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Balandra Bay,
3rd December, 1925

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am sure you will be surprised at seeing the above address. After repeated efforts to indulge in a holiday covering a long period I ^{unsuccessfully} at last, in leaving myself away from busy Caparo on Friday last for one week which will be closing tomorrow. Gladys is keeping house for me and we have enjoyed our short stay immensely, taking our daily dip in the real Atlantic which takes the beautiful shores of lovely Balandra. By motor road the distance is 52 miles from Caparo, the time occupied (with necessary stoppages) being 3 hours.

Fred came in in our newly acquired Rugby "Special," a fine, compact little car and excellent hill climber. He spent the day with us and will be coming tomorrow to take us back. It is too bad Mrs. Carr could not accompany us, but her health does not permit of such a long journey.

Balandra is comparatively speaking a ~~new~~ newly settled district & lies near to the north eastern end of the island and is really among the finest and safest bathing bays in the island. It is being planted up in coconuts and seems destined to be ~~the~~ ^{our} most popular seaside resort.

The proprietors along the Bay and surrounding land, have all built comfortable bungalows, for their own use and that of their friends, and we are staying in one of these, which command a delightful view of the Bay and ocean, only marred, here & there, by the graceful fronds of the coconut palm.

There is a good motor car and horry service which amply meet the need of all concerned and the post^{only} service is a daily one; we are therefore kept posted with the world's happenings.

I shall be taking some notes today & will send you a few copies, if successful. The few families living and owing estates here, are like one big family and make pleasant what might ~~be~~ ^{be} otherwise ~~be~~ ^{be} monotonous.

Sunday, 6th. Here we are again in the old home, having come safely through on Friday evening last, to find Mrs. Carr no more for her forced rest. She is now making up a parcel of preserved ^{marmalade} ~~quince~~ to send you by the boat on Wednesday, 8th inst: which should reach you in good time for Xmas.

From all accounts the weather in Europe and America has been delightful of late and we are having ^{our} share of rain, but no high winds to speak of.

I feel much benighted for my short rest and sea-bathing, but began my usual routine with no less than 5 meetings in town on Wednesday and with probably 3 more to complete the week's work in this connection. Then comes my private work.

Despite the fact ^{that} the speculation and dealers in the cocoa markets are now
participated by the newly established "New York Cocoa Exchange", a most powerful
monopolized organization, whose recent appearance in the New York market has
already resulted in a steady decline in the price of cocoa, we, the
Browns, are hoping ~~that~~ better times will be brought about through the
operations of "Cooperative Cocoa Grower Societies" of the various cocoa producing
countries, whose aim is the stabilizing of prices which ^{will} permit of a fair
reward to the grower and a corresponding price to the consumer.

It does seem hard that through the machinations of a multitude of hands
who now do a hard day's work, it is made impossible for the grower to
forward his goods direct to the manufacturer, with the result that the
grower is kept in perpetual anxiety & uncertainty as to what his position
is to be, and the consumer never knows when prices will be raised on
him.

Well, well, enough of this. How have you been since your return for
Shelburne? I trust you are ^{not} suffering much inconvenience from the storm
etc. we have been reading so much about these days. Xmas is in the air
and we are feeling that unique sense experienced by all believers in
Christ, and the beautiful religion handed down by Him, at the approach
of His natal day. It is consoling to know that the "Locarno Pact" has
been signed by the Great Powers, & though there is still the lack of peace
in some quarters, there is more of it now than since 1918. May it last
and be yours, and may you be spared to enjoy many happy returns
of the season. With love from us all to you & Miss Brown & a merry
Xmas and Happy New Year, Yours affectionately, M. Brown



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