March 18, 1933.

My dear Mr. Edwards: Your letters dated Feb. 11,14 and March 3 have been received. I would have answered them promptly had it not been for my absence in the West Indies. I returned home last Monday and to-night I am off for Florida to be away until the first of April.

The packages of orchids noted in your letter of Feb. 14, arrived in good condition. Very excellent material. There are several additions to the flora of Honduras, but no new species.

I wrote to you on February 22 to inform you that I had provided thirty-six hundred dollars in my budget for 1933-34 to cover your work as a collector for the Arhold Arboretum. I hope my letter has reached you by this time and that the anxietyexpressed in your letter to me of the third March has evaporated. If we adopt the same procedure as last year, the first check on account of the new contract would go to you on July first. If my 1932-33 finances are in good shape in May, it might be well to send you a check then.

I am indeed sorry to learn of your illness. I hope you have recovered satisfactorily and that you are now in the best of health.

If Comayagua is a poor base from which to operate docality for orchids, would it not be wise to move to some very dofferent/from any you have yet collected in? And please let me know whether you have arranged a permanent post office address. The missing orchids have not yet arrived.



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