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355 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.
December 19th, 1923.

My dear Dr. Standley:

Lankester has informed me that Brenes has a large number of specimens of orchids that might be purchased. When you meet Brenes, as I suppose you will, would it burden you too much to examine what he has and to act as my agent in the purchase of the specimens? You might communicate with me by cable. If the price is reasonable I could send you money by telegraph, or by check if you arrive at a settlement in time for a letter to reach you.

Schlechter has added 7 new genera and about 249 species to the Costa Rican orchid flora. His publication is dreadfully careless and I am afraid he has pushed ahead without any regard to accuracy.

I have been making a careful bibliographical enumeration of the Central American orchids in preparation for final treatment in your proposed flora. The task ahead is a heart-breaking one.

Yours with best wishes,

Caleb Underhill



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