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Dear Mrs. Hoernle,

I was sorry to hear that you had been ill, and hope that you are now feeling better. I also hope that it will not be burdensome to you to give me a little information for the Hofmeyr biography.

So far as I know, Alfred Hoernle arrived at the South African College as Professor of Philosophy in 1908. Could you tell me when he was born, and what had been the nature of his education, who his parents were, and what was the father's occupation? It would also be helpful if you could give me the briefest possible summing-up of his life. I have myself written, "He was agnostic of belief, but had a deep sense of the validity of the greater moral principles and the courage to express freely his views on social questions". I would also find it useful to know what years Winifred Tucker studied at the College, and when she married Alfred Hoernle, and where they lived after the marriage, so that I can relate these early happenings in Cape Town to later happenings in Johannesburg. It would also be valuable to know where you and your husband first met the Rheinallt Joneses, and what kind of people they were when you met them. Would you say that in those early days they were very evangelical-minded, but that later their religious impulses expressed themselves rather in the field of social effort, particularly interracial of course?

Did you by any chance know Oswin Bull of the Students' Christian Association, and can you say anything about him.

Please let me know if you find it burdensome to answer these questions.

We both send affectionate greetings to you.

Yours sincerely,