

355 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass. May 21, 1923

My dear Mr. Powell.

A large package of specimens has come to hand. also several mailing tubes with welcome contents. It would be difficult to convey to you in words the feelings of joy and satisfaction which your attention to my needs brings forth. The mailing-tube material, when accompanied by herbarium specimens is of the utmost value in the study of your Panama orchids and will serve a wonderful purpose when I come to the point of illustrating the species.

Mrs. Ames pulled me away from work over the week-end, but I took along the interleaved copy of Orch. Powell and began to fill in the gaps which you have yet to fill in your intensive survey of the Panama region. You have missed so many old things that I begin to believe you have not begun to get hold of all the new species that await your searches. There must be numerous genera yet for your prying eyes to detect, especially genera that are characteristically terrestrial and elusive. You have yet to add *Malaxis* to the Flora of Panama, a genus that occurs north and south of you. Please get after the humus loving orchids. A glimpse at some of the green and silver leaves of *Erythroides* would give you joy for a month.

*Schedulae Orchidianae* 5 is at last ready for the press. I ought to get it off to-morrow. Then it will take about ten days to issue it.

Mrs. Ames has reminded me that I worked like the devil all last summer, that I kept constantly at work night and day all last winter. That I used up much vitality in Honduras and Yucatan, and that unless I take a little time off this summer I will grow stale and useless. What was it that



Paul Jones said about just beginning to fight? If you remember, you will know what my reply is to any suggestion that I let up on the Central American orchid campaign. I have just begun to get going.

Lankester has written that he will keep after the Costa Rican species. I have just sent him another supply of drying papers and a bundle of mailing tubes.

Yours faithfully,

*Charles C. Jones*

N.B. An erratum slip will be sent to you in a day or two. By some unaccountable muddle the synonymy of Epidendrum alajense got mixed. This was discovered before general distribution, so that little or no harm will come of the slip.

Another note that will interest you. I have just had a letter from Kraenzlin in which he informs me that the original Roezl flowers of Masdevallia Livingstoneana were so poorly dried that they are useless. Notwithstanding Reichenbach's second description based on flowers from the von Fürstenberg collection, the water-color sketch must be regarded as the type. Mrs. Ames has made a very clever copy of a part of the sketch and this will be published in Sched. Orch. 5.5.

Kraenzlin has sent me a copy of the description of M. Livingstoneana as it will appear in his monograph. I am afraid he found the Reichenbach material pretty unsatisfactory.

O.A.





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