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Dear Mr. Deane,

I am as pleased as you are about that Sherardia, probably more so, for it is better to give than to receive. I wish you could see the flower when fresh, - like a cunning little Houstonia of a bright lavender and with the most delicate tube - as fine as a hair. If I thought Judge Churchill would like a specimen, I would send him one, but he probably keeps to the way he began with his herb - putting only his own collections into it. But I will give you one more piece for you to bestow on some botanical friend and will put in an extra label to go with it.

You need not look up Tillaea in the books; I am not going to write a monograph on it, but an utterly unscientific paper telling the history of the plant on our island - found by Oakes, lost for some

Sixty years then found again, — lost
again, but to be sought again this
year vigorously if circumstances gave
me — I wanted to know if it was
fairly common or somewhat rare, and
that you could tell me of your
own knowledge, and then I could
judge how much of a time I should
make over the thing.

And please tell me what Carey is
lacking from your lib. — It must be
extremely rare and so I am extremely
desirous to know what it is.

Yours with kind regards
Maria L. Owen.



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