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Dear Mrs Jones,

I saw Mr Oliver about the rent charge submitted to the Trustees of the Leake Hall, and he said, that is what the Churches pay, even if they have had the ground given to them. He also said, that seeing they had never asked for it, he had thought it best to keep quiet, and not bring it to their notice.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I sent to the Native Affairs Dept., to which I have just replied, thanking them, for the reduction and the assurance that the matter could be left over till May.

I think it better to send this reply of theirs along to you, and I shall probably be away, when you meet and form another Committee.

I think I did suggest to you that Miss Fearnhead should take my place, as she is in Orlando weekly, and uses the Hall, and so hears what is going on. It seems to work very nicely at present, with the W/FS taking over for that one afternoon; we shall have to see how it works in the Winter time.

In a letter I had from Mrs Leake yesterday, she wonders if the Hall could not be used for a Nursery School, so I think she will like the idea of the Creche.

At present we are allowing the A.M.E. Church the use of it on Sundays, but have asked them to discontinue their week-day Services on those premises. I don't feel we should turn out the Church at present for the few children there are (about 21) some days, but if you think it wise, I will instruct them that the Trustees will be meeting in May, and that it is probable, they would then have to be prepared to find another place of meeting. The A.M.E. have certainly reaped a full benefit of the Hall, and as long as they can get such a good building so cheaply, I don't suppose they will make plans for building a Church.

I am having correspondence with Rev. & Mrs Richards at Vereeniging at present and trying to fix a suitable day when Mrs Richards could go along with me to the meeting. Mr Richards told me we have not any teachers at present, interested in Wayfaring, and I have pleaded with Mrs Richards to come in and help us, I had a letter yesterday, asking for more particulars. I said, if she were interested, I was sure the teachers would be inspired to come along and do their part.

I have seen Mrs Cowgill today and asked her if I might go out to Randfontein and Krugersdorp on a day before school-closing, and Nora showed me a letter from the Holy Cross Mission? this morning.

We may be able to fit in another visit for Roodepoort later.

I hope you are keeping well and not too overwhelmed with correspondence. Please give Helen my greetings when you write.

With love,
Florence

City of Johannesburg



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Dear Madam,

RENT : LEAKE HALL SITE : ORLANDO.

With reference to your letter of the 7th instant, in the above connection, I have to advise you that as the Unemployed Boys' Club, Orlando, utilised the Leake Hall for their meetings for approximately two months, this Department is prepared to defray half of the rent owing, viz. £2.10.0.

It must be pointed out, however, that the money for this purpose is to come from a purely private fund. This Department is prepared to hold in abeyance the payment of the balance of the rent due (£2.10.0.) until the return of the Trustees early in May, when it is expected that the amount owing will be liquidated.

Yours faithfully,

MANAGER.

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