

North Easton, Massachusetts. August 18th, 1931.

My dear Mr. Standley:

Your letter of the 13th, regarding the Peruvian orchids, has just reached me here. The critical work on the species has taken much longer than I had expected it would. I have just finished photographing the large collection of Tessmann numbers loaned to me by Berlin and I have still to give this collection careful study before returning it. It is going to be a difficult task to assemble the material I have in hand and to amplify it by adding in species which have been reported from Peru but specimens of which I have not seen from there. I have become so used to having in hand complete representations of genera, that I rather dread facing the dangers of compilation. I think it will be well to begin the preparation of the manuscript in the autumn and to push it along as rapidly as possible to completion. In the meantime it would be well for you to send to me a few sample pages of the form of treatment you wish to have adopted in the direction of uniformity.

How about the Central American Flora?

I have been assembling material for this ever since the beginning and I now have a magnificent collection of specimens. A beginning of the manuscript can be made at any time.

Sincerely yours,



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