

CORRESPONDENCE.

Esperance, May 31, 1906.

Dear Aunt Mary.—This is the first time I have written to you, and I hope you will accept me as one of your nieces. We always get the "Western Mail" every week, and I always read the children's letters, and I am writing to tell about our pets. We have three pets, a cat named Bobby, a pup named Bosun, and a fowl. I go to school, and I like it very much. I am in the fourth class. I will send a shilling's worth of stamps next mail. My sister used to write to you. My sister and brother are writing to you. I have three sisters and five brothers. I think I will close now, hoping my letter will be in print.—

I remain your loving niece,
HILDA ROSE DOUST, aged 13 years
and 2 months.

My dear Hilda.—I was very pleased indeed to hear from you, and to know that you read the Children's Column and will become a link. What fun you must all have together.—

Yours affectionately,
AUNT MARY.

Esperance, May 30.

Dear Aunt Mary.—This is the first letter I have written to you. I would like to be one of your nephews, and I hope you will accept me as one. I often read the letters in the "Western Mail," and I thought I would like to write to you. I go to school every

day, and I don't like going to school, I get the stick too much. I had a pet magpie; it had a bad throat, and it was a good one. I am in the second class at school. My cousin Harriet used to write to you. Well, dear Aunt Mary, I will close my letter for this time. Hoping to see my letter in print.

I remain your loving nephew.
CLARENCE JOHN DOUST, aged 10
years and two months.

My dear Clarence.—I shall be delighted to have you for one of my nephews, and I hope you will have better news to tell me about your school next time you write. I was so sorry to hear that you did not like school and that they punished you so much.—
Yours affectionately AUNT MARY

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Aylesbury Farm, Woodanilling.

June 3.

Dear Aunt Mary.—We have a holiday to-morrow, and my sister and myself are going to see one of our school friends. We have a pair of canaries, they are such dear little things. We have had some nice rains, and the crops are coming up nicely. We all enjoyed ourselves very much on Empire Day. We have had a lot of mushrooms this year. I hope you are getting along nicely with the Silver Chain. We have a piano now. I cannot think of any more news, so I will say good-bye. Hoping you and your baby are quite well.—I remain, your loving niece, NELLIE MANTON.

My dear Nellie.—Thank you for your letter, I was interested to hear of your doings. Now that you have a piano you will have many pleasant hours, I expect that is if you are fond of music. I am glad the crops are coming on so nicely.—

Yours affectionately, AUNT
MARY.