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Dear Dr Ames,

A letter by today's mail from CWP provokes me to send you a word of greeting & good cheer for 1923 - the following ranting remarks.

Marsdenia Livingstonii - Do you know Royle's story? If I bore you with an old tale, herewith apologies. However history hath it, that crossing the isthmus he had to wait for a train at Culebra, & naturally explored the surrounding jungle, finding there to his astonishment a *Marsdenia*, which eventually reached home & ^{the plants} were put up to auction at Stevens, the very day on which news of Livingston's death arrived. & that accounts for the dedication (of which Rehb seemed unaware; by the by, CWP sent me yours with photo, hence this record) There is little doubt of CWP's plant. I have told him of Royle's locality. it is undoubtedly an unusual station for *Marsdenia*, yet the *Pleurothallidaceae* are great in Zonal range. small inconspicuous forms occur at sea level here.

I have made you a few specimens & will try your indulgence for the scrappy nature of some of them, you will understand that ^{one} small plant is often my only stock & I offer you only the influence & a single leaf perhaps; if at a later time better ones are possible they shall follow as duplicates. Among these, are, *Pleurothallis grandis* (Roepf) *Chondrostyche albida* (Roepf) *Oncidium Waserigii* (Rehb) a *botrylia*, ^{two} ^{one} very pretty, *Marsdenia*, an *Epidendrum*, closely allied to what I know as *E. spodiopodium*

from a different region & of more compact growth, & Alenothallis
immersa.

The hedgerows round Eastrop are bright in many places
with Epid radicans & when this frequent stone walls
covered with Bryophyllum in bloom the effect is very
charming. I have often tried the pollen of radicans on
Cattleyas but have never had a ripe Capsule, this year
one on C Duraea progressed very well until a prolonged
spell of wet brought the usual dose of Anthracnose along.

May I thank you again for the splendid
equipment you sent I am most grateful for it, it
fills a long felt want.

With kind regards.

Faithfully yours.

W. Lankford.



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