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My dear Dr. Standley: Excluding Mexico, I find that the Central American orchid flora consists at this date of some 145 genera and 1,359 species. Do you want a list of the genera and the distribution of the species?

I have had one hell of an autumn! It would seem that I have to be business man and scientist all at one time. And then, last week, my poor sister practically received her death warrant and had to have my assistance in making the disposition of her property. She may live out the year. In late September my co-trustee committed suicide and the entire burden of numerous trusts falls on my roomy shoulders. Add to these complications the duty of Curator of the Botanical Museum and the job of teaching a class in economic botany, and you have a messy picture. My work on the Central American orchids is going ahead. The bibliographical enumeration of the species has resulted in a great catalogue. I found it necessary to make a complete bibliographical survey and this has been in progress for over a year. A big thing that ought to be published some day after it has served its chief purpose, as the basis of youⁿ orchid section in the Central American Flora.

Yours faithfully,

Oakes Ames.



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