

North Easton, Mass.

September 27, 1922.

My dear Mr. Powell:

Your letter of the 17th is at hand. The second package of specimens has arrived in good condition. I have examined the *Habenaria* flowers. My notes follow:

C is probably typical *H. petalodes* Lindl. var *micrantha* Reichb.f. B & D are probably larger flowered forms of the variety. 112 of the <sup>new set</sup> ~~new set~~ has what I take as true *H. Petalodes* Lindl. (sepals 8 mm. long when dry) and what I take to be *H. pet. var. micrantha* (sepals 6 mm. long when dry) mingled in the same pocket. It would seem from material at hand that every intergrade in size between extremes may be expected, and that only a single species is before us

I have just been studying *Cleistis rosea* and having a plate made from your material. It would seem that your specimens match closely the Guiana plant collected by Schomburgk on which Lindley based his conception of this interesting and very rare species.

I find that the *Masdevallia* I mentioned in my last letter is Schlechter's *Scaphosepalum panamense*. Although I have not made analyses it seems to me that the specimen in question is *M. Livingstoneana* Reichb.f. I do not see how Schlechter runs this into *Scaphosepalum*.

This letter must be brief, although there are many things I want to take up, as the duties of home-coming are very exacting. College work has begun.

Yours faithfully,

Oakes Ames



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