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My dear Dr. Schlechter:

I hoped before this to be able to give you a definite report on the plans for the publication of the *Folia*. The trouble at present seems to be bound up with the difficulties of composers who are able to set up Latin, English and German. I expect some definite information by the end of this week.

Have you omitted *Arisanorohis Hayata* on purpose from your list of genera? I find, also, that you have dropped *Arnotta*. I agree to this.

Would it not be better to make more use of sub-genera? *Blephariglottis Rafinesque*, for example, would be best kept as a sub-genus. I feel very strongly that there is great danger of going too far in the multiplication of closely allied genera. It seems to me that your list of genera places too heavy a burden on convergent evolution. I have begun to examine the genera in the light of your arrangement and I expect to be able to go into details in another letter. It will take time to examine the situation in a thoroughgoing manner and I feel that we should withhold the list of genera until I have had an opportunity to check every step.

I enclose records of a *Pleurothallis* species from British Guiana. Perhaps you will be kind enough to examine these and see if they suggest some species that I have overlooked.

I am very anxious to have records of all of your new genera. Please help me in this direction as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Ames.



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