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 [address redacted]

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 I received your letter yesterday and meant to have replied to you earlier today, as I was unable to come to the meeting tonight, but left home this morning unfortunately without your letter, and could not even telephone you not having the address or telephone number. As I was unable to get home until 9.30 this evening, I’m in the position of having to write to you at this late hour. I trust you will pardon my seeming negligence, but I am terribly busy at present.

 I will endeavour to meet you next Thursday evening 27th if you will name a place & time - (preferably about 8pm). This will probably suit your two friends - Drs O’Dwyer & O’Moore – whom I shall be pleased to meet.

 With regard to starting a branch in Forest Gate, I may as well tell you beforehand that Halls are almost nil in this district, in fact there is not one suitable hall available for meetings. In fact the Gaelic League meets in 2 classrooms in one of the local Council schools and has to go out of the neighbourhood to hold a Ceilidh!

 I will give you any assistance I can in the matter, but I am afraid I cannot assume any responsibility, for several reasons, which I will explain further when I meet you.

 Trusting to hear from you soon.

 Is meas so capa

 Maíre ní Flanngaile

 (Mary Flannery)