

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 to Barker's. The hall holds 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 remain,

Sincerely Yours,
J. S. Kelly.