

The Little People's Page

Conducted by Anne

My dear Little People,—I have yet so many letters to print that I am almost crowded out of the *Tablet* myself—they call it being "snowed under" in the office. So, my dear Little People, you must excuse me this week and "watch out" for my next letter.—Anne.

Dear Aunt Anne,—Just a few lines to say I was very glad to hear that Doris Roche and Mary Hussey won the competition and that Moira Flynn and Greta Ryan was second. There is going to be a concert on the 27th of this month and I hope it will be a good night. We have a new teacher this year and his name is Mr. Kibblewhite. There are twenty-six children going to school. The Macraes men are starting to play football so you will have to come up when there is a match on. Not so very long ago Hyde was over playing a cricket match with Macraes and Macraes won. As this is all the news just now it is getting to late. From your loving friend, Patty Phelan, Macraes Flat.

(How are the Macraes getting on at Footie? Hope they uphold the honor of the Flat. Was the concert good?—Anne.)

Dear Anne,—I have much pleasure in telling you about the picture screening in our new St. Francis's Hall. Yes, Anne, I go often to see them. The favorite picture I have seen so far is called "Cecilia of the Pink Roses," it was very sad. The next change is to be the "Rosary" which I think will be another beautiful picture. I went to see "Allen Doone" in one of his plays, it was most enjoyable and I enjoyed every minute of it. On St. Patrick's Day we were successful in gaining the first prize with another school for the best tableau in the procession. They were all very exquisite, each representing different periods and places of Ireland. We have experienced some very uncanny earthquakes lately Anne. Did you have any in Dunedin? Well dear Anne as news is scarce I will say good-bye. Wishing you every success.—Marie Harriss, Wellington.

(So you don't like earthquakes Marie. I admit they are rather uncanny. Your pictures sound good, do you have educational films also and scenic ones? How is windy Wellington?—Anne.)

Dear Anne,—This is my first letter to you and I hope to see my name in the *Tablet*, as I frequently see the names of some of my friends who are younger than me. I am a little more than ten, and I have two birthdays, one on the 30th of December and one on the next day. Please, dear Anne, tell me if you can solve that puzzle! Why do only girls write to you, Anne? Do you not like boys? However, I hope you will like this letter from your loving friend, Ben, Waipate.

(I am no good at riddles Ben and cannot see how one little boy can have two birthdays in one week. Of course I like boys as well as girls and quite a lot of them write to me. You didn't tell me your full name or your address, which is a pity, but the best thing of all is that you are just in time to come in with our effort for Dr. Liston's Orphan Boys. Read my letter in the *Tablet* for May 31 and then let me have what you can spare out of your money box.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,—The last time I wrote to you I was enjoying my holidays, but now I am back at school. I am in Std. 3. My sister is in Std. 5. The weather is not so very unpleasant as one might expect. We are getting a new church as our old one is getting rather rickitty. I am going for a music examination. Anne do you think I would be asking to much if I asked for the answer of the problem which is puzzling everybody?—"Are you a lady or a man?"

Anne are you musical. My biggest sister learns music and singing and my other big sister learns the violin and I the piano. I will close now. Your little chum, Kathleen O'Reilly, Palmerston North.

(Of course Kathleen there is no puzzle about me really, I am just "Anne," neither a lady nor a man"!—Anne. P.S.—Yes, I am musical, and hope you are.)

Dear Anne,—Just a line to let you know I haven't got the page. I am in St 4 and I am 11 years of age. I am milking 5 cows. I have to younger brothers and a sister going to school. We have two guinea pigs and a rabbit. I will close now with fondest love from Margaret Cuttance, Urua.

(I hope your guinea pigs and rabbit don't get into the garden for they are rather greedy. Think you do very well to milk 5 cows and am sure you are kept busy.—Anne.)

Dear Ann,—I was very pleased to see my last letter in print. You will think me a lazy little girl not to have written to you for so long, but when you hear that I have been preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, you will forgive me. I was Confirmed by His Lordship Bishop Brodie last Sunday afternoon. There were about 110 candidates. I took Josephine for my Confirmation name

and my brother Maurice took Joseph. We have had a great deal of rain lately and I have noticed in the papers that there are a number of floods down South. Last Wednesday being Anzac day we had a holiday from school and Requim Mass was celebrated at nine O'clock for the fallen soldiers. I must now bring my letter to a close with best of love from your little friend Eileen McGarva, Temuka.

