

November 3, 1932.

My dear Mr. Edwards: The package containing orchids of the 243 and following numbered series has arrived in perfect condition, accompanied by two bottles of alcoholic material. I have not yet had an opportunity to make identifications, but there are several new things including at least one new tribe. I will report on the specimens in full, when I write again. I am delighted with the material and ~~i have~~ ~~shall~~ enjoy working it up.

I am glad to learn that the check has reached you at last. I am sorry that there should have been such a long delay, and to avoid a similar one I am instructing the Bursar to send forward at once the check that would ordinarily be mailed to you on December first. I am also requesting air mail transmission. I am making the payment an even five hundred dollars, the extra fifty being to keep you in any needed supplies and to help out on mule hire, assistance etc. I wish it were possible to grant your request regarding the Ford automobile. But we are operating on a reduced budget owing to the Depression and I can not advance large sums at this time. Such an expenditure now might interfere with my plan to offer to you another year of service. I realize the advantages that would come from the possession of motor transportation, but economy is indicated and I must follow the tide.

I have instructed my assistant to forward to you some driers, newsprint stock and bottles. It may be some time before these reach you. It might pay when you are in Tegucigalpa to purchase some pickled pigs feet in bottles and get your supply with a food element included. That is if you like pickled pigs feet, an article of diet that I personally dis-

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like.

In describing flowers I wonder if you sometimes mistake the sepals for petals. In one of your color notes you call for white sepals, yellow petals and white lip. This is a strange combination, because the lip and petals are usually of the same color. The sepals are the outer three members of the flower; the petals and lip constitute the inner series of three. Be careful about this, because one might readily go wrong if notes are not accurate.

In the package just at hand there are several very interesting genera that are new to the Honduran flora. Of course a new addition in the generic realm is an event. 256 is a member of the genus *Lockhartia*. This is a new tribe for Honduras!

I am sorry that expenses are running higher than you anticipated. Of course this is not the fault of any one here. You made your own proposition and I not only accepted it but threw in funds for purposes you did not mention. When we make a new arrangement you may ^{be} sure that any proposal for additions will be sympathetically considered. But just at present with the Arboretum income drying up, we are not looking favorably on large appropriations for exploration. We are interested in developing our knowledge of the Central American flora, and I am inclined to put collectors first in line who are helping in that direction. Without committing myself to any definite proposal, I think it is very probable that a fresh contract will be yours at the end of your present one, on similar if not better terms.

Very sincerely yours,

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