Birthday Mate waiting for you—Mona Hannan, Winnie Street, Greymouth. I hope you'll be great friends. Call your kitten "Cinders."—Anne.)

PETER HANSEN, Studholme Junction, is fourteen on 4th October and wants a Letter Mate. Peter is going up for his Proficiency and wishes us a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. (Thanks for good wishes Peter, don't you think it's jolly to be a member of such a jolly club. You have no Birthday Mate, but I think you and Jack Scott, Pomohaka, might be Letter Friends. Jack's birthday is the day before your own.—Anne.)

WINNIE MACARTNEY, Peddie's Road, Taradale, has sent money for a badge and is looking forward to the holidays. (Welcome Winnie. Glad you like our page, and hope you'll have such nice holidays. (No mate dear, but will you and Winnie Waldon, 224 Ponsonby Road, Auckland, be Letter Friends? Winnie's birthday is four days before yours.—Anne.)

RANDOLPH CAVANAGH, Fruitlands, has sent for his badge and says the fruit trees are looking very fine. Randolph hopes to get into the sixth at the end of the year. (Good boy Randolph to send for your badge so quickly. Now you'll have a Letter Friend for the holidays, because we've a Mate waiting for you. Laurence Moran has a birthday same day as you and his address is Main Road, Southbrook, Rangiora.—Anne.)

GEORGE HARDING, Motukaraka, Hokianga, is an eight-year-old Member, but he writes in ink for his badge. George says they are milking 27 cows and feeding seven calves and ten pigs. (Welcome George, but you did not tell us the date of your birthday. So glad you have joined our happy family.—Anne.)

JACK CURRAN, Gladstone Road, Mosgiel, is eleven and in the fifth Standard. Jack says his dear Grown-up Mother likes our page and wishes she had not grown up so quickly. (Glad to send you your badge Jack, how is Kevin and have you found out anything about St. Kevin when he was a little boy? You have an honest-to-goodness Birthday Mate Jack, his name is Bernard Andrew and he lives at 26 Nelson Crescent, Napier. Be friends will you?—Anne.)

MARGARET PETTIT, 110 Maryhill Terrace, Mornington, Dunedin, is a New Member who has five brothers and four sisters, and the youngest is Baby Marie Therese, just sixteen months old. Margaret says they have a big vegetable garden. (Welcome Margaret, what a lovely big houseful of you there are, and is little Marie Therese the pet? Sorry

"Kruskits"

(Registered)

THE SUGAR OF MILK RUSK (Patent No. 44654).

Nature's Sugar for Babies. All Grocers. Sole Manufacturers

PHOENIX CO. LTD.
DUNEDIN