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355 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass. Dec. 14, 1922.

My dear Dr. Schlechter: Your letter of November 25th, arrived yesterday. It would seem that the postal mechanism has been working badly, because I have not received a letter from you since the 8th. October, and as I have written more frequently than your letter of the 25th, indicates. From you I received a very welcome and much prized remembrance of my birthday. For this I wrote my best thanks. I also wrote to you that the present time seems very unpropitious for any heavy undertaking in the way of printing. And a few days ago I mailed to you a little pamphlet which I had privately printed because our magazines are very much hampered by the printing conditions in this country and by a falling off of subscriptions with increases in the cost to subscribers. My last letter to you was written on the same day that your last one was written. In that letter I referred to the catalogue and informed you that I had looked at my records with a view to getting them in shape at the earliest possible time. I have instructed my assistant to forward to you the papers you have asked for. This time I hope they will reach you.

I am delighted to learn that Mrs. Ames's gift to

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the children proved welcome and that you were able to secure it.

To-morrow I will go to the bank and arrange for another draft to be sent to you. It would be a shame to put an end to the drawings. Please keep up this good work for me and send anything of your Central American species that is critical or new. You may rest assured that the funds to re-imburse you will be forthcoming.

Have I all of your recent papers? I am just as anxious to receive them as ever I was and I hope you will not omit sending them because of pressure of other work.

Some good collections are coming in now and I will not forget you. As a beginning I intend to send to you next week a set of Philippine orchids that has been ready for some time. This set contains some types and one of the best sets of the Mountain Province Collection.

Please remember me to Mrs. Schlechter. Mrs. Ames joins in all good wishes to you both for the Christmas Season.

Yours very sincerely,

Oakes Ames.



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