

## HACIENDA LAS CONCAVAS

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COSTA RICA, C. A.

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My dear Amer.

In the course of our run, much rubbish & some old treasures appeared. The sad negative enclosed is closed, by me, among the latter.

It is the only evidence remaining, beyond a leaf at Kew, of a wonderful *Pleniothallis* found at Cascajal & I believe it to be your *P. saccata*, though it was never my fortune to see this plant actually in flower & the specimen you<sup>so</sup> named was <sup>from</sup> a much smaller <sup>plant</sup>, but to my belief identical species.

The plant portrayed did not survive the attempt to take it alive to Kew, where its smaller congener *P. grandis* is well established, to my recollection ~~this~~ it was slightly over a metre in height & the leaves over 12", producing very dense fascicles of flowers, 15 to 20 peduncles, though it may be these are not synchronous, as some of these *Pleniothallis* flower two or more years from the same leaf, by emission of new peduncles.

At last the fine white *brasiliensis* from Peralta is blooming again, it is a glorious sp. (in *Costaricensis*?) & you shall in due course have a bottled specimen.

Two others of interest to you are also in flower, #916, & another Peralta sp., an ally of *Lycaste*, that has opened a dainty pink flower today, not exciting but a rarity. I had the genus in Cañari & the species there had a dull brown flower, tho' sent to Kew I did not learn the generic name



Have you waded through Standley's vast mass of material; some of the proximate Schedule will be somewhat obese.

I hope your recent upsetting experiences have had no sequential unpleasantness & that you & yours are cheery & fit.

With regards

Yours ever

C. Lamont

You shall have your Coffee samples this winter; (or should I say on next March,) as they tell me from England that they had their winter last summer.

Dr Oakes Ames.

Boston. Mass.





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