(No wonder you had no time to write to me Eileen. Confirmation classes keep one busy, don't they? What a nice batch of candidates. I am sure St. Joseph will look after you and Maurice.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,—this is my first letter to you. I live right out in the country, I am sorry to tell you Dear Anne that there is no convent school here in Portrose, and we only have Holy Mass twice a year. I have two sisters and two brothers, we have a lovely beach at the back of our house, and we enjoy our fine holidays bathing. I will close now so good-bye dear Anne. Your loving friend Mollie Murphy, Portrose.

(What lovely holidays you must have in the summer. Can you swim and dive? Write again Mollie and watch out for our page every week.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,—This is my first letter to you. I am 10 years old and my birthday is on the 30. of August. I am the first to write to you from Hyde. I have two sisters and two brother. There is not many Catholics going to our school. I am in std 4 at school. We have been having a good deal wet weather lately. We had a half holiday from school to-day as our teacher went away. She is coming back on Monday. I hope you are well. As this is my first letter I will close. Your new friend Mary Kenney, Hyde.

(Yes, we have all had plenty of rain Mary. we will be glad of some sunshine. Write again.—Anne.)

Dear Ann,—The whole of Dunedin is flooded I didnt to school Joan said Father Fentan came in yesterday in all the rain wasnt he good Anne do you like a big lot of rain—Gerard said it would be alright if we had Noahs ark and could put all the cats in to—I wrote this all my self. From Paddy Hussey, Dunedin.

(No, my Paddy. I do not like lots of rain, although I think it would be fun in an ark with you, and Gerard and the cats.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,—Seeing that this is my first letter to you I suppose I must let you know who I am. I go to Saint Teresa Convent at Bluff. I am thirteen years old and I am in std. 6 I hope this will be my last year at school. We have a very nice school, not only is it brick but it is situated on a hill and there is a beautiful view from the bay window. I have two sisters and three brothers. We have a very nice teacher at school. I will write again soon. Your new friend Madge Massey, Bluff.

(What are you going to do when you leave school Madge? Glad to hear from you, write again.—Anne.)

Dear Anne,—This is my first letter to you I like reading the childrens page in the *Tablet* I live four miles from St Joseph School Temuka and go there by train I am nine years of age and in the second standard. We are getting our term holidays on the ninth of May Dear Anne you must be sending the flood up this way It has been raining the last three days I have been to Dunedin for a holiday a bout a year ago Football season is in we have got a football team called Waihi did you play football when you were little boy. I am a Twin I have two sisters and three brothers. My twin sister name is Kathleen. Your new friend Norah Mangan, Winchester.

(Glad to hear from my twins. I can't remember if I played footie when I was a boy. It must have been about a hundred years ago. Did you have good holidays? Anne.)

Dear Anne,—This is my first letter to you I like reading the childrens page in the *Tablet* I go to the Convent School in to Temuka by train I am nine years of age and in the second standard My birthday is on the 22nd of December We have a little chicken four months old and has no feathers yet. It has two mates which are full feathered and twice its size It is a great pet it eats out of my hand I call it Earnest Page. I have three brothers and two sisters Nora is my twin sister and my other sisters name is Bessie she is fourteen My oldest brother is left school he is sixteen I will conclude now Dear Anne with best love I am your new friend Kathleen Mangan, Winchester.

(What ever can be the matter with poor "Earnest Page"? He should have his feathers by this time. You will have to make him a sports coat or a jumper for the winter.—Anne.)

Dear Annie,—As this is my first letter to you so I must ask you to accept me as one of your little correspondents. I am eleven years of age and am in the fourth Standard. My brother, little sister, and myself, attend a Public School we are 35 miles from a large town, when my brother, and I, were staying at our Aunties place at Castlecliff we attended St. Vincent Convent for nine months we loved the Sisters very much, Daddie gets the *Tablet*, and also the *Messenger* which we love getting. I must close now Dear Annie with lots of love from Hannah Buckley, Mangatiti, via Pahiatua.

(We are pleased to have you among our Little People and hope you will write again. Castlecliff is by the sea isn't it? I am sure you enjoyed living there for a change. Anne.)

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