

March 24, 1924.

My dear Powell: A package of specimens has just come in. A casual glance shows some interesting species on which we are now at work. I pounced on your 380 because I recognized in it a most rare thing which I only know through the type at Kew and the sketch in the Reichenbachian Herbarium. This is the *Epidendrum caligarium* of Reichb.f. described from incomplete specimens sent to Kew by Wentworth Buller many years ago. It was at first thought to be a variety of *E. myrianthum*, but is quite distinct from it. Schlechter in his Central American list, ascribed the species to Mexico, but on what authority I do not know, as Buller stated that his plants came from New Grenada, (now Colombia). Dear old Reichenbach was satisfied with "Central America". Now we know that Panama is the native land of this peculiar species. I intend to have a drawing made and I shall write up your material for Sched. Orch. 8, which is now about to be begun.

Sched. Orch. 7, came out on March 20th, but the impressions of the plates were so poor that I decided to have them reprinted. A copy should be available for you by to-morrow. You will enjoy this number because it illustrates a number of recently described species from Costa Rica and Panama.

Standley has been very busy and from good letters he has written to me, I am under the impression that his orchid collections are large and critical.

In package received to-day I noted an economic species. What is it and for what is it used.

Yours faithfully,

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