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31 Aug., 1909.



Dear Mr Smith,

Mrs Gilby and myself and one or two other ladies want to have some private practice and lessons in swimming from Mr Gilby and Mr Hornibrook once or twice a week for a few weeks. Would you please let me know at what hours the Bath would be free for engagement in this way, and whether our ordinary tickets of admission would suffice, plus extra fee to Caretaker or Assistant for special attendance. Wednesday 6 to 7 p.m. would suit all of us, but I fancy the Bath is empty then; is that so? Any time Sunday morning or afternoon would also do; or possibly a week-day morning 8 to 9 or 9 to 10. If you would be good enough to let me have a list of free hours outside the period 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (during which we are all engaged), I should be much obliged.

Yours truly,

E. A. Rout

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Miss Ettie A. Rout,

5 Chancery Lane,

CHRISTCHURCH.

Madam,

In reply to your letter of the 31st August ultimo stating that Mrs. Gilby, yourself, and one or two other ladies wish to have some private practice and lessons in swimming from Mr. Gilby and Mr. Hornibrook and asking at what hours the Bath would be free for engagement in this way, I am directed by the Baths Committee to state that it regrets it cannot see its way to allow you to use the Bath for such a purpose or during the hours at which it is closed to the public, as it would form a precedent for mixed bathing which the Council has not yet decided to establish in the Public Baths.

Referring to your suggestion re alteration in the afternoon hours for ladies so that the Bath would be open for them until 5 p.m., I am directed to state that the hours have recently been revised after very careful consideration given to previous requests, and the Committee cannot see its way to make alterations during the present season.

I have the honour to be,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,