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JOHANNESBURG, 28th August, 1905.

Dear Mr. Silva White,

As I hear that some of the Members of the Association are contemplating making a trip to Zimbabwe, I think perhaps it may be well for me to make one or two suggestions with regard to it.

1. The offer made by Mr. Williams of Victoria is remarkably reasonable as regards price, <sup>He has</sup> and ~~his~~ splendid horses, and would arrange everything as comfortable as is possible.

2. But the journey is exceedingly fatiguing; 90 miles coach drive each way over <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ very rough road; and I do not think it should be undertaken by anyone who is not prepared for hard travelling.

3. The expedition to Zimbabwe and back takes practically a week; and even after all this fatigue and expense, the visitors have hardly more than 24 hours on the spot.

4. While admitting that Zimbabwe has certain unique characteristics, I would point out that there are other ruins some of which are really more beautiful in the close neighbourhood of Bulawayo; thus, Khasi is only 14 miles from Bulawayo and can be reached <sup>in</sup> not less than 2 hours' drive. Insiza is 4 hours by rail from Bulawayo; and a charming little tour can be made by any good walker who likes to go from Insiza to Dhlodhlo (17 mls.) thence to Kemetali (15 mls.) and from Kemetali back to the Railway at Shangani (14 mls.).

I would draw your attention also to the letter from

South African Association for the Advancement of Science.

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Mr. Fairbridge of Umtali, suggesting a visit of a few days to the district round there which is certainly the most attractive as regards scenery in all Rhodesia.

I am,

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed) D. Randall McIvor