

so if you prefer, we can call
the original inhabitants Canaries.
I also send you a hat from
La Palma. The only island where
it is now worn. I did not
go to the island myself, but
got it for you, from the Grand
Canary. However, it is genuine.
I daresay these things will be
of no use really to you, but at
anyrate they will show you
that I have not forgotten
that very delightful day I
spent at Rushmore, when
you were so very kind to
me, explaining ^{sub:} since
then we had Professor Sandring
staying with us, & together
we sang your praises. What
a charming man he is! &
such a delightful companion!

West Grand Hotel L1564
London
May: 10th 1896.

Dear General
Perhaps you will be
very much amused at
my sending you the enclosed.
but I know you have all
sorts of pottery in your
Museum, & as the fragments
appear to be more or
less of a puzzle to all
who have studied them,

felt that possibly the Atalaya pottery might interest you, as it is said to be the same as that made by the Guanches, without a wheel, & with only a round stone: the Atalayans live in a troglodyte village (the name Atalaya means watch tower) & the inhabitants they say, keep aloof from the surrounding peasantry, they sometimes playfully throw a stone or two at an enquiring tourist, but this is hearsay. My

Sister + I, who went off together to see the village & get you the pottery, found the villagers very polite & much amused at our Spanish. We noticed that they were bigger & better looking than the peasants, had beautifully even teeth, fine eyes & good features, & we thought, better manners, afterwards we heard that they were supposed to be a different race, so the characteristics must be rather marked: in one book, Professor Bord Sandeis lent us about Guanches, there appear to have been no true Guanches at the Grand Canary.

We are going to Newcastle
 to-morrow, & only returned
 from Tenerife on Friday,
 you never see or hear of
 an English newspaper in
 the Canaries, so we have
 had a great deal to hear
 & learn about public affairs
 since our arrival in England.
 I hope you will not think
 it very intrusive of me,
 but I feel as if I knew
 you so much better than
 I really do, that you will
 excuse me for offering
 my very sincere sympathy
 to you for the sudden
 sorrow you had, so soon

after I saw you, I should
have liked to have written
them, but did not: I have
had so much sorrow in
my own life, in losing
those dear to me & mine,
that I can understand grief
perhaps better than many,
& I felt I could hardly write
to you without telling you how
sorry I was —

Believe me

Yours sincerely

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