

355 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass.
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My dear Dr. Schlechter: In my last letter I referred to the fact that I had temporarily misplaced the manuscript of *Grobysa*. Day before yesterday I went to my country home in North Easton and found the manuscript. I intend to take it to some printer or publisher to ascertain what it will cost to produce the *Folia*. Just as soon as I obtain satisfactory figures I will submit them to you and we can begin to get out the work. It would be well, I think, to have several genera ready before we start publication. Do you not think so? It will also be necessary to have in hand at the start a keyed synopsis of the genus groups. Will you please attend to this at once and send me your version as soon as possible. I would suggest that we publish the synopsis as a temporary or rather tentative introductory chapter, this to be so produced that subscribers or purchasers of the *Folia* can make such additions or corrections as become necessary during the production of the work. Later, or at the hoped for conclusion of our task we can prepare a final synopsis.

My class work for the University is beginning to ease up now, and I intend to take up some small group as my first contribution to the *Folia*. I have in mind *Isotria* as a beginning because I did good work on the species this summer and as I have good drawings ready and very good notes made in the field. Just as soon as I settle down to my task I will send you a list of the genera that I have in hand.

In your orchids of Ecuador published in Fedde XIV (1915) 131 you describe *Pleurothallis Millei*, and then again in vol. XV (1917) 436 you publish another species of *Pleurothallis* under the same name. If you have not already noticed this you will wish to correct the duplication in a forthcoming publication.

If you have duplicates of tropical American *Triphoras* I would like very much to have them as I want to take up this group in the *Folia*. I would also like to have any other duplicates that you have ready for me. I am taking the liberty of sending to you a draft for a small sum of money that will reimburse you for postage. This will go under separate cover. As I am going to have more material for the Berlin Museum I hope you will help me to exchanges that will strengthen my herbarium in special groups.

When you have the opportunity I wish you would give me a detailed statement of your views as to the financing of the *Folia*.

Have you a list of the Lehmann numbers of *Pleurothallis*? I find that I have a large number of unidentified species and if you have worked up this Lehmann material I would welcome the saving of time to me that a list of your identifications would make possible.

I have been working recently on some British Guiana orchids for the Gray Herbarium. Among other interesting things I have what seems to be a new genus. I will send you some sketches and a flower so that you can have a record for your herbarium. When

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you receive this material I would welcome your opinion of it.

In January a friend of mine is to start on a collecting trip through Colombia. I have offered to pay the expenses of a botanical collector who will accompany him and gather material for me of orchids and economic species. If this plan comes to anything I will send you a set of duplicates. I have other co-operative schemes in mind and you may depend on me to share with you if I receive material in duplicate.

By this time the sixth volume of Orchidaceae must have reached you. I hope you will find the work helpful and worthy of praise. I have set aside for you the first set of duplicates of the Clemens and Haslam specimens. There must be nearly two hundred specimens in the set. I also have a set of the plates ready to send off to you. These will be of interest for your herbarium.

I understand that Rolfe is about ready to retire from the Kew staff. About a year ago he wrote to me about this and suggested that we might co-operate in some way with regard to orchid work. I have not heard from him since. But I expect he will keep me informed of his plans.

Yours very truly,

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