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CHALBURY RECTORY,

WIMBORNE.

My dear Sir,

We do not know
whether you have in your
Museum any "Chewsticks"
like the accompanying.
My youngest Son, the Curator
of the Botanical Gardens
at Old Calabar, brought
them with him the end of
last month: but we have all
been laid up with influenza,
else you sh^d have had them
earlier. He regrets he could

not bring you any more
valuable or interesting "curios."
He will return in May, &
keep a look out for you -
His work is highly spoken of
in a recent "Blue book".

Have you yet seen his Sister's
vol. on the "Woman in India"?

We sincerely hope the recent
biting weather has had no
baneful effects on Mrs Pitt-
Rivers or yourself.

Believe me
Very faithfully yours
G. H. Billington.

Presented by Horace W. I. Billington

CHALBURY RECTORY,

WIMBORNE.

"Chewsticks", i.e. used as
tooth brushes by the Efiaks
of Old Calabar, West
Coast of Africa.

They are made of *Vernonia*
Angustifolia. A Native
will consume one in course of
two days!

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