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Dear Mr. Deane,

It seems quite a long time since we have heard from one another and I am hoping that this will reach you in time for Christmas morning. The year now closing has been a very busy one for us and in a national sense, an improvement on the past three or four years, notwithstanding the serious drought experiences throughout the Island between February & June. Happily for the agricultural interests of the colony the prices of both of our staples, coconuts and sugar, have sensibly increased and the damage done is being nicely mended by a good and satisfactory rainfall, we have much, therefore, to be thankful for.

I have just had the extreme pleasure of meeting Professor Vandyke, the painter and contemporary of <sup>the late</sup> Abbott Thayer who is on his way to the Panama canal where we will meet Mr. F. Chapman of the Museum of Natural History, New York, for the purpose of studying the fauna & flora of an island in the Saturn lake which has been reserved by the U. S. A. Govt. as a sanctuary for the animal life of the surrounding country. He is a most charming gentleman who has travelled over a good deal of the world and we are hoping to have him with us some day this week if the weather holds up. He is enchanted with our sunset with their great variety of light and shade and vivid colours, also with our illimitable blues and greens along our deep water sea coast. These all-too-short meetings with your highly-cultured men are an inspiration, the only being that they are so few and far between.



The second year of our legislative activities have just been closed and I am <sup>not</sup> sorry for the rest. Much useful legislation has been enacted and while our work has been arduous it has not been marked by any unpleasant incident.

We are all just about the same except for the advent of a radio set installed in our drawing room by Fred. It is hard to convey the delightful evenings we have had when atmospheric conditions are favorable. One situation seems to be a favorable one for long distance reception as we have picked up Los Angeles, Cal. once and Kansas City & Chicago etc. several times, our favorite station being Atlantic City, Pittsburg, Philadelphia & New York, we get Boston sometimes and once Fred while listening in, heard the announcer at Pittsburg say how pleased he was to know that Fred (who had written to say how he had enjoyed a concert some weeks before) has enjoyed their concert and for his benefit he would repeat the favorable selection viz: Donizetti's *serenata* in *Lucia di Lamermore*. It is perfectly wonderful that sound <sup>in</sup> all its inflection can be brought to our ears no matter the distance! One cannot help but feel that this great discovery is destined to play a great humanizing part in the world affairs of man and that it will be a great factor in bringing about the brotherhood of man which is so sorely needed in this brawled world of ours. The lovely sun of our childhood days are sent in unmasked and unimpeded, bringing back sacred memories and <sup>compelling</sup> reflection on our part. Those and kinder discoveries of late years bring home to us the fact that the world is gradually becoming a better and better world despite the horrible things which



are daily taking place.

After spending nine weeks in Boston Fred came home looking  
quite well and has resumed his work with- enthusiasm.

With love from all and best wishes for a merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year and many happy returns

Very sincerely yours.

W. J. F.



A. B. Carr



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