

355 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass.
December 22d, 1920.

My dear Dr. Schlechter:

Just a few words to wish you
a Merry Christmas.

I enclose a small photograph
and two flowers of my new genus from British Guiana.
Please let me have your opinion of it at your early
convenience.

Among some specimens that came
recently were several *Spiranthes* from New Zealand. I
examined these this evening and found that the rostellum
was not developed. This observation agrees with
yours. This is rather an interesting deviation. Are we
to regard it as of specific importance where the other
parts of the flower are so nearly in agreement with
Spiranthes sinensis et al.? Is this a comparable case
to my *Epidendrum cochleatum* var. *triandrum* from Florida?

My classes end on January 27th
and from that time on I expect to give my undivided
attention to orchids. Just at present I find it very
difficult to prepare lectures and at the same time do
good work in the herbarium. I have at last moved my
entire collection to my city house and I am ready now
to handle several problems that have been held in the
background.

I have arranged with the Canton
Christian College to develop our knowledge of the orchids
of the provinces round Canton, China. I hope this will
bring in duplicates for exchange with you. I also hope
to obtain material from Colombia through an expedition
that starts south in January to be in the field a year.

With best wishes for Christmas
and the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

Oakes Ames



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