

Cape
22nd June, 1912

My dear Mr. Weare,

Mr. Carr and I were delighted with your letter and rejoice with you in the high compliment paid you by your Shakespeare Club friends. The presentation of the volume was a most appropriate one, and the surprise at the back of the stage no less so. These thoughtful acts of our friends go far towards making the world a better place than many people think it is. The pity is there is not more of such actions, but we must hope that time and higher education of the people will ~~effect~~ bring about the change necessary ^{men} by which ^{will} ^{be} ^{paid} in their actions to one another.

My paper was read at our monthly meeting on the 15th of May last and has been published both in the proceedings and separately. The latter containing the two illustrations, the only one I could get after much perseverance. As some of the expressions used in the paper are pretty local I will explain them here:-

The word "chirios" is Spanish and is the local name applied to the young fruit of the Cacao tree. It is pronounced ~~che~~ (chee - ra (in rare) too). "Change of leaf":- This expression has recently gained much prominence among Cacao planters due to the question of the too frequent shedding of the leaves of the Cacao tree, in and out of season, raised by one some time months ago. It is a highly important one, as with every "change of leaf" the Cacao tree loses its young crop of chirios. The experience of planters in and out of this Island was asked as to what the cause was due to much information has been given. The consensus of opinion was that to climatic conditions, ^{principally} which of late years has been most abnormal, the excessive shedding of leaves was due. These conditions which entered by periods of drought seriously affect the water supply in the soil with

The result of defoliation necessarily followed.

The photograph of the hole in which the bird nest was taken by me in one of my Cactus groves. I took it at close quarters about 6' off in a place of 4x5". You will notice two holes, the top one is the smaller and communicates ^{inside} with the larger hole. This is not always the case. The lower ~~hole~~ hole was simply one just in diameter at the mouth narrowing to five to six inches at a depth of 6 ft. It is not extraordinary that a bird will go to all this trouble before ~~making~~ building its nest? In studying this bird one must be endowed with the patience of Job and it is very seldom indeed, that one is rewarded by a glimpse of the bird either entering or leaving its hole. They always work in pairs & while one is burrowing the other is sure to be on the look out for intruders, at whose approach the sentinel utters a low "Keet" which is at once taken heed of by the burrower and the pair quickly flies away to some place of safety.

I did receive your Rhodora, but I am sorry to have but glanced them over, but as soon as all my books and papers are put away in clammy order I shall read them properly.

I am sending a copy of my paper to Mr. Brewster and one to Mr. Chapman - also to Mr. Thayer.

Mr. Can asks to be kindly ~~reminded~~ remembered with best love

Yours sincerely,

W. Brewster



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