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**Transcript**

35 Bessborough Street.

S.W.

January 24th 1939

Dear Mr. Hickey,

I happened to be in the

High Street Kensington this afternoon,

so I thought I would enquire about

the Empress Rooms, - just opposite

of Barker’s. The hall hold about

300, and would be from £15 to £20

per night: and is free at the end of

March. It is not suitable for us

as regards a big meeting, so I

did not “bargain” with the Secretary,

though I felt he would take less, as

regards the price, if dealt with firmly-

The hall is used more for banquets,

dances, bazaars, - social things, -

than for meetings; and the catering

would, I think, be good, as it is

next to the Royal Palace Hotel, and may

work in conjunction with it. The rooms,

entrance, stairs, etc. are very nice;

and are not much farther west than

the Albert Hall. I give you these facts,

as we might some time want to

have a whist-drive, or a show of

sorts.

I need not say “No answer is required”

to this, but reason.

Sincerely Yours,

M. O’Kelly.