

555 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. Mass.

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October 20th, 1931.

My dear Mr. Powell:

Your letter of October 10th is just at hand. I am simply dashing off a brief note to let you know that I am very sorry to read such a ~~discouraging~~^{heartening} account of your efforts to get in touch with congenial souls in the orchid world. As for your references[/] to me I can only say that ~~they~~^{it} surprises me and that your message to me was never delivered. As a matter of fact I had not heard of your interest in orchids until Dr. Standley sent me your name. If I am guilty of neglect it has been unconscious neglect and I am sorry.

Under another cover I will send you my complete works as they appear in my serial. I will also ascertain what reprints I have and send them to you. Again I must express surprise as my serial is for sale and is regularly purchased on the open market and is sometimes offered in catalogues. It is not privately published and now runs into six volumes. ^{the seventh being ready for press} I am afraid that you will find the contents of slight value to you as my work for many years has been mostly with orchids of the eastern tropics. If you do find the books valuable perhaps you will accept them ^{for herbarium material of your orchids} as an exchange. In the meantime please believe that it will be a pleasure to cooperate with you in every way.

Yours sincerely,

X It may be that your friend went to the Botanic Garden in Cambridge and left his message with the Head Gardener. He did not visit my herbarium at Mallorca I am very sure as I do not spend much time in Cambridge it is probable that the Head Gardener forgot to make mention of your friend's visit when I made out my brief lists of visitors.

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My dear Mr. Bovey:

Your letter of October 10th is now ready.

I am simply despatching off a brief note to let you know just I am
very sorry to read such a discomfiting account of your efforts
to get in touch with Congressmen in the outgoing Majority As far
your reference to me I can only say as a first step subscribe me any
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difficult to find the contents of slight value to you as a work
of much value as need mostly occupy it with eastern topics.
If you go finding the books available perhaps you will succeed
in getting the manuscript I believe first in exchange. It is an
old man who will be pleased to have his book published
privately and it may be six volumes. I am now
tired of writing to you as my work
is not so good as it used to be. I
will also sacrifice in my service. I will
not let him I have any right to do so. As
you are not expert on
subjects as my service is to stay and
work for him. I will also sacrifice
as far as possible in my service.

Yours sincerely,



Ames, Oakes. 1921. "Ames, Oakes Oct. 20, 1921 [to C.W. Powell]." *Oakes Ames Orchid Herbarium correspondence files*

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