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CAMBRIDGE, MASS. U.S.A.

June 7th, 1922.

My dear Mr. Powell:

In one of your letters you requested that I should send to you from time to time news of any observations made on your specimens in the course of my studies. Yesterday I had in hand you no. 83. According to your list of identifications this number is Encyclia profusum (Rolfe) Schltr. Your notes on the sheet indicate that you had previously referred the specimens to Epidendrum spondiadum. Now, both determinations are radically erroneous. As to your material being E. profusum Rolfe, there is not a chance in the world! I tell you this after having boiled up a flower of the type for comparison with your specimen. Although I have not attempted to identify your specimen, as you will wish to write to Dr. Schlechter for a revision, you may be interested to know that I regard it as a new species. As yet 83 is only represented here in the Kew set. Material for the herbarium will be a welcome acquisition.

Cleistes rosea is badly needed. I hope you will turn this up in the near future.

Your specimens are so well prepared that it is a pleasure to work with them. This is especially true of the flowers in the pockets. Often it is possible to tint the labellum and other parts with colors that indicate the characters in my drawings. You are to be congratulated!

Most of the time is devoted now to preparations for departure on June 28th. There are so many notes to set down and so many problems to attack in order to ascertain what is needed from abroad that the days seem all too short. I feel pretty weary by nightfall.

Yours faithfully,

Oakes Ames.

C. W. Powell,
Balboa, Canal Zone,
Panama.



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