

Feb. 3, 1948.

Mr. C. H. Lankester,
Las Concavas, Cartago, Costa Rica.

Dear Mr. Lankester:

Your letter of January 29th has just arrived. Thank you very much for commending my little introductory article about orchids for the Orchid Bulletin. It is always rather difficult to reduce a large subject to its lowest terms and make it intelligible to the vast number of "lay" readers. And to receive words of praise from an experienced orchidologist like you is indeed satisfying.

The African trip which you mention must have been very interesting, but to find oneself in an entirely strange flora must be a bit disconcerting, to say the least.

The little pleurothalloid orchid which you naturally took for that amazingly diverse genus *Pleurothallis*, belongs to Schlechter's new genus *Acostaea* nearly related to *Pleurothallis* but with a complex floral structure. It appears to be referable to *A. pleurothalloides*, of which we lacked a specimen in our herbarium. We have several collections of *A. costaricensis*, the type species.

It was also a welcome addition to have an additional flower of *Epidendrum pseudepidendrum* of which we have several Skutch collections.

Again thanking you for your appreciation, and wishing you a prosperous New Year, I am

Cordially yours,

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