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Mr. Oakes Ames,
North Easton, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Ames:

Your generous reply to Mr. Maxon's recent letter with regard to assistance in the proposed collecting trip to Salvador is deeply appreciated, and I shall do my best toward making a return for it in material. The amount of material that I may be able to collect is scarcely likely to be an adequate return, I am afraid; still, so little is actually known of the flora of the country that I may, after all, be able to turn up something in the way of orchids that may be of value. In the case of other groups I know that I can, or at least I can obtain a large number of new records for the country. Probably there will be some new species, but I do not care so much about those. I am most interested in getting economic data and in obtaining the vernacular names used in Salvador. In the Cyperaceae about 140 species are known from Central America and only three from Salvador, while there must be 50 or more there. The same is true in other groups, so that there is no doubt about getting new records. In the case of the orchids I shall certainly make a special effort to obtain material.

I should be glad if you would tell me what it is worth while to attempt to bring home in the way of living plants, and what, if anything, to disregard. Of course I shall get dried specimens of everything I see. I should like also to know what you would particularly like to have in the case of economic material and what you do not want. Any special directions as to the form or quantity of material would be appreciated likewise, so that the material may be assembled more intelligently.

Sincerely yours,

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