

August 8, 1932.

My dear Mr. Edwards:

I was delighted to find a package of specimens and a bottle of preserved material at the Arboretum this morning.

The first paragraph of your letter of July 27th certainly made me draw a breath of relief. To know that the check covering the first payment due you on account of your services is in your hand removed the horrid fear that the Bursar's letter had either gone astray or been inordinately delayed.

The specimens are a pure delight. Perfectly prepared and most carefully packed. Not a leaf out of place and every flower in proper position. For your records I will say that the series in hand constitutes numbers 185--207 with 197 appearing twice. I have not as yet made a critical study of the species, but I am sure you will be pleased to have my observations, even though some of them may have to be revised later.

188 is a noble find. It is the extraordinary Laelia Dobyana that in the realm of hybridization has revolutionized the hybrids of Cattley and Laelia. This species has not been found in Honduras heretofore, so it is an addition to your conquests and takes a blue card in the catalogue. 189 is Brassavola cucullata. This is also an addition to the flora of Honduras. It is a fine thing and most acceptable. 190 may be Oncidium carthaginense. If so, it is an addition to the flora of Honduras. 191 is Comparettia falcata. This new to Honduras, but furthermore, when added to your #11, Scelochilus Tuerckheimii, completes the known representatives of the Group Comparettinae so far known to occur in Honduras. 197a is Sarcoglottis picta found this at Tela. 200 is a delightful thing. I take it to be Liparis vexillifera and the first member of the genus to be found in Honduras. For your guidance I will say that 197a is the plant with green and white leaves.

You are certainly doing a good job where the orchids are concerned and Mr. Kobuski said this morning that your woody plants are improving and are good.

We cannot improve on those pigs-foot bottles you have been using. They don't leak and they seem to stand posting.

Epidendrum Edwardsii has been launched and I am planning to issue a plate of it in the next number of the Museum LEAFETS. I have already issued a plate of E. rhynchophorum. I will send you copies at once. I am hoping that you will find some more new species probably in the Lake Yojoa country.

I note the change in your address. Will mail be forwarded to you from Comayagua. I have already sent several letters to that address. Perhaps it will be well, if possible, to have a permanent address. Or perhaps you take care of the situation when you move about?

With all good wishes,

Provisional list of numbers received August 8, 1932, being my opinion formed on a first glance at the specimens.

- ✓185 Epidendrum nocturnum Jacq.
✓186 Epidendrum radiatum Lindl.
✓187 Calasetum probably viridiflavum
✓188 Laelia Digbyana Benth.
✓189 Brassavola cucullata R. Br.
190 Oncidium, probably O. carthaginense
191 Comparettia falcata Poepp. & Endl.
✓192 Epidendrum ochraceum Lindl.
✓193 Dichaea, probably D. muricata Lindl.
✓194 Pleurothallis species. This will be reported on later.
✓195 Pleurothallis species " " " " " "
✓196 Lepanthes species. Probably the same as your #171.
✓197 Epidendrum nocturnum Jacq.
✓198a Sarcoglottis picta Kl.
✓198 Epidendrum rigidum Jacq.
✓199 Epidendrum rhynchophorum Rich. & Gal.
~~XX~~ 201 = Pleurothallis
✓200 Liparis vexillifera Cogn.
✓202 Elleanthus, probably capitatus
✓203 Habenaria setifera Lindl.
✓204 Laelia rubescens Lindl.
✓205 Malaxis species. Probably an addition. Will report later.
✓206 Habenaria entomantha Lindl.
✓207 Maxillaria Macleai



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