

Springfield Sept. 3 - 1894.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have just received this from Mrs. Robinson. Does it look anything like the specimen in wool? Has she sent you a plant like this for Lillaea?

It does not answer the description, looks like one of the pink family and I believe it is a minute specimen of Vanda rubra (L.) Demort.

I don't want to dissect this under the glass & spoil it, but if I should do it, I think the seed would tell the story in two minutes. — Look at that reflexed seed vessel! So far Lillaea has furnished

a series of surprises to all connected  
with it. Please return the specimen  
and tell me your opinion as soon as  
convenient and then I will write  
to Mrs. R.

Yours very truly  
and in such haste

Wm. L. Owen

P.S. Was the first in word  
Tillaea? !!

Nothing to be taken for  
granted from this quarter!

This is the Picris and  
Enough to show the Character.  
I have better specimens in press.  
Plant with branches two feet  
or more in length, spreading all  
round from the base. The middle  
seemed to have been cut out, but  
There was a large plant left  
with these branches rising 18' or  
more from the ground - The leaf

was taken from the lower part  
of a flowering stem - I got  
a number, all just alike.

M. L. O.



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