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My dear Dr. Standley:

I am ready now for the genera that follow the *Trochilinae*: *Microstylis*, *Liparis*, *Scaphosepalum*, *Masdevallia*, *Cryptophoranthus*, *Phycosiphon*, *Stelis*, and *Lepanthes*. Depending on the bulk of the material you have of these genera it might be well to add *Eleurothallis*, *Pestrepia* and *Octomeria*.

It may be well to send on to you some samples of the illustrations I am having made so that you can tell me if they are satisfactory. I have taken Safford's paper on *Anona* as a guide. *Astere* will be about 150 genera in the Flora I am wondering if you really want a text cut or full page plate for each genus? It would be well, I think, if you set a maximum number of illustrations giving the number and size of text-cuts and the number of full page plates. Then I can try to get Mrs. Ames to make them for us, or as many as she will do.

I find that Schlechter's work on the Central American orchids is an undigested compilation. Not much better than my card catalogue started twenty years ago. This, in fact, is very true of his South American contributions. They are simply the result of searching the literature and then adding new species for full measure. His Peru is done and Bolivia is on the way to press.

I have begun the orchid flora with a brief characterization of the family. Is this according to your wishes? In the geographical distribution I intend to give collectors and numbers if you do not object.

When Mr. Harry Johnson's Guatemalan orchids are mounted it may be well to send them on to me. I shall postpone work on my set until the National Museum set is in hand.

I have written to Powell, Jimenez and Tonduz. Perhaps Powell will be able to send me some specimens in alcohol for drawing. My own collection of alcoholic material will be most valuable to us!

Yours sincerely,

Oakes Ames.

P.S. Perhaps it would be well to have the *Hall's* *Spiranthes* here.
The species of this genus are often great wanderers.

